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Broward work release residences to stay open

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[Broward County](#) work release programs that were threatened with closure by the Florida Department of Corrections will remain open after agreeing to serve fewer offenders in the future.

Bridges of America is an Orlando-based nonprofit that runs two [Broward County](#) residences for offenders who are easing back into society.

The [Broward County](#) Bridge at 5600 NW Ninth Ave. in Fort Lauderdale must shed 42 of its 204 beds. The Turning Point Bridge facility at 400 SW Second St. in Pompano Beach will leave 106 of its 206 beds unused.

The savings to the state will come through attrition, officials said, but will enable inmates to fulfill their programs rather than returning to prison.

The company's Bradenton Bridge facility for women will be able to remain at full capacity, the company said.

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