

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **AUTHORITY**

Wisconsin Statute 938.34(5g), (5m); 102.07(13)

### **GENERAL STATEMENT**

A youth can be court-ordered or Department-ordered to complete community service. The community service agency must be approved by the agent of record prior to community service hours starting. Community service is completed in volunteer positions with non-profit, tax-exempt, community, or governmental agencies.

Agents should utilize the DOC 2865-Community Service Log to keep track of placements, hours worked, work performance, and completion of the assignment.

Unsatisfactory performance by the youth may be considered a violation of supervision and should be addressed according to an Evidence-Based Response to Violations.

A youth who performs uncompensated community work is an employee of the county in which the community service work is located. No compensation may be paid to that employee for temporary disability during the healing period if injured on the job.

### **COURT-ORDERED COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS**

Community service should occur in accordance to the court order. If not determined by the Court, staff shall assist the youth in establishing a placement.

Community service hours may be substituted for court-ordered financial obligations, reporting of these hours to the court shall be in accordance with local/presiding court procedures.

### **DEPARTMENT-ORDERED COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS**

When a youth commits a violation of supervision, consideration for using community service as a response to the violation may be discussed. If community service is a viable option, the agent may make a direct referral to a specific agency that is willing and capable of taking referrals for community service. In addition to the Department's rules, the youth must agree to comply with any rules of the particular community service work program or any rules of the agency in which the youth is referred.