



CARROLL COUNTY

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Memorandum of Understanding Between Carroll County Department of Corrections And Starting Point

This memorandum of Understanding (MOU) describes and confirms an agreement between the Carroll County Department of Corrections (CCDOC) and Starting Point. The purpose of the agreement is to formalize and clarify expectations and relationships between both parties from March 01, 2021 to March 01, 2023. For the purpose of the MOU, Starting Point is a private non-profit agency, which provides services for Victims of Domestic & Sexual violence within Carroll County.

Carroll County DOC Responsibilities:

- Provide the inmate population with a sexual assault advocate component in response to a report of sexual abuse and/or a request for help from a survivor of sexual violence.
- Facilitate follow-up whenever possible between the inmate and Starting Point advocate by mail or telephone during the inmate's incarceration with the CCDOC.
- CCDOC will provide Starting Point contact information to all inmates upon release, which will be done regardless of the presence or status of an investigation.
- Respect the confidential; nature of communication between Starting Point advocate and clients incarcerated at CCDOC.
- Ensure the Starting Point Advocate have clearance to enter CCDOC for meeting, training sessions, or to meet with clients. Provide for other logistical needs, such as a private meeting space for counselling sessions.

Starting Point Responsibilities:

- Outreach and education to victims of domestic and sexual violence.
- Court and hospital advocacy around issues of their victimization.
- Personal Advocacy. Support groups to victims around such issues as trauma, parenting, healthy relationships, and financial empowerment.
- 24-hour 365-day response on our crisis/support line to victims and staff assisting victims of domestic and sexual violence.
- Training and resources for staff around domestic violence and sexual assault trauma.

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