

QUICK FACTS

Engaging with the public

The Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) engages with Canadians and creates opportunities for them to become involved in the correctional process.

Members of the public are involved in CSC's operations in many ways, from attending CSC outreach events or participating in consultations to volunteering at our institutions or providing us with advice as part of a Citizen Advisory Committee.

CSC's engagement objectives include

- promoting better understanding of the correctional process and more specifically, CSC's role
- highlighting the public's role in making communities safer
- consulting with the public when CSC is developing policies, programs and/or services
- communicating correctional challenges in an open and proactive manner
- fostering an environment where the public can participate in decisions and actions that will shape their communities
- creating opportunities for the public to be involved in the delivery of correctional services

Why community involvement is important

CSC relies on community involvement to deliver its programs and services effectively and to help successfully and safely reintegrate offenders into society.

Ways CSC engages with the public

Volunteers – Over 6,200 Canadians volunteer with CSC. They share their skills and talents, learn about the criminal justice system and contribute to the safety of their community.

Citizen Advisory Committees (CAC) – CAC members bring the community to the correctional environment. They observe, provide advice and act as a liaison between the community and CSC.

Regional Ethnocultural Advisory Committees (REAC) REAC members advise CSC on the delivery of programs and services aimed at ethnocultural offenders.

Consultations – CSC seeks the input of Canadians through public consultations. Citizens' opinions are important to us!

Speakers Bureau – CSC has qualified speakers available to make presentations to members of the public on a variety of topics related to corrections.

Victim Services – Victims of crime can become involved with CSC by:

- registering to receive information about the offender who harmed them
- submitting a victim statement describing the impact of the crime on their lives and for safety concerns
- submitting other information for consideration during key points in the correctional process
- participating in victims' advisory committees

For more information

For more information about federal corrections in Canada and how to get involved, visit CSC's website at www.csc-scc.gc.ca.

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