

Court Services

Court Services provides a variety of programs that divert low-risk offenders to community supervision which helps ensure that jail beds are available for high-risk offenders. In addition to allowing offenders an opportunity to maintain jobs and participate in rehabilitative services, Court Services' programs also require that offenders reimburse the community through payment of fees or by community service work. These programs are beneficial to the participants and to the taxpayer as jail beds are costly to build and maintain.



Pretrial Services

- Conducts pretrial release investigations on those detained at the Department of the Jail pending their First Appearance Hearing.
- Information provided to the Court so Judges can make informed release/detention decisions.
- Investigations include risk assessment, verification of community ties, criminal history, and contact with victim and other factors that may impact public safety.
- Pretrial Supervision provides a range of cost effective community supervision options including substance abuse and mental health treatment referrals, electronic monitoring/GPS, and Transdermal Alcohol Monitoring.

Jail Review

- Pretrial Release Investigations are reviewed again and follow up interviews are conducted with detainees at the Department of the Jail 96 hours after First Appearance.
- There is an emphasis on obtaining new or additional information to assess offender risk, treatment needs, criminal history, victim information and community ties/stability.
- Release plans are completed on eligible defendants who can be managed in the community thereby saving jail beds for high risk offenders.

Probation

- Assist probationers in successfully complying with probation sentences ordered by the Court, including the payment of court costs, fines, and restitution to victims.
- Partner with a wide variety of community based agencies to obtain rehabilitative services for probationers based on risk and needs.
- Specialized caseload for those being supervised for Intimate Partner Violence charges and serving weekend sentences

Day Reporting

- Provides an intensive form of supervision for eligible repeat offenders who have high risk and high needs in lieu of incarceration.
- Supervision is maintained through structured activities depending on risk level. Outpatient treatment provided via an on-site substance abuse program OPUS, random urinalysis, Anger Management and Batterer's Intervention treatment.
- Referrals made for employment and education assistance.

Community Service

- Coordinates referrals for offenders sentenced to complete community service work in lieu of jail or fines.
- Screen offenders for appropriate placement at non-profit and government work sites.
- Provides cost effective services to other Alachua County Board of County Commissioners departments.

Treatment Courts

- Drug Court, Mental Health Court, and Veterans Treatment Court are specialized treatment court programs.
- Specialized courts offer intensive supervision and treatment for individuals charged with offenses who may be eligible according to type of charge and one or more qualifying substance use or mental health diagnoses.
- Programs require supervision, random drug testing, drug and mental health treatment, and other needed service requirements.

OPUS

- Evaluation and outpatient treatment component for Drug Court and Day Reporting eliminating the need for outpatient contracts.
- In-house services reduce referrals and allow for timelier coordinated case planning. Aftercare treatment for graduates reduces recidivism.

Work Release

- A minimum security detention facility for offenders sentenced to incarceration in Alachua County.
- Inmates reside at this program, maintain jobs in the community and participate in a variety of cognitive behavioral groups and treatment designed to decrease recidivism.
- Allows offenders to help defray the cost of their incarceration, to continue to support their families and to pay restitution, fines, court costs, and taxes.

Metamorphosis

- A licensed, long-term, adult residential treatment program for chronic substance abusers.
- Clients reside in this therapeutic community for up to one year during which they participate in group, individual, and family therapy in order to change the behaviors that caused their lives to become dysfunctional.

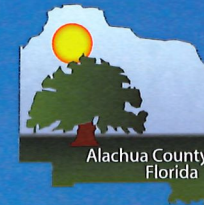


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