



April 2010 Ohio Community Corrections Association Safety Report

BWC Approves New Drug-Free Safety Program

At the March 2010 BWC Board of Directors Meeting, the Board officially approved a new Drug-Free Safety Program (DFSP) effective July 1, 2010. The DFSP replaces BWC's traditional Drug-Free Workplace Program (DFWP).

DFSP is a voluntary program that encourages employers to eliminate substance abuse in the workplace. Premium discounts are available through the DFSP. An employer will receive a 4% Discount at the Basic Level and a 7% Discount at the Advanced Level. Additionally, an employer that is enrolled in Group Rating will be eligible to stack the DFSP discount on top of the Group Rating discount. To do so, the employer must be enrolled in the Advanced Level of the Program and their Discount will be limited to 3%.

The DFSP does not have a limitation on the number of years an employer can participate. As long as an employer meets the requirements, they can remain in DFSP indefinitely. Employers can opt in and out of the DFSP if they choose to do so.

The application deadline for the July 1, 2010 rate year is June 30, 2010. The application deadline for the January 1, 2011 rate year is October 29, 2010. Employers that are currently in the DFWP must complete a new application to enter the DFSP. Employers that are currently in the DFWP must fulfill the Program requirements of their current DFWP to receive the discounts associated with the Program even though it is being phased out.