

CCCS programs continue to expand

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Stemming from a small office in Butte over two decades ago, Community, Counseling and Correctional Services Inc. has since expanded its operations throughout the Northwest.

The CCCS contracts include those with the Montana Department of Corrections and Federal Bureau of Prisons.

CCCS started in 1983 in Butte with one facility, and has expanded to 11 programs, including facilities in Washington and North Dakota.

And they continue to grow, according to CCCS Chief Executive Officer Mike Thatcher.

"The need for this type of service is huge," he said.

A brief overview of CCCS programs:

- **Butte Pre-Release Center.** This 126-bed facility is a program for adult male offenders referred by the Montana Department of Corrections and the Federal Bureau of Prisons. It has been accredited by the American Correctional Association since 1998. The facility has 64 employees. CCCS began operating this program in December 1983.
- **Women's Transitional Center.** This 60-bed pre-release center located in Butte is for adult female offenders and has been accredited since 1998. The facility has 32 employees. CCCS began operating this program in June 1992.
- **Connections Corrections Program.** This 120-bed facility located in Butte and Warm Springs offers a 60-day addictions treatment program for adult male and female offenders referred by state corrections. The facility has 27 employees. CCCS began operating this program in March 1998.
- **Warm Springs Addictions Treatment & Change (WATCh) Program.** This 156-bed facility located in Warm Springs, Montana, offers a six-month modified therapeutic treatment community for adult male, fourth or subsequent DUI offenders referred by MDOC. The facility has 61 employees. CCCS began operating this program in February 2002.
- **WATCh East.** This 40-bed facility located in Glendive offers a six-month modified therapeutic treatment community for adult female offenders and some male offenders from Eastern Montana, all fourth or subsequent DUI offenders referred by MDOC. The facility has 23 employees. CCCS began operating this program in February 2005.
- **RYO Correctional Facility:** This is a long-term juvenile lockup for serious offenders between the ages of 14 and 21. The \$9.5 million facility, located in Galen, opened in December 2002 and can house up to 60 federal, state and county inmates.
- **Gallatin County Work-Release/Re-Entry Program:** The 40-bed building is used for pre-release, drug testing and court-sanctioned detention for adult males. Located in

Bozeman, the CCCS will transfer ownership of the building to Gallatin County in 10 years.

- START Facility: The Warm Springs center is used to house male offenders who violated the terms of parole, probation or pre-release as an alternative to prison or jail.
- Martin Hall Juvenile Detention Facility: This jail for juvenile offenders is located in Medical Lake, Wash. CCCS took over operations of the facility in 1998. It contracts with several counties in Eastern Washington and Montana.
- Bismarck Transition Center: This pre-release center for adult males is in North Dakota. CCCS began providing service there in 2002. The center can house up to 150 offenders.

Future programs:

- Nexus Correctional/ Treatment Facility: The \$9.2 million facility being built in Lewistown is designed to provide intensive treatment for offenders with two convictions related to methamphetamine use. Offenders will go through a nine-month program, and, if successful, be transported to a six-month pre-release program.