



National Institute of Corrections

In an era of rapidly increasing numbers of juvenile and adult correctional employees and trainers who must be trained quickly, the National Institute of Corrections' **Regionalization Program** enables both juvenile and adult correctional agencies to bring more correctional training on-line without concomitant budget increases. Regionalization is a cost-effective means of increasing training resources, training capacity and information dissemination among training professionals from jails, prisons, community corrections, juvenile justice agencies, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Regionalization is a nationwide program to build networks among juvenile and adult correctional agencies in order to share training resources and information, and to participate in joint training efforts.

Regionalization, supported by the NIC Academy Division, relies on volunteer juvenile and adult correctional trainers to provide professional development, resource sharing, and networking opportunities to their peers in local, state and federal correctional agencies throughout the nation.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Regionalization program is *to build networks across traditional boundaries among juvenile and adult correctional agencies in order to share training resources and information, and to participate in joint training efforts.*

GOALS

The goals of the Regionalization program are to:

- provide opportunities for more juvenile and adult correctional staff to participate in training programs and access training resources;
- provide relevant training based on input around regional needs and interests;
- promote the sharing of information, training and other resources across traditional boundaries: among juvenile and adult disciplines, and local, state and federal correctional agencies;
- increase the dissemination, use, and impact of juvenile and adult correctional curriculum packages and training technologies developed among agencies throughout the country;
- maximize the use of federal funding available for correctional training for local, state and federal prisons, jails, community corrections, and juvenile justice agencies.

ORGANIZATION

The program organizes states and territories into four regions consisting of the Northeast, Western, Southern, and Central regions. Each region has ten Regional Field Coordinators (RFCs) drawing two each from prisons, jails, community corrections, juvenile justice agencies and the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Each year, with NIC support, RFC's come together to plan and organize correctional training and capacity building initiatives within their respective regions.

RFCs and Academy staff coordinate communication within each region, between regions, and between all regions and the NIC Academy in order to carry out projects, training programs and resource sharing throughout an activity year.

SELECTION

RFCs are ideally juvenile or adult agency training directors, administrators, coordinators, or senior trainers, with experience in developing, delivering, and/or coordinating training in their home agency.

RFCs are selected through an annual application process that includes endorsement by their chief administrators to assure they will have agency support in carrying out their duties as an RFC. The NIC Academy accepts applications for RFCs on a year round basis.

Regional Field Coordinators are ideally senior trainers, training directors, administrators or coordinators from juvenile and adult correctional agencies.

ACADEMY SUPPORT

The NIC Academy provides financial and staff support for the activities initiated by the RFCs. Correctional Program Specialists in the Academy work closely with the RFCs to facilitate the planning and organization of regional training and capacity building initiatives.

In addition, the Academy provides:

- In addition, NIC provides support for eight volunteer RFCs from each region to attend an annual meeting. Bureau of Prisons RFCs attend at BOP expense.

RFCs meet at least once each year to plan annual activities to meet the training needs of their region.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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