

## **Probation**

Probation is a program that allows people who have pled guilty or have been found guilty of a criminal offense to spend a period of time under supervision of a probation officer instead of being sentenced to a term of incarceration.

This supervision is designed to aid the defendant in addressing issues that have led him/her to be in the criminal justice system. The goal of the probation is to correct these issues thereby preventing the defendant from having future contact with a criminal justice agency.

Once you have pled guilty, or you have been found guilty of a criminal offense by a judge or jury, you will be referred to the probation department for a Pre-Sentence Interview. A Pre-Sentence Interview is a one-on-one interview with a probation officer who will gather information relating to the offense and background information on the defendant. This information will be used to prepare a Pre-Sentence Report with sentencing recommendations. A probation officer will go over the probation order with the defendant and instruct the defendant on how to sign up for any program that he/she was ordered to attend.

The probation officer will monitor the defendant for compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation. If the defendant fails to complete any part of the probation order, a Show Cause hearing will be set for violation of probation. At the Show Cause hearing, the Judge will hear how and/or why the defendant is in violation of probation and give the defendant an opportunity for explanation. The Judge will then make a ruling on the violation. Possible sanctions for violating probation include extra days on the Court's work program up to and including incarceration.

### **Probation Reminders:**

- Proper attire is required for all appointments and court hearings.
- Do not bring children to probation appointments or court hearings.
- Bring copies of all documents if necessary. Copies will not be made.
- Probation appointments will not be rescheduled. If you miss, you will be advised by mail of the next course of action.
- Court hearings will not be rescheduled. If you miss, a warrant will be issued.
- "Walk-in" warrants must appear M-TH at 1:00 p.m. and FRI at 8:30 am. Bring bond money and any other documentation that you feel is necessary. At any other time, you will be subject to arrest.

### **28<sup>th</sup> District Court Work Program:**

The 28<sup>th</sup> District Court work program is designed to allow defendants to complete community service in lieu of serving jail time. The program cost is \$25 per day and is offered 5 days a week between the hours of 7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Each participant is required to comply with a comprehensive set of rules and is supervised at all times. Failure to comply with the rules will result in a show cause hearing in front of the Judge. Our program works with other departments within the city of Southgate as well as other community organizations.

**\*\*\*See the Probation Department for a current copy of the Work Program Rules\*\*\***

- Work Program generally runs on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.
- Work Program days run from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Meet outside the front doors of the 28<sup>th</sup> District Court 5-10 minutes early. Zero tolerance for tardiness, **do not be late**.
- Any issues regarding scheduling and rescheduling must be done “in-person”.

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**Other numbers of interest:**

Detroit Wayne County Mental Health Authority 800-686-6543

Team Wellness Center 734-324-8326

Alcoholics Anonymous/Downriver Alano Club 313-381-9782

Narcotics Anonymous 877-338-1188

Smart Recovery 440-951-5357

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