

ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESTITUTION CENTER (ARC)
FACT SHEET

What is an Accountability and Restitution Center (ARC)?

An Accountability and Restitution Center (ARC):

- Emphasizes assessment, intervention and monitoring
- Is designed to keep low-risk offenders from entering “system”
- Emphasizes appropriate services and treatment to prevent repeat offenses
- Utilizes Evidence-Based Practices to deliver most effective services and treatment aimed at returning offenders to productive, contributing members of the community
- Works on the “AIM” principle: Assess (risk and needs), Intervene (with appropriate treatment and services) and Measure effectiveness of services
- Seeks to achieve 20-30% reduction in “hard bed” usage

What Corrections Functions are Planned at the Proposed Thurston County ARC?

- The proposed ARC concept includes:
 - Central booking for the correctional system
 - 72-hour holding
 - Risk and needs assessment
 - Pre-Trial screening
 - Classification
 - Release and Reentry
 - Probation Services
 - Dept. of Corrections Community Corrections
 - Program areas which can also be utilized for on-site court functions
 - Central medical/mental health services
 - Central kitchen
 - ARC laundry
 - Dormitories

What Programs are Planned There?

- ARC Programs concepts include:
 - Community Options
 - Work Release
 - Day Reporting
 - In-person
 - By phone
 - Day Jail
 - Electronic Home Monitoring
 - Community Supervision
 - Community Betterment Crew
 - Litter Crew
 - Inmate Worker Crew
 - Ministries

- Education & Training
 - HIV/AIDS Education
 - Adult Basic Education
 - Job Hunting/Placement (GET)
- Treatment & Therapy
 - Mental Health Treatment
 - Chemical Dependency
 - Anger Management
 - Group Counseling/Training
- Reentry Services
 - Housing
 - Employment
 - Health
 - Community Services
- Support for Problem-Solving/Therapeutic Courts
 - Drug Court
 - Mental Health Court
 - DUI Court
 - Domestic Violence Court

When will the ARC be Operational?

The current schedule anticipates the facility could be open in early 2009, with construction beginning in the spring of 2007, however, this is only an estimated time frame.

What is the Difference Between an ARC and a Jail?

The foundation of the ARC concept is changing criminal behavior. The ARC will provide a broad spectrum of services while holding inmates accountable for their criminal actions, and at the same time working to get them connected with the community/treatment programs they need to turn their lives around. By helping offenders change their behaviors, the goal is to return them to the role of contributing, responsible adults and keep them from cycling in and out of the courts and jail.

Which Offenders Will be Housed at the ARC?

The precise way in which offenders will be housed between the ARC and current jail has not been determined and will depend on the outcome of the planning process.

How Many Offenders Will be Housed at the ARC?

That number is not yet known. It will depend on the number of bookings, the number of offenders judged amenable to ARC programs/treatment and the capital capacity for constructing a new facility.

Will the Current Jail be Used After the ARC is Built?

Yes, however, as noted above, the type/status of offenders to be housed at the current jail has not yet been determined.

Why was the Mottman Location Chosen?

In August, 2004, in response to the May, 2004 defeat of the justice center proposal, the Board of County Commissioners held a public satellite facility siting meeting. At that meeting, members of the public recommended that the county look again at alternative sites for a satellite correctional facility. Subsequently, an analysis of six alternative sites for a satellite correctional facility was prepared by KMD Architects. This report was reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners in the fall of 2004. The Mottman site was rated the best alternative based on a list of 20 site selection considerations.

What are the Long Term Plans for the Site?

The site offers expansion capacity for potential expansion, although there is no master plan in place for the property at this time.