



County of Rutherford

RUTHERFORD COUNTY CORRECTIONAL WORK CENTER

In addition to the many community service, faith based, educational and rehabilitation programs offered at the Rutherford County Correctional Work Center, the Community Sanctions Work Release Program allows approved, sufficiently monitored inmates to leave confinement and continue working at his/her current place of employment or a partnering company. The inmate returns to the facility when his/her shift is complete via transportation provided to and from work by the Correctional Work Center staff.

Work release is the portion of the Community Sanctions Program that allows selected inmates to work at paid employment in the community during their confinement. The program is offered to inmates who are qualified and looking for a reintegration into civilian life, with a possible offer of full-time employment once the inmate is released.

Work Release provides:

- Gradual reintegration back into the community.
- Gainful employment.
- Accumulation of savings from paid employment.
- Preservation of family and community ties.
- Participation in self-help programs.
- Opportunity to continue paying child support, fees, fines and housing costs while incarcerated.

Participants must meet established criteria in order to be considered for placement in the program. He/she will go through a classification assessment and an in-depth system of interviews by the Work Release Manager, a civilian board of volunteers and the Correctional Work Center administration. Qualifying inmates are then placed at one of the partnering companies (Swanson Christian Products, Itnolap, Prescottech, Metal Max) or their existing job based on classification and skill set.

Work Release Program Statistics since June 2012:

- Total Number of participants enrolled: 62
- Currently enrolled in program: 10
- Total number of participants successfully completed program: 32
- Total number of participants hired on full time upon release: 26
- Participants removed for rule violation: 9
- Participants removed because of unsatisfactory performance: 11
- Participants who re-offended after release: 7