

# FACT SHEET

## Boulder Community Treatment Center

The Boulder Community Treatment Center (BCTC) is a community corrections facility operated by Correctional Management, Inc., a private corporation contracted for service by Boulder County. Clients are referred from the Boulder County Jail Work Release Program and the Colorado Department of Corrections, or sentenced directly from the District Courts.

### **About Correctional Management Inc. (CMI)**

- CMI is a Boulder-based company that owns and operates seven Community Corrections Programs in Boulder, Denver and Arapahoe Counties.
- Boulder Community Treatment Center (BCTC) was the first CMI program. It has been in operation since 1984.
- CMI believes the primary function of community corrections is protection of the public. This is best accomplished by balancing immediate risk reduction (supervision and social control) with long-term risk reduction (successful reintegration of the client into the community by providing job skills and life skills).
- CMI believes successful reintegration into the community requires clients to have appropriate employment, improved social and problem-solving skills, suitable housing, and social support mechanisms to prevent relapse.

### **About the BCTC facility**

- BCTC provides a 64-bed facility that serves as a “halfway house” for both men and women. This facility includes residential apartments, a security station, multipurpose activity rooms, and case manager and administrative offices.
- In addition to live-in supervision programs, BCTC provides offenders with non-residential services including case management, supervision, sobriety testing and additional sentencing or probation requirements. The non-residential program follows successful completion of the residential component.
- BCTC is staffed 24x7.
- BCTC staff provide drug and alcohol testing, phone and field monitoring of the clients’ whereabouts, random house counts, pat-downs and room searches.
- Clients are required to participate in cognitive behavioral training, life skills groups, employment and financial counseling, and programs that address other individualized issues that have led to their criminal behavior.
- The facility is located in the Goss Grove neighborhood in Boulder; BCTC staff attends neighborhood meetings in order to maintain communication with the local community.
- Direct Sentence Clients must, at a minimum, be required to maintain a savings account, pay restitution to the victims (if required), maintain stable employment, provide negative drug and alcohol tests, participate in required therapy and cognitive behavioral groups prior to release to the non-residential program

### How the program operates

1. After a screening and evaluation process, an individual is approved by the Boulder County Community Corrections Board and sentenced to Community Corrections.
2. Staff utilize an assessment process to determine the needs of the client and the level of containment required to enhance public safety. CMI believes program elements in community corrections should be based on accurate and thorough assessment of the clients' risk, needs, and pre-disposition toward change.
3. An individualized program plan is established for each client to remediate elements that might make the client at risk to commit future crimes. The individualized programs promote the client's ability to become a functioning member of society. These plans:
  - Promote commitment to change
  - Target the pressures and areas that have led to criminal behavior, are associated with recidivism, and which can be changed in the client's life
  - Match the client's learning ability
  - Include elements that provide short-term social control measures (supervision and monitoring) to reduce recidivism risk while the client works on long-range change (treatment and skills acquisition)
  - Subject clients who are considered higher risk or higher need to a more intensive level of supervision
  - Require clients to maintain full time employment or be involved in a full time educational/vocational programming
  - Ensure that clients pay court-ordered restitution, child support and other such expenses, as well as establish a savings account. ***On average, BCTC clients pay a total of approximately \$30,000 restitution each year.***
4. Clients are monitored and supervised, and their plans and levels of supervision are adjusted according to their behavior, risk level and progress.

CMI believes one of the goals of community corrections is successful program completion. This goal is, however, balanced with reasoned and prompt response when risk factors warrant, including terminating clients from the program and possibly sending them back to incarceration.

Of the Boulder County Treatment Center's clients, 74% are released successfully from the program. The remainder are deemed inappropriate for community placement and placed back into custody or do not continue with the program for other reasons.