

**STATE OF VERMONT
AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

Policy: 381

Subject: Family Services Policy
Effective Date: December 21, 1990 **Review and Re-Issue Date:**
Supersedes: NEW **APA Rule Number:**

Recommended for approval by:		Authorized By:	
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1. Authority:

1.1. Pursuant to Title 3, V.S.A, Section 3052. and Title 28, V.S.A. Chapters I, 3, 5, 9, and II, the Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Corrections shall determine, establish, and administer the policies for the Vermont Department of Corrections.

2. Purpose:

2.1. The purpose of family services is to actively support the involvement of family members and significant others in reducing risk of offender re-offense and optimizing successful reintegration into the community. The Department of Corrections supports efforts which strengthen, stabilize and improve family relationships and promote collaboration between family members and the Department of Corrections in assisting the offender.

3. Applicability/Accessibility

3.1. This policy shall apply to all individuals and groups affected by the operations of the Department of Corrections. Anyone may have a copy of this policy.

4. Policy

4.1. The Corrections Services Division Directors shall develop a Department Directive setting forth standards for implementation of family service programs at all facilities and field offices.

4.2. Family service programs shall be directed toward achieving the goals of:

4.2.1 Reduction of offender risk,

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4.2.2 Successful reintegration of offenders into the community,

4.2.3 Promoting the development of children and families,

4.2.4 Reducing the risk of second generation crime/delinquency,

4.2.5 Reducing family stress factors on offenders which can contribute to institutional behavior or security problems,

4.2.6 Operating in a cost effective manner within the limits of the resources in each area.

5. Training Method

5.1.

6. Quality Assurance Processes

6.1.

7. Financial Impact:

8. References

9. Responsible Director and Draft Participants

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