The Time Out Program at Carl Robinson CI is a collaborative effort between Parole and Community Services and institutional staff. The program is designed for inmates who need to take a break from negative behavior on community release, both TS and Parole. It is a 5 week program designed to provide inmates with relapse prevention programming in hopes of improving their chances of successful return to the community. The inmates in the program have not been formally violated by their parole officers. They are on a “Time Out.”

The vast majority of the inmates have violated due to substance related behavior. Each inmate is individually assessed by an Addiction Services Counselor and a Classification Counselor upon admission to the unit. The inmate is then placed in one of two Addiction Services Programs. In addition all offenders in the program participate in the Re-Entry Relapse Prevention Workbook Program offered through staff of the Offender Programs & Victim Services Unit. We presently have one staff member assigned to Robinson to conduct this program for both offenders in the Time Out Program and general population inmates.

Inmates complete their programming in approximately five weeks. The groups allow the inmates to assess the negative behavior that happened when they were on release and make a plan for a more successful re-integration. Staff at CRCI continually works with Parole and Community Services staff to efficiently return the inmate to the community after programming.

Inmates are in the unit under presumptive release and do not have to have another community release package completed. Specified paperwork is filled out between the parole officer and the unit staff to insure the parole officer knows when he/she can re-release the inmate back to the community. The average length of stay in the unit at this writing is 4-6 weeks.

The program works as follows:

- Inmate is identified as having broken the rules on TS or Parole. He should have no detainers and at least 60 days left to discharge. Extremely helpful if the inmate has a sponsor.
- The Parole Officer faxes the remand and the waiver (the inmate’s signed agreement to participate in the program) to the unit supervisor at CRCI indicating he/she wants the inmate enrolled in the Time Out Program.
- The inmate is transferred to Carl Robinson CI with coordination between the unit supervisor and Population Management.
- He is immediately assessed by Addiction Services staff and placed in one of two appropriate Addiction Services programs. Almost every inmate in the unit qualifies for Addiction Services programs. These are open groups.
The inmate also immediately begins the Re-Entry Program facilitated by Classification staff. This is an open group.

- The inmate attends the facility orientation. Both Parole and TS inmates are in the unit under presumptive release and remain a Level 1 or 2 where appropriate. No community release package is filled out for TS inmates. All communication takes place with Parole and Community Services via the Compliance Form.
- The inmate must maintain a certain level of behavior in the unit and in groups.
- Compliance form is filled out when the inmate starts his programs and again when he is finished. Copy of Compliance Form sent to Deputy Directors of Parole, Parole Intake, Parole Manager, Parole Officer and facility staff.
- After successful completion of programming, Parole determines the release date of a parole inmate.
- The average length of stay in the unit is 4-6 weeks.

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