

# BARRY COUNTY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

## The Cog Program Participation and Program Rules

Welcome to the Barry County Office of Community Corrections Cog Program. While participating in programming, you are expected to comply with program participation rules. Violation of any of the following rules may result in a probation violation, sanction from the Court, or removal from the program:

1. **You must attend programming as scheduled.** You are expected to arrive on time and stay for the entire duration of your program session. You are not allowed to arrive late, leave early, or be absent without the Court's advanced permission. If you are sick, have an appointment that conflicts with OCC programming, or have an emergency situation then you are expected to contact the Community Corrections Administrator or your probation officer to be excused. OCC programming is a priority, therefore you are expected to schedule accordingly. You may not be absent from group for more than one session, and you must make up any missed session. Repeated tardies may result in removal from the program.
2. **You must comply with your program's rules and expectations.** You are expected to follow all of the rules of your group program, both in the jail and in the community. Repeated issues with non-compliance may result in removal from the program.
3. **You must participate in programming, as directed.** You must actively participate in the Cog Program. You are expected to complete assignments on time as required and demonstrate a genuine attempt to complete programming successfully. Repeated issues with lack of participation may result in removal from the program.
4. **Be respectful to staff and your fellow participants.** You are expected to act appropriately in programming. Be on your best behavior. Rude, aggressive, hostile, or any type of disrespectful behavior is not acceptable and may result in removal from the program.
5. **You may not use your cell phones or other electronic devices while in programming.** Shut off your phone or other electronic device, or turn it on silent mode. You are not allowed to text, answer your phone, play games, or search the internet while on program time.
6. **Ask questions if you do not understand these rules or are unsure of something.** We want your participation in OCC programming to be a positive experience. Please do not hesitate to ask for clarification if you need it.

By signing this form, you acknowledge that you have read and understand the rules and expectations of the Barry County Office of Community Corrections, and you agree to comply. You also understand that failure to comply with any of these rules and expectations may result in a probation violation, or sanction from the Court, and/or removal from OCC programming.

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Signature

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Date

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Barry County Office of Community Corrections Staff Signature

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