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Policy

- 1 Correctional Services is a division of the Department of Justice, and one of its five core business areas. Correctional Services has two core business areas: community corrections and correctional facilities.

Department of Justice

- 2 **Mandate:** The Department of Justice is responsible for the administration of justice and for promoting the safety and security of Nova Scotians through justice-related programs, services, and initiatives.
- 3 **Mission:** The Department of Justice is committed to protecting and promoting the rights and safety of all people in Nova Scotia with efficient and responsive justice programs and services.
- 4 **Vision:** Nova Scotia has a people-centred justice system and the safest communities in country.

Correctional Services

- 5 Correctional Services administers community and custody-based programs and services.
- 6 The Division is managed by the Executive Director, Correctional Services. The divisions head office in Halifax, has directors, an inspector, managers, and staff who oversee and support Community Corrections and correctional facilities. See [OrgChart.pdf \(novascotia.ca\)](#) for organization structure chart.
- 7 Community Corrections operates 22 field offices in four regions of the province: western, central, northern and eastern, with provincial oversight provided by two managers. Field offices are supervised by senior probation officers. Community Corrections staff
 - (a) provide services to assist the courts in the sentencing and diversion processes
 - (b) provide supervision of individuals serving sentences in the community
 - (c) provide programs that address criminogenic factors, and aid in the successful

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- 8 The adult correctional facilities are Cape Breton Correctional Facility (Gardiner Mines), Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility (Dartmouth), Northeast Nova Scotia Correctional Facility (Priestville), and Southwest Nova Scotia Correctional Facility (Yarmouth). Each correctional facility is managed by a superintendent. These facilities house
 - (a) adults remanded into custody
 - (b) adults serving sentences of less than two years
 - (c) federally sentenced adults enroute to or from a federal penitentiary
- 9 Adult correctional facilities, except the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility, may also temporarily accommodate young persons enroute to or from the Nova Scotia Youth Centre.
- 10 Facility staff provide programs and services which address criminogenic factors and aid in the successful reintegration of adults and youth into the community.
- 11 The Nova Scotia Youth Centre, led by a youth custody manager is located in Waterville. The Nova Scotia Youth Centre houses young persons detained or sentenced to custody pursuant to the Youth Criminal Justice Act. The facility's staff provide programs and services that address criminogenic factors and aid in the successful reintegration of young persons into the community.