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Parole Supervision

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In the ACT, parole officers supervise prisoners who are released to parole for the term of the parole period. Supervision is a monitoring of a parolee's compliance with parole conditions. Its purpose is to maximise community safety and assist the rehabilitation and community re-integration of the parolee.

Parole officers maintain regular contact with parolees via office interviews, telephone calls and home visits. A range of factors determines the frequency of contact between a parolee and his or her parole officer. Frequent contact, such as weekly, early in the parole process is normal and can continue for several months following release.

Parole officers also facilitate access to services for parolees, including referrals to ACT Corrective Services' Programs Unit. This Unit conducts a number of programs designed to assist offenders address their offending behaviour. Current programs available to parolees include:

- Separate Cognitive Skills Programs for Men and Women;
- Violent Offenders Program;
- Learning to Relate without Violence and Abuse Program; and
- Sex Offenders Program.