

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Community Corrections promotes public safety by providing effective supervision of offenders in the community, holding offenders accountable and connecting offenders to services in order to reduce victimization and the reoccurrence of crime.

- Individuals who are originally charged with a felony offense may be placed on supervision with the Florida Department of Corrections

➤ **Types of Supervision :**

Probation: A Court ordered term of community supervision with specified conditions for a specific period of time. The probationer is required to abide by all conditions ordered by the Court.

Drug Offender Probation: An intensive form of supervision, which emphasizes treatment for drug offenders. This types of supervision includes elements of substance abuse treatment and random drug testing. There are various types of drug treatment that can be funded by the Florida Department of Corrections which includes outpatient treatment, non-secure residential treatment, and long term residential treatment. Marion County houses a non-secure treatment program which consists of 6 months residential treatment, a long term residential drug treatment program which consists of 12 months residential drug treatment, and a Probation Restitution Center which is designed to assist offenders with obtaining employment with the goal of paying monetary obligations to their victims.

Community Control: Intensive supervised “house arrest” in the community which includes surveillance on weekends and holidays.

Administrative Probation: A form of non-contact supervision in which a low risk offender may be placed on non-reporting status.

Parole: A post-prison supervision program where eligible inmates (offenses committed prior to October 1, 1983) have the terms of supervision set by the Florida Commission on Offender Review. Parole is a conditional extension of the limits of confinement and cannot exceed the balance of an inmate's sentence.

Pre-trial Intervention: If an offender's offense meets certain criteria as defined in Florida Statute, the offender may be eligible for this type of supervision with the approval of the administrator and consent of the victim, the state attorney, and the Judge. If the offender completes the supervision, the State Attorney's Office will not prosecute the case. There is also Drug Offender Pre-trial Intervention.

Sex Offender Probation: Intensive supervision for offenders who have committed a sex offense as proscribed in Florida Statutes. These offenders have a set of specific conditions relating to the nature of a sex crime such as sex offender treatment, electronic monitoring, no internet access, no visiting places where children regularly congregate, registering as a sex offender with the local law enforcement agency, having their name and current address listed on the Florida Department of Law Enforcement website, residence restrictions, etc.

- **Re-entry Initiatives-**The use of programs that can promote and enhance the chances of an offender remaining in the community as a productive law abiding citizen.

Within Probation Offices, re-entry initiatives are continuously taking place in order to provide offenders with the utmost assistance so they may remain in the community, support their family, and if applicable make their victim whole.

Re-entry initiatives include:

Thinking for a Change (T4C) - focuses on problem solving, social skills, and cognitive self- change.

Family Orientations, How to Succeed on Community Control, and Making Supervision Work for You- Assisting offenders and family in learning how to accept supervision as an opportunity, learning the

conditions of supervision, and interacting with Probation staff to include Supervisors.

Tobacco Cessation-stop smoking tools provided by Quit Florida

Career Source Mobile –parks at the local probation offices and offer employment assistance by providing free registration, resume writing, and submitting online applications

Blood Mobile-parks at the local Probation Offices and provides basic health screening.

Veteran's initiatives- meeting with the VA to connect offenders who are Veterans with services that they might not know they are eligible for.

Stopping the Next Generation of Addicts-offenders are introduced into their role in preventing their children from becoming involved in drugs.

Money Management- providing guidance on budgeting

Resume writing- groups held to assist offenders with a resume.

Family closet- dressing for success and providing essential clothing that is donated such as for job interviews, jackets for the winter, hygiene kits, back to school assistance.

Health Awareness seminars- Health Departments educate offenders on various health topics.

Domestic Violence seminars-for both men and women.

Education seminars-Adult Community Education, Vo-Tech, Community College, literacy programs.

Employment Specialist-will assist offenders with obtaining employment by working with employers in the community and one on one with offenders to match their skill with the appropriate employer.

- **Violations:** When offenders are not in compliance with the conditions of supervision, violation report is forwarded to the sentencing authority. Sentencing recommendations are made that are commensurate with the nature of the violation.

Graduated sanctions: sanctions that are appropriate and assist the offender in correcting the behavior that led to the violation.

Alternative Sanctions: House Bill 1149 allows for the Chief Judge in each Judicial Circuit to sign an Administrative Order allowing for appropriate sanctions to be imposed by the Probation Officer with input from the offender and approved by the sentencing authority. The sanctions are swift, meaningful and achievable.

➤ **How can you assist with these efforts?**

Volunteer- guest speaking and mentoring

Visit Probation Offices/Attend a T4C graduation

Employers-Attend our job fairs and be open to hiring offenders.

QUESTIONS?