

Challenge Incarceration Program (CIP) (M.S. Sec. 244.17)

Background

The Challenge Incarceration Program (CIP) is a voluntary program that contains three phases, for those who meet statutory and department requirements.

Phase 1 contains a highly structured daily schedule and a rigorous physical program designed to teach personal discipline and improve the physical and mental well-being of the participant. The men's program is located at Minnesota Correctional Facility (MCF)–Willow River or MCF–Togo. The women's program is located at the MCF–Shakopee.

Phase 1 programming includes substance use disorder treatment (if applicable); education; cognitive skills; restorative justice; physical training; military bearing, drill, and ceremony; work crew; and transition preparation.

In Phase 2 and 3, participants are under intensive supervision in the community.

Following successful completion of all three phases, individuals are placed on supervised release for the remainder of their sentence. Participant must fulfill mandatory minimum penalties prior to release of Phase 3. Failure to complete CIP Phase 2 and 3 will result in a return to prison to serve the remainder of the term of imprisonment.

Statute allows CIP Placement for those who:

1. Have been committed to the custody of the commissioner of corrections following revocation of a stayed sentence, or
2. Have been committed to the commissioner's custody, and have 48 months or less remaining in their term of imprisonment, and did not receive an upward dispositional departure under sentencing guidelines.

Statute prohibits CIP Placement for those who:

1. Are committed to the commissioner of corrections or have been convicted and committed to the commissioner of corrections in the past 10 years for murder, manslaughter, criminal sexual conduct, assault, kidnapping, robbery, arson, carjacking, or any other offender involving death or intentional personal injury.
2. Were convicted of escape within the last 5 years.
3. Have current warrants or detainers.

CIP Phase One Qualifications

- Can apply within 60 months of release
- Must have 13 months or more until release date in order to complete program screening and Phase 1
- Can be a release violator with a new sentence, but must complete any accountability time prior to release to Phase 2
- Cannot be subject to a current arrest warrant or detainer; this includes pending charges. Once a pending charge has been resolved, the individual may be eligible for CIP
- Must complete a medical, physical, and mental health screening to ensure safe participation in the program

Capacity

Total DOC CIP Capacity: 315 beds
CIP-Willow River: 180 adult males
CIP- Togo: 90 adult males
CIP-Shakopee: 45 adult women

Evaluation

From FY1993 - FY2002:

CIP decreased the chances of reoffending with a new felony conviction by 32 percent.

CIP decreased the chances of reincarceration for a new crime by 35 percent.

CIP offenders were less likely than the control group to be re-imprisoned for a person offense.

CIP reduced costs by \$4,600 per participant.

An Outcome Evaluation of the Challenge Incarceration Program - October 2006 (Minnesota DOC Study)

Program Statistics (2019-2023)

> Phase I:

T: 1,887

F: 310

M: 1,577

> Phase II:

T: 2,024

F: 275

M: 1,749

> Phase III:

T: 1,419

F: 232

M: 1,187

> Completed CIP: 1,111