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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION	RELATED ACA STANDARDS: 2-CO-1A-04	
CHAPTER 1-PURPOSE & GOALS	SUBJECT: MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT	
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- I. **AUTHORITY:** 11 *Del. C.* § 6501, 6502, 6503, 6504, 29 *Del. C.* § 8901, 8903.
- II. **PURPOSE:** To establish the role of the Department of Correction and delineate its mission.
- III. **APPLICABILITY:** All Department employees, volunteers, persons or organizations conducting business with the Department and all offenders.
- IV. **DEFINITIONS:**
- A. Department - Delaware Department of Correction.
 - B. Commissioner - Secretary of the Department of Correction, a Cabinet level agency, appointed by the Governor.
 - C. Department Employee - Any individual employed by the Department in a full-time, permanent, temporary, part-time, seasonal or casual status.
 - D. Offender - Any person under the supervision of the Department.
 - E. Volunteer - A person providing a service to the Department without compensation.
- V. **POLICY:** Pursuant to 11 *Del. C.* 6501 and 29 *Del. C.* 8901, the General Assembly established the Department of Correction as the State Agency responsible for providing treatment, rehabilitation, and restoration of offenders as useful, law-abiding citizens within the community. The purposes (mission) of the agency will be reviewed on an annual basis as part of the annual budget process and updated if necessary.

From this mandate, the Department's mission shall be to protect the public by supervising adult offenders through safe and humane services, programs and facilities.