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MOVIE/VIDEO SELECTION

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Added II.E.3 that foreign films without subtitles will not be selected


APPROVED:

Signature on file

BERNARD WARNER, Secretary
Department of Corrections

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Date Signed

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REFERENCES:


DOC 100.100 is hereby incorporated into this policy

POLICY:

- I. The Department does not promote movies/videos/DVDs that advocate excessive violence or discrimination, or contain sexually explicit and/or obscene material. The Department will make every effort to show movies/videos/DVDs that are in the best interest of the offender population.

DIRECTIVE:

- I. General Provisions
 - A. Copyright infringement and illegal use of commercial and home recorded videotapes/DVDs are prohibited.
 - B. A commercially produced program that may be recorded or facility broadcast requires a letter of approval from the broadcast owner as detailed in the copyrights for each production (i.e., prohibition from reproduction of broadcasts without the express written permission from the appropriate authority).
 - C. All applicable licenses will be obtained and maintained.
 - D. Public performance licenses require the written approval of the appropriate Assistant Secretary.
- II. Selection
 - A. The Superintendent/Community Corrections Supervisor has authority over movie/video/DVD selection.
 - B. Video/DVD rentals or purchases are limited to only self-help or educational programs. These must be assessed by educational providers through authorized sources (e.g., Board of Education, college trustees, licensing boards).
 - C. The appropriate Assistant Secretary must approve, in writing, any movie/video/DVD selection that is potentially controversial, sexually explicit, or explicit in terms of language or violence.
 - D. Offender input may be considered in the selection process.
 - E. The following types of movies/videos/DVDs will not be selected:

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1. X-rated.
2. Un-rated, unless they are considered a classic/documentary or have been screened.
3. Foreign without subtitles.
4. Advocating discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation.
5. Threatens the orderly operation of a facility as determined by the Superintendent/Community Corrections Supervisor.
6. Threatens legitimate penological objectives.
7. Describes the procedures for the construction or use of weapons, ammunition, bombs, or incendiary devices.
8. Depicts discrimination, explicit sex, excessive violence, and/or obscene subject matter as determined by the Superintendent/Community Corrections Supervisor.

DEFINITIONS:

The following words/terms are important to this policy and are defined in the glossary section of the Policy Manual: Discrimination, Obscene. Other word/terms appearing in this policy may also be defined in the glossary.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

DOC FORMS:

None