

Adams County Community Corrections FAQ's

1. What populations can be sentenced to community corrections in Adams County?

Males, Females and Sex Offenders with Felony convictions (please see screening and ineligibility sheet for more information)

2. Does the Adams County screening committee screen before or after sentencing?

Adams County cases can be ordered to have a community corrections screen post-conviction and pre-sentence. Generally, about 8-10 weeks is given for the investigations unit to complete a PSI and for the community corrections screening committee and programs to make a decision.

3. Does a PSI always have to be order for a community corrections screen?

Yes, unless a PSI was completed in the last 2 years in another jurisdiction

4. What if the defendant has already been accepted to community corrections in another county?

In those cases, a concurrent/consecutive sentence can be ordered without an Adams County screening process. Historically, wherever the client has the longest sentence is where he would serve, but if the other county is their preferred destination, Adams County is willing to cover the additional costs right now. This could change in the future and we will keep you updated.

5. How long do approvals last?

6 months, if a defendant FTA's or the case goes on for longer than usual, an updated screen will be necessary.

6. What if the defendant has a case in another county and wants to complete community corrections in Adams County community *and* has an Adams County case?

These sentences could run concurrent or consecutive. Our screening committee and program would have to approve the client on the Adams case as well as the out of county case (if it meets screening criteria) and then an approval would be sent to Adams County and implied in the other jurisdiction.

7. What happens if I sentence to both probation and community corrections on different cases?

Probation sentences ordered to run concurrent with a community corrections sentence are not actively supervised. Because these cases are not actively supervised, the case may be returned to Court with a Motion to Terminate Probation unsuccessfully due to the defendant serving a community corrections sentence; therefore, unable to be supervised on probation. The case may also be banked, and a termination submitted when appropriate

8. What happens while a defendant is waiting for a community corrections bed after sentencing?

Generally, the client waits in the jail for a bed to become available.

9. What happens if a client is terminated from community corrections, and I want to consider a sentence back to community corrections?

A re-review is completed with screening (if applicable) and providers. If a re-review is ordered on a new case, all new case information will be necessary to complete the re-review.

10. If a defendant is denied community corrections, when might it be appropriate to order a rescreen?

Policy and Procedure dictates that a re-review can be completed when there is significant new information for providers and/or screening to consider. This can include inaccurate or incomplete criminal history or pending case information, if a psychological or offense specific evaluation is now available, or if there are updated standardized offender assessments. Judges can order this at any time and this will be the criteria to determine re-review.