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## AUTHORITY:

Policy *CD-010100*

## REFERENCE:

- A. ACA Standard 2-CO-2A-01, 2-CO-2A-02, 2-CO-2B-01, 2-CO-2B-02, 2-CO-2B-03 and 2-CO-2B-04, *Standards for the Administration of Correctional Agencies*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition.
- B. ACA Expected Practices 5-ACI-2A-01, 5-ACI-2B-01, 5-ACI-2B-03, 5-ACI-2B-04, 5-ACI-2C-01, 5-ACI-2C-03 through 5-ACI-2C-10, 5-ACI-4A-03, 5-ACI-2D-01 through 5-ACI-2D-05, 5-ACI-2D-06 through 5-ACI-2D-10, 5-ACI-2E-04, 5-ACI-2E-08, 5-ACI-2E-09, 5-ACI-2E-11, 5-ACI-2F-01 through 5-ACI-2F-03, 5-ACI-3D-05, and 5-ACI-6E-02 through 5-ACI-6E-04 *Performance Based Standards and Expected Practices for Adult Correctional Institutions*, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition.
- C. ACA Standards 4-APPFS-3D-12, *Performance Based Standards for Adult Probation and Parole Field Services*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.
- D. ACA Standards 1-CTA-2A-01, 1-CTA-2B-01, 1-CTA-2B-02, 1-CTA-2B-03 and 1-CTA-2D-01, *Standards for Correctional Training Academies*, 1993.

## PURPOSE:

To standardize physical plant requirements for existing facilities and new construction and to provide for adequate space to meet all departmental needs.

## APPLICABILITY:

All correctional facilities and Probation and Parole field offices under the jurisdiction of the New Mexico Corrections Department and facilities contracted to house inmates for the Department.

## FORMS:

None

## ATTACHMENTS:

None

## DEFINITIONS:

None

## **POLICY:**

- A.** All agency facilities shall meet and conform to appropriate federal, state, and local fire, sanitation, safety, building and health codes. **[2-CO-2A-01] [5-ACI-2A-01] [1-CTA-2A-01]**
- B.** All Department facilities shall be inspected by representatives of appropriate governmental agencies at specified intervals and that each report is reviewed and remedial action taken if indicated. **[2-CO-2A-02]**
- C.** The physical plant design shall facilitate personal contact and interaction between staff and inmates (*Renovation, Addition, and New Construction only*). **[2-CO-2B-01] [5-ACI-2B-01]**
- D.** New correctional institutions being constructed or existing facilities being expanded shall have a needs evaluation study conducted prior to beginning construction. **[2-CO-2B-02]**
- E.** All remodeling or additional construction shall have all applicable permits and approvals prior to construction. The facility Manager must be informed in writing of proposed work.
- F.** All new facilities shall be planned with the participation from the community in which they are to be located. **[2-CO-2B-03]**
- G.** Reasonable accommodation is made to ensure all parts of the institution that are accessible to the public are also accessible and usable by staff and visitors with disabilities. **[2-CO-2B-04]**
- H.** The maximum size of a single management unit is variable and is based on the characteristics of its inmate population. The exact size of each management unit is determined by: **[5-ACI-2B-03]**
  - The security classification of the inmate occupants (higher security levels require smaller unit size);
  - The ability of staff to complete regular security checks, maintain visual and auditory contact, maintain personal contact and interaction with inmates, and be aware of unit conditions.
- I.** Single-cell living units shall not exceed 80 inmates (*New Construction only*). **[5-ACI-2B-04]**
- J.** Cells/rooms used for housing inmates shall provide at a minimum, twenty-five (25) square feet of unencumbered space per occupant. Unencumbered space is usable space that is not encumbered by furnishings or fixtures. At least one dimension of the unencumbered space is no less than seven feet. In determining unencumbered space in the cell or room, the total square footage is obtained and the square footage of fixtures and equipment is subtracted. All fixtures and equipment must be in operational position. **[5-ACI-2C-01]**
- K.** Each inmate confined to a cell/room for ten (10) or more hours daily is provided a sleeping area with the following: a sleeping surface and mattress at least twelve (12) inches off of the floor; a writing surface and proximate area to sit; storage for personal items; and adequate storage space for clothes and personal belongings. **[5-ACI-2C-03]**
- L.** Each inmate confined to a cell/room for less than ten (10) hours daily is provided a sleeping area with the following: a sleeping surface and mattress at least twelve (12) inches off of the

floor; storage for personal items; and adequate storage space for clothes and personal belongings. **[5-ACI-2C-03]**

- M.** Dayrooms with space for varied inmate activities are situated immediately adjacent to the inmate sleeping areas. Dayrooms provide a minimum of thirty-five (35) square feet of space per inmate (exclusive of lavatories, showers, and toilets) for the maximum number of inmates who use the dayroom at one time, and no dayroom encompasses less than 100 square feet of space (exclusive of lavatories, showers, and toilets). **[5-ACI-2C-04]**
- N.** Inmates have access to toilets and hand-washing facilities 24 hours per day and are able to use toilet facilities without staff assistance when they are confined in their cells/sleeping areas. **[5-ACI-2C-05]**
- O.** Toilets are provided at a minimum ratio of one (1) for every twelve (12) inmates in male facilities and one (1) for every eight (8) inmates in female facilities. Urinals may be substituted for up to one-half of the toilets in male facilities. All housing units with three (3) or more inmates have a minimum of two (2) toilets. These ratios apply unless national or state building or health codes specify a different ratio. **[5-ACI-2C-05]**
- P.** Inmates have access to toilets and hand-washing facilities 24-hours per day and are able to use toilet facilities without staff assistance when they are confined in their cells/sleeping areas. Toilets are provided at a minimum ratio of one (1) for every twelve (12) inmates in male facilities and 1 for every 8 inmates in female facilities. All housing units with three (3) or more inmates have a minimum of 2 toilets. These ratios apply unless applicable building or health codes require additional fixtures. *(For New Construction after June 2014 only)* **[5-ACI-2C-06]**
- Q.** Inmates have access to operable wash basins with hot and cold running water in the housing units at a minimum ratio of one (1) basin for every twelve (12) occupants, unless national or state building or health codes specify a different ratio. **[5-ACI-2C-07]**
- R.** Inmates have access to operable wash basins with hot and cold running water in the housing units at a minimum ratio of one (1) basin for every twelve (12) occupants. These ratios apply unless any applicable building or health codes require additional fixtures. *(For New Construction after June 2014 only)* **[5-ACI-2C-08]**
- S.** Adequate space is provided for janitorial closets accessible to the living and activity areas. The closets are equipped with a sink and cleaning implements. **[5-ACI-2E-08]**
- T.** Space is provided in the institution to store and issue clothing, bedding, cleaning supplies, and other items required for daily operation. **[5-ACI-2E-09]**
- U.** Inmates have access to operable showers with temperature-controlled hot and cold running water, at a minimum ratio of one shower for every twelve (12) inmates. Water for showers is thermostatically controlled to temperatures ranging from 100° degrees Fahrenheit to 120° Fahrenheit to ensure the safety of inmates and to promote hygienic practices. These ratios shall apply unless national or state building codes or health codes specify a different ratio. **[5-ACI-2C-09]**
- V.** Special management units provide living conditions that approximate those of the general

inmate population; all exceptions are clearly documented. Special management cells/rooms permit the inmates assigned to them to converse with and be observed by staff members. [5-ACI-4A-02]

- W. All cells/rooms in restrictive housing provide a minimum of 80 square feet, and shall provide thirty-five (35) square feet of unencumbered space for the first occupant and 25 square feet of unencumbered space for each additional occupant. [5-ACI-4A-03]
- X. Lighting throughout the facility is determined by the tasks to be performed, interior surface finishes and colors, type and spacing of light sources, outside lighting, and shadows and glare. [5-ACI-2D-01] [1-CTA-2B-01] [1-CTA-2B-03]
- Y. Lighting in inmate rooms/cells is at least 20-foot candles at desk level and in personal grooming areas, as documented by an independent, qualified source and is checked at least once per accreditation cycle. [5-ACI-2D-02]
- Z. All inmate rooms/cells provide access to natural light. (Existing only.) [5-ACI-2D-03]
- AA. All inmate rooms/cells shall provide inmates with access to natural light by means of at least three-square feet of transparent glazing, plus two additional square feet of transparent glazing per inmate in rooms/cells with three or more inmates. *(For Renovation, Addition after June 1, 2008 only)* [5-ACI-2D-04]
- BB. Each dormitory provides inmates with access to natural light by means of at least 12 square feet, plus two additional square feet of transparent glazing per inmate in the dormitory. *(For New Construction or Renovation after June 1, 2014 only)* [5-ACI-2D-05]
- CC. Each dayroom provides inmates with access to natural light by means of at least 12 square feet of transparent glazing in the dayroom, plus two additional square feet of glazing per inmate whose room/cell is dependent on access to natural light through the dayroom. *(For New Construction after January 1, 1990 Only)* [5-ACI-2D-06]
- DD. Noise levels in inmate housing units do not exceed 70dBA (A Scale). Measurements shall be conducted annually by a qualified source with at least one measurement taking place during night time and one measurement taking place during day time. [5-ACI-2D-07] [1-CTA-2B-03]
- EE. Circulation is at least 15 cubic feet of outside or re-circulated filtered air per minute per occupant for cells/rooms, officer stations, and dining areas, as documented by a qualified technician and should be checked not less than once per accreditation cycle. (Accreditation cycle is interpreted as within the past three years.) *(For Renovation, Addition, New Construction after January 1, 1990 Only)* [5-ACI-2D-08]
- FF. Circulation shall be at least 10 cubic feet of fresh or re-circulated filtered air per minute per occupant for inmate rooms/cells, officer stations, and dining areas, as documented by a qualified technician and should be checked not less than once per accreditation cycle. (Accreditation cycle is interpreted as within the past three years.) *(Existing)* [5-ACI-2D-09] [1-CTA-2B-03]
- GG. Temperatures in indoor living and work areas shall be appropriate to the summer and winter

comfort zone. **[5-ACI-2D-10] [1-CTA-2B-02]**

HH. In institutions offering academic and vocational training programs, classrooms are designed in consultation with school authorities. *(For Renovation, Addition, New Construction after January 1, 1990 Only)* **[5-ACI-2E-04]**

II. Separate and adequate space is provided for mechanical and electrical equipment. **[5-ACI-2E-11]**

JJ. Adequate space is provided for administrative, security, professional, and clerical staff; this space includes conference rooms, storage room for records, public lobby, and toilet facilities. **[5-ACI-2F-01] [1-CTA-2D-01]**

KK. Staff shall be provided adequate spaces in locations that are convenient for use including; **[5-ACI-2F-02]**

- An area to change clothes and to shower,
- An area, room, and/or employee lounge that offers privacy from inmates and provides space for meals,
- Access to exercise/physical training facilities and equipment,
- Space for training,
- Space for shift change briefings,
- Toilets and wash basins that are not used by inmates.

LL. Reasonable accommodation is made to ensure that all parts of the facility are accessible to the public and are accessible and usable by staff and visitors with disabilities. **[5-ACI-2F-03]**

MM. When male and female inmates are housed in the same facility, separate sleeping quarters but equal access to all available services and programs shall be provided. Neither sex shall be denied opportunities solely on the basis of their smaller number in the population. **[5-ACI-3D-05]**

NN. Infirmary (LTCU)

1. There are sufficient bathing facilities in the medical housing unit or infirmary area to allow offenders housed there to bathe daily. **[5-ACI-6E-02]**
2. Offenders have access to operable washbasins with hot and cold running water in the medical housing unit or infirmary area at a minimum ration of one basin for every 12 occupants, unless state or local building or health codes specify a different ratio. **[5-ACI-6E-03]**
3. Offenders have access to toilets and hand-washing facilities 24 hours per day and are able to use toilet facilities without staff assistance when they are confined in the medical housing unit or in the infirmary area. Toilets are provided at a minimum ratio of 1 for every 12 offenders in male facilities and 1 for every 8 offenders in female facilities. Urinals may be substituted for up to one-half of the toilets in male facilities. All housing units with three or more offenders have a minimum of 2 toilets. These ratios apply unless state or local building or health codes specify a different ration. **[5-ACI-6E-04]**

OO. Probation and Parole

4. The agency provides adequate facilities for all agency operations. Facility needs are reviewed at least annually. **[4-APPFS-3D-12]**