



WORK RELEASE PROGRAM

The Work Release Program is an alternative to confinement that enables a person to remain employed, or enrolled in school, while still serving sentences imposed by the court. The person must work within Benton/Franklin County boundaries and meet other eligibility requirements below.

REGISTRATION

Registration for Work Release is on Tuesdays at 2:00pm. The applicant must bring their Judgment and Sentence paperwork along with their identification. If needed, applicant must supply their own interpreter. Once application is received, and employment is verified, eligible participants will then be notified of their orientation and start date. Alternatively, paper applications are available in the jail lobby. Ineligible applicants will be notified and will need to immediately complete their sentence in jail or as otherwise ordered by the court.

ORIENTATION

Orientation takes place online via WebEx. Participants will be provided with an appointment and link to the session. Participants that do not have a computer, phone or tablet schedule use of one at a local library. Orientation is generally conducted on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and takes approximately 45 minutes. If needed, the participant must supply their own interpreter.

REQUIREMENTS

- Judgment and Sentence (J&S) of 3 days or more from the court authorizing Work Release
- Have and maintain verifiable employment throughout the duration of the program-must be on payroll
- Ability to pay the program costs:
 - One-time administrative fee: \$36
 - Daily bed fee: \$19 per day (\$118 per day for non-Benton County cases)
- Participants are required to prepay the administrative fee and the first 14 days (\$302.00 or \$1652 for out of county), or the entire program balance for sentences less than 14 days, whichever is greater
- The participants' employer must cooperate with program staff, including providing employment verification and schedules as requested
- Self-employed individuals may be approved on a case-by-case basis and must have a business license and proof of regular business activity
- Participants may attend up to three (3) court ordered meetings per week

DISQUALIFIERS

- Escape 1 or 2, (Escape 3 is a three-year disqualifier)
- Outstanding extraditable warrants
- Any violation of local, state, or federal laws after the date of application
- Any violation of conditions set by the court
- Removal from any alternative program within the past year
- The BCCD has final discretion pertaining to approval, denial, and placement of any participant on the program; based upon, but not limited to, the following:
 - Criminal history and/or current charges
 - Potential threat to the community or other participants
 - Behavior during past and present incarcerations
 - Suitability and Nature of employment
 - Medical or behavioral health conditions



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WORK CREW PROGRAM

The Work Crew Program is an alternative to confinement. The purpose of the program is to provide people with the opportunity to be held accountable by the courts without being incarcerated, while performing a valuable community service. No good time is authorized for this program.

REGISTRATION & ORIENTATION

Registration for Work Crew takes place at the Benton County Jail Lobby on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. and takes approximately 60 minutes. The applicant must bring their Judgment and Sentence paperwork along with their identification. If needed, applicant must supply their own interpreter.

REQUIREMENTS

- Judgment and Sentence (J&S) from the court authorizing Work Crew
- Cases prosecuted by the Benton County Prosecutors Office
- \$20.00 weekly program fee, to be paid one week in advance, and payable by cash only
- Inmates must provide their own meals and transportation to and from the Benton County Justice Center
- Inmates must have a working telephone so they can be reached
- Average 8-hour workday
- Inmates cannot have any limitation on lifting, bending, standing, or sitting. Medical exams may be required.
- Duties may require but are not limited to: bending/stooping; lifting/carrying; climbing stairs, steps, hills and slopes; exposure to cleaning/painting chemicals; pushing/pulling; reaching overhead; twisting; walking on uneven ground or walking extensive distances.

DISQUALIFIERS

- Arson 1 & 2, Assault 1 & 2, Burglary 1, Kidnapping 1, Robbery 1 & 2, Murder, Manslaughter or Vehicular Homicide
- Any Offenses that require registration as a Sex Offender
- Intimidating/Tampering with Witness/Juror/Public Servant (5-year disqualifier)
- Escape 1 & 2 (Escape 3 is a 1-year disqualifier)
- Outstanding extraditable warrants
- Any violation of local, state, or federal laws after the date of application
- Any violation of conditions set by the court
- Removal from an alternative program within the past 30 days
- The BCCD has final discretion pertaining to approval, denial, and placement of any participant on the program; based upon, but not limited to, the following:
 - Criminal history and/or current charges
 - Potential threat to the community or other participants
 - Behavior during past and present incarcerations
 - Medical or behavioral health conditions