

**IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF
FLORIDA**

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2013 - 01

**IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS REENTRY PROGRAM
"THINKING FOR A CHANGE"**

WHEREAS, The Department of Corrections is utilizing a reentry program entitled Thinking for a Change which program was developed by the National Institute of Corrections. This free program is designed to assist offenders by combining cognitive restructuring theory with cognitive skills theory to create an innovative and integrated curriculum designed to help individuals in the criminal justice system take control of their lives by taking control of their thinking. In the corrections field the targeted behavior is a reduction in reoffending, and cognitive behavioral interventions have been found to be an evidence based practice for achieving this goal. The Department of Corrections is desirous of expanding this program to those individuals who are ordered to perform community service hours as part of a felony sentence.

THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. An offender who is chosen and screened by their probation officer to participate in the Thinking for a Change Program of the Department of Corrections (DOC) will receive credit for court ordered community service for every hour of the program they complete. The offender will be credited with one hour of community service for each hour of the program that they complete.
2. Individuals who have been sentenced to community service as part of a felony case are eligible for consideration. DOC is given discretion to determine if a defendant is an appropriate candidate for the program.
3. If an offender fails to fully complete the program, he or she will be credited only with the hours that they actually attended.
4. DOC is given discretion to terminate an offender's participation in the program if DOC determines that the offender is not making a good faith effort to successfully complete the program. DOC's decision to terminate an offender from the program is final and not subject to appeal to the Court. Failure to complete the program successfully will be considered a violation of probation only if the court has ordered the program as a special condition of supervision.



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DONE and ORDERED in Chambers at Tallahassee, Florida, Leon County, Florida, this
18 day of March, 2013.



CHARLES A. FRANCIS
Chief Judge

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