



Principles of Collaboration
Between
Paroling Authorities and Correctional Agencies
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the National Institute of Corrections
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the Association of State Correctional Administrators
and the Association of Paroling Authorities International



To maximize a best practices approach for effective criminal justice programs, collaborative efforts of departments of corrections and paroling authorities are necessary. It is agreed upon by the National Institute of Corrections and the executive committees of the Association of State Correctional Administrators and the Association of Paroling Authorities International;

A] that the following principles guide the work of paroling authorities and departments of correction and;

B] that the two national professional organizations work together to encourage, support, and facilitate the implementation of the principles through their respective constituencies, while modeling them within their own relationship.

1. Recognize that, as partners in criminal justice, we have the same mission, and our roles, while different, aim to complement and support common goals.
2. Commit to open, honest, regular face-to-face communication, modeling the collaborative ideals that we support.
3. Share technology, data, records, and related information in the spirit of collaboration, efficiency, and support of the achievement of common goals.
4. Coordinate the use of risk instruments, what they assess, and what information they provide and draw upon the success of evidence-based practices in applying the information to improve all aspects of decision making that leads to measurable outcomes.
5. Agree on common performance measures that gauge quality and capability of service delivery and standardize measures of effectiveness.
6. Initiate reentry planning at intake, recognizing that most offenders complete some form of release and reentry process regardless of their crime or sentence length.
7. Work with partners in criminal justice to clarify and promote awareness of roles and responsibilities, not only to make current boundaries clear, but also to explore possibilities for collaboration while accomplishing common goals.
8. Encourage that all decision making be based on a continuum of options relative to offender profiles, local capabilities, and the interest of public safety.
9. Develop and adopt a periodic review mechanism for measuring our joint collaborative efforts.
10. Establish a mechanism for developing and adopting, general, core competencies applicable to both Department of Corrections and Releasing Authorities, which are necessary for effective agency functions.