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PURPOSE

The purpose of this administrative directive is to identify the Vermont Department of Corrections’ (DOC) philosophy and policies regarding resident publications, including newspapers, magazines, newsletters, or similar periodicals.

PHILOSOPHY

It is the philosophy of the DOC that the production and dissemination of publications by inmates can foster pro-social attitudes and behaviors among inmates within a correctional facility. Such publications may serve to inform residents of valuable information concerning facility life, including available services, upcoming events, and updates in facility rules and operations.

AUTHORITY

28 V.S.A. § 102, 28 V.S.A. § 601

POLICY

It is the policy of the DOC to allow inmates to produce and disseminate approved publications. The production of all resident publications shall be approved by the facility Superintendent. The Superintendent shall establish an advisory committee for each approved newspaper, newsletter, magazine, or similar periodical, which shall review and approve each issue of the periodical prior to its dissemination. Inmates shall not disseminate any issue that is not approved by the publication’s advisory committee.