



Memo

Date: June 26, 2025

To: Friends and Family of Incarcerated Persons

From: Paul Schnell, Commissioner

RE: Important Changes at MCF-Stillwater

As part of the plan to reduce the population at MCF-Stillwater by half, the Department of Corrections (DOC) will continue transferring more incarcerated persons (IPs) to other facilities between now and the early fall. In addition, IPs will also begin transferring to Stillwater as we stand up programs that will take place at Stillwater starting in October 2025.

How Transfers Will Be Decided

To make sure the transfers are done in a fair, safe, and consistent way, the DOC has created an IP Relocation Rubric. This tool helps us decide where individuals will go based on things like medical needs, program participation, classification level, safety concerns, and space available. A simple guide to help you understand this rubric is included with this memo.

If you are currently in a higher education program at MCF-Stillwater, your case is being looked at individually for fall semester enrollment. You will be able to complete this current semester (summer 2025) in Stillwater. We are trying to make sure your education is not interrupted if or when you transfer, and it is important that you make academic progress and stay discipline free as we work through this process.

What's changing at MCF-Stillwater

Earned Living Units (ELUs): New living units will be created with increased freedom and choice for individuals who have demonstrated success in their incarceration to date.

More information on ELUs is included with this memo. Applications will be available soon at MCF-Stillwater and will be shared at other facilities in the coming weeks. Earned Living Units are expected to begin by October 1.

Atlantis Program (Substance Use Treatment): The Atlantis program is expanding from 34 beds to about 90 beds. Movement into the program for eligible individuals will begin soon.

We understand that these changes may bring questions or concerns. Please know that our top priority is keeping everyone safe and informed. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work through these changes.