

**Directive 427 Security Threat Groups (Gangs)**

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

**Directive: 427**

**Subject:** Security Threat Groups (Gangs)  
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**Supersedes:** NEW **APA Rule Number:**

<b>Recommended for approval by:</b>		<b>Authorized By:</b>	
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**1. Authority:**

**1.1.** Pursuant to Title 3, VSA Section 3052, and Title 28 VSA, Chapters 1, 3,5,9 and 11, 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 this policy is to mandate an increased awareness of security threat group (gang) activity with a proactive approach and established direction for planning, identification of security threat groups (gangs) and individual members, intervention and prevention, within the Vermont Department of Corrections. It is also to share information with Vermont State Police, local law enforcement agencies, community based agencies and organizations and to educate the community at large.

**3. Applicability/Accessibility**

**3.1.** Accessibility to this policy is unrestricted.

**4. Directive**

**4.1.** It shall be the policy of the Vermont Department of Corrections to:

**4.1.1** Provide appropriate risk control activities for security threat groups (gangs) in our institutions through the inmate classification system.

**4.1.2** Design and implement risk reduction programs directed specifically to this population.

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**4.1.3** Work with state, federal, local law enforcement and community based agencies in providing information and education regarding the prevention of gangs and gang activities.

**4.1.4** Insure the rights of offenders, as guaranteed by the First, Fourth and Fourteenth amendments to the United States Constitution, shall not be violated.

### **5. Training Method**

**5.1.**

### **6. Quality Assurance Processes**

**6.1.**

### **7. Financial Impact:**

### **8. References**

### **9. Responsible Director and Draft Participants**