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Linking it Together

As Chapter 9 describes, Intermediate Sanctions and Community Corrections is a serious topic. This issue centers around the plethora of challenges confronting the criminal justice system in America. That to do with there is no secret that America over incarcerates its citizens, however, what must be done with those not sent to prison or not placed on probation? While questions like these are asked, steps have been made to not only address these problems, but to answer these questions in depth.

Are intermediate sanctions a viable solution to alleviating the ills plaguing a society that over incarcerates? There has been a case for intermediate sanctions, specifically that it prevents the unnecessary imprisonment of offenders accused of committing crimes. In addition, there is the argument that there are limitations on probation, and that it helps to improve justice. Intermediate sanctions often lead to agencies bickering amongst themselves to determine which of them are most qualified to offer the services offenders are in dire need of. Another issue has to do with selecting offenders for the programs. Are the offenders with the most serious offenses chosen over those with in need of help? Finally, intermediate sanctions help widen the net, meaning they help to increase the levels of control over a significant percentage of offenders. Overall, these challenges make correctional practices that much more difficult to overcome.