

## **OAR Local Probation**

The local probation program provides supervision for misdemeanor and class 5 and 6 felony offenders in accordance to the Comprehensive Community Corrections Act. Our population's probation is the result of the suspension or deferral of up to a maximum of a twelve month jail sentence per offense. Our program provides probation supervision in service to the Circuit, General District, and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court of the city of Charlottesville and the counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Goochland, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson and Orange.

### **What are the goals of the Local Probation program?**

- Public safety;
- Provide an alternative to incarceration;
- Reduce recidivism through behavior change techniques

### **What happens after a client is referred to OAR Local Probation?**

- Upon referral from the Court, the client and/or Court provides current contact information to OAR in order to begin the assignment process.
- The client is then assigned to an Officer based on: location of Court, type of case, gender of client, native language and mental health classification.
- Upon assignment to an Officer, an intake appointment is scheduled by mail within 2 – 4 weeks. The intake appointment will include conducting a validated risk assessment tool to assist in responding to the risks and needs of the client for appropriate referrals to decrease the likelihood of recidivating.
- This appointment generally takes one hour and will also include executing conditions of probation, a brief mental health screening tool, release of information, a VCIN/NCIC record check and an extensive social history interview.
- All clients referred are subject to urine drug screening regardless of charge and/or conviction. Frequency of contact will be driven by assessed risk level.
- During the course of supervision, OAR Probation Officers address acts of non-compliance and prosocial behaviors within an administrative response matrix to ensure that all supervision strategies are in line with research driven best practices.
- Case planning will occur for medium and high risk client's and include targeted risk factors identified by the validated risk assessment tool. Motivational Interviewing techniques and/or collaborative skill building activities are utilized during each office contact.
- Treatment, community service and restitution obligations will be monitored and confirmed.
- The successful completion of supervision consists of the offender's completion of court ordered obligations, compliance with probation standards and good behavior.

### **How long is supervision with OAR Local Probation?**

The Department of Criminal Justice Services length of supervision is suggested not to exceed 6 months for misdemeanor cases and 12 months for felony cases. Depending upon requirements and assessed risk level, supervision may be significantly shorter or at times, longer, than the suggested length of supervision.

### **How does an OAR Probation case result in a request for Court action?**

All supervision responses are vetted through the administrative response matrix. If the presumptive response grid directs a show cause or capias request, one is submitted to the Court. There are times that an override or underide may be appropriate due to extenuating circumstances and as such, supervisory approval is mandated.

### **What DOESN'T OAR Probation do?**

OAR probation does not collect court costs, supervise without probation conditions (ie. Community service "only" or restitution "only" cases), refer for marital counseling, refer Intimate Partner Violence cases to Anger Management, mandate NA/AA, warrantless searches/home visits and issue PB15's.