

?? The Better System ??

Correctional functions (probation, parole, halfway houses, prisons, jails, etc.) are organized differently in different states; very few are identical.

- In only half a dozen states are prisons and jails managed by the same agency.
- Community corrections functions are quite diverse in their structure. In Arizona, probation is a county function. Parole is in the same state department as the prisons. Halfway houses are typically privately owned and operated.
- In Colorado, prisons and parole are managed in the state correction's department. Probation is funded by the state judicial branch, but operated by the counties. Halfway houses are operated by the counties, with primarily state funding.
- Utah, by comparison, has a very integrated system. Prisons, halfway houses, probation and parole are all part of the Department of Corrections – although most of these functions are in different divisions within the Department of Corrections.

Some might argue Utah's system is better because it is unified under the governor and the correction's director. Others might say that is a very dangerous structure. Discuss the pros and cons.

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