

**The ACC Mission:**

"To enhance public safety by enforcing state laws and court mandates through community partnerships and evidence-based programs that hold offenders accountable while engaging them in opportunities to become law-abiding, productive citizens."

The ACC Philosophy:

"We place priority on public safety while providing opportunities for positive change."

The Program:

For more than 20 years, Arkansas Community Correction has consistently improved community correction services through the operation and management of residential correctional and treatment services for non-violent offenders in Modified Therapeutic Community centers.

ACC operates six community-based residential centers that provide structure, supervision, surveillance, drug/alcohol treatment, educational and vocational programs, employment counseling, socialization, life skills, community work transition, and other services. Each facility is accredited by the American Correctional Association (ACA) as well as licensed as a substance abuse treatment facility by the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Behavioral Health Services' Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention (ADAP).

Staff:

Treatment staff providing services to the residents are credentialed as Certified Clinical Supervisors (CS), Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors (LADAC), Advanced Alcohol Drug Abuse Counselors (AADC), Certified Alcohol Drug Abuse Counselors (CADC), Certified Anger Management Specialist, Certified Co-Occurring Disorder Professionals (CCDP), Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS), Certified Compulsive Gambling Counselor (CCGC), and Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist (CTTS).

A New Freedom:

The ACC Residential Services Treatment Programs use *A New Freedom Program* that is a comprehensive, evidence-based behavioral health and substance abuse curriculum.

Long Term Program: The goal of this program is to create a positive peer culture and facilitate overall lifestyle changes. These lifestyle changes are demonstrated by residents remaining drug-free and having the ability to interact in society without further criminal activity, while taking responsibility for ongoing recovery and contributing to their communities.

These changes are achieved through the structured environment of the therapeutic community, including having explicit rules, the use of positive peer pressure, confrontation, sanctions, cognitive intervention - a process of identifying and correcting errors in thinking and thus, behavior - and the 12-step approach.

The Modified Therapeutic Community program has three basic phases that are progress driven. The normal length of stay will be nine months to one year. As soon as the resident enters the program, an

extensive assessment is completed and the resident is placed in the Phase System.

Special Needs Program (SNP):

The SNP is a 60-bed male and two 50-bed female units for co-occurring disorders. These offenders have records of substance abuse, mental health and/or medical issues. The programs operate within modified therapeutic communities at the Southwest Arkansas Community Correction Center in Texarkana (males) and the Southeast Arkansas Community Correction Center in Pine Bluff (females). The program is designed for long term treatment, with an average completion of six to 12 months.

Short Term Program: Drug Court judges can place a Drug Court offender in an ACC Community Correction Center for a 30 to 90 day intensive residential treatment program provided by skilled, certified treatment specialists.



Treatment for the Short Term Program includes individual and group therapy, 12-Step Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, process/static group, pre-release, life skills group, cognitive intervention, parenting, peer support, mental health referrals, relapse prevention and anger management.

Residents participate in 25-28 hours of treatment per week. Staff work closely with each resident to make sure that the resident has a plan to address individual needs, which strengthens the recovery process.

Technical Violator Program: The ACC operates a prison alternative sanction for male and female parole technical violators. Currently, Technical Violator Programs are located at OMEGA (Malvern) and Southeast (females). The Technical Violator Program (TVP) is an intensive residential program of 90 or 120 days followed by aftercare under community supervision.

