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Court Services Mission





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**To reduce incarceration through
community-based supervision and
therapeutic services**





Common Misconceptions

- **Everyone arrested should be in jail**
- **Those found guilty should be punished in jail**
- **The people who get arrested are “different” from me**

People who get arrested are...

**Our neighbors
Our co-workers**

Our relatives

Our neighbors' kids

Our kids...

Citizens of Alachua County





Should everyone who is arrested remain in jail?

Not according to...

Florida Rules of Criminal Procedures 3.131 and 3.132

Florida Statutes 903.047 and 907.41

Low risk offenders do not need high security

If in custody - no jobs, no family support, no tax revenue for Alachua County





Florida Statute 903.47

**every person charged
with a crime or violation of municipal or county
ordinance shall be entitled to pretrial release on
reasonable conditions.**





Florida Statute 907.041

Pretrial Detention and Release

However, persons found to meet specified criteria shall be released under certain conditions until proceedings are concluded and adjudication has been determined.

While reducing the costs for incarceration by releasing, until trial, those persons not considered a danger to the community



Should low risk offenders be housed in jail?

High security  Risk to community
Alternatives

Save \$\$\$\$

- Minor offenses don't require incarceration
- Supervision and services can reduce risk
- Incarceration doesn't reduce recidivism
- Alternative sentences can prove to be more difficult than incarceration



Alternatives

- Pay Cost of Supervision & Court Costs
- Complete Community Service
- Support families
- Maintain employment
- Participate in rehabilitative programs





Jail



- High Security = High Cost
- Expensive hardware
- Continual supervision & escorts
- Medical care, clothing & meals
- Higher cost to Taxpayers



Key Objectives

Provide information to the Court so Judges can decide which offenders can be managed effectively in the community

Use risk and needs assessments, and evidence-based, best practices to operate community-based programs for low-risk offenders





Court Services Programs

**Investigation and Community
Supervision**

**Clinical and Therapeutic
Programs**





Court Services Programs

Investigation and Community Supervision

- Pretrial Services
 - Investigations
 - Supervision
- Central Screening Team
- Probation
- Day Reporting
- Community Service
- EM/GPS and TAD

Clinical and Therapeutic Programs

- Drug Court
- Mental Health Court
- Veterans Treatment Court
- OPUS- Treatment services for Court Services clients
- Metamorphosis
- Work Release
- Balance 360
- Benefits Coordination



Pretrial Services

- **Accredited through the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission since 2008**
- **Accreditation ensures we are performing to the highest standards of pretrial justice**
- **Though not mandatory, accreditation allows Pretrial programs to standardize practices, eliminate deficiencies and upgrade the quality of Pretrial Services based on Florida law and best practices of providing pretrial justice to the citizens of the State of Florida**



Pretrial Services

- **First Appearance Investigations**
- **7 days per week**
- **Interview, Criminal History, Assess**
- **Provide information to the Court so Judges can make informed decisions about which offenders can be managed effectively in the community**
- **Recommendations to the Court**
- **Those appropriate for release are released in the least restrictive manner while ensuring public safety**



Centralized Screening Team

- Provide further screenings and assessments on eligible defendants who remain in custody for 96 hours after First Appearance
- Work in conjunction with Jail staff and community partners to release defendants with costly medical or mental health conditions
- Provide release planning recommendations to the Court or CS program placement at any point during the pretrial stages



Supervision Continuum of Services



Lower Risk

No Problems

No Services

Minimum Supervision

Higher Risk

Multi-problem

Intensive Services

Maximum Supervision



Community Service Program

- Community Service work in lieu of jail
- Indigent offenders may do work in lieu of costs & fines
- 198 Government or Non-Profit Organizations
- 15,384 hours of service on Community Service Work Crew FY 2015/16
- Work Crew - utilized due to staff reductions in some County Departments



County Probation

- **Offenders sentenced in County Court**
- **DUIs, Misdemeanors, Domestic Violence**
- **Ensure Probationers adhere to Court Order**
- **Refer to Treatment & Social Services**
- **Collect Restitution and Cost of Supervision**
- **Conduct employment & home visits**



Pretrial Supervision

- **Pretrial Release Supervision**
 - 3 Levels**
- **Minimum – call in**
- **Medium – treatment referrals**
- **Maximum - Electronic Monitoring/Global Position Satellite**
- **Cost effective vs. jail**



Drug Court

- Intensive treatment begins immediately after release from jail
- Daily treatment, weekly Court hearings, frequent urine tests
- Serves both diversion and post plea defendants
- Long term reduction in recidivism
- Includes Mental Health Court and Veteran's Court



Opus Drug Treatment & Drug Testing Lab

- Evaluation and outpatient treatment component for Drug Court and Day Reporting
- In-house services reduce referrals and allow for more timely coordinated case planning
- Aftercare treatment for graduates reduces recidivism
- Drug Testing Lab-Provides on-site, state of the art drug testing by certified lab technicians for use as a behavioral intervention as well as supervision of DCS clients
- Results are accepted by the Court



Day Reporting Program

- Intensive form of Pretrial Release Supervision for both Circuit and County Court defendants
- Provides intensive supervision and treatment services for offenders that can be managed outside of the jail
- Required urinalysis & breathalyzer testing
- Frequent reporting schedule based on risk level



Metamorphosis

- Long term intensive residential treatment (up to 12 months)
- Substance abuse primary diagnosis plus mental health diagnosis
- Community-based, non-secure facility
- Individual, Group and Family therapy
- Graduated phases - employment during the last phase of the program
- Eight Transitional Housing beds available upon graduation
- Client pays fee when employed



Work Release

- **Minimum Security Correctional Facility**
- **Capacity 65**
- **Men and women**
- **Behavior based sanctions & rewards**
- **Work in the community**
- **Find job within 1 week if no job**
- **Licensed- 28 day Substance Abuse Treatment program**



Clients Serviced FY 15/16

Pretrial Supervision	1,216
Pretrial Release	9,296
Electronic Monitoring/GPS	148
Probation	1,858
Mental Health Court	68
Drug Court Participants	134
Veterans Treatment Court	46
Work Release Residents	179
Metamorphosis Clients	131
Day Reporting	288
Community Service	2,050
TOTAL CLIENTS SERVICED	15,414



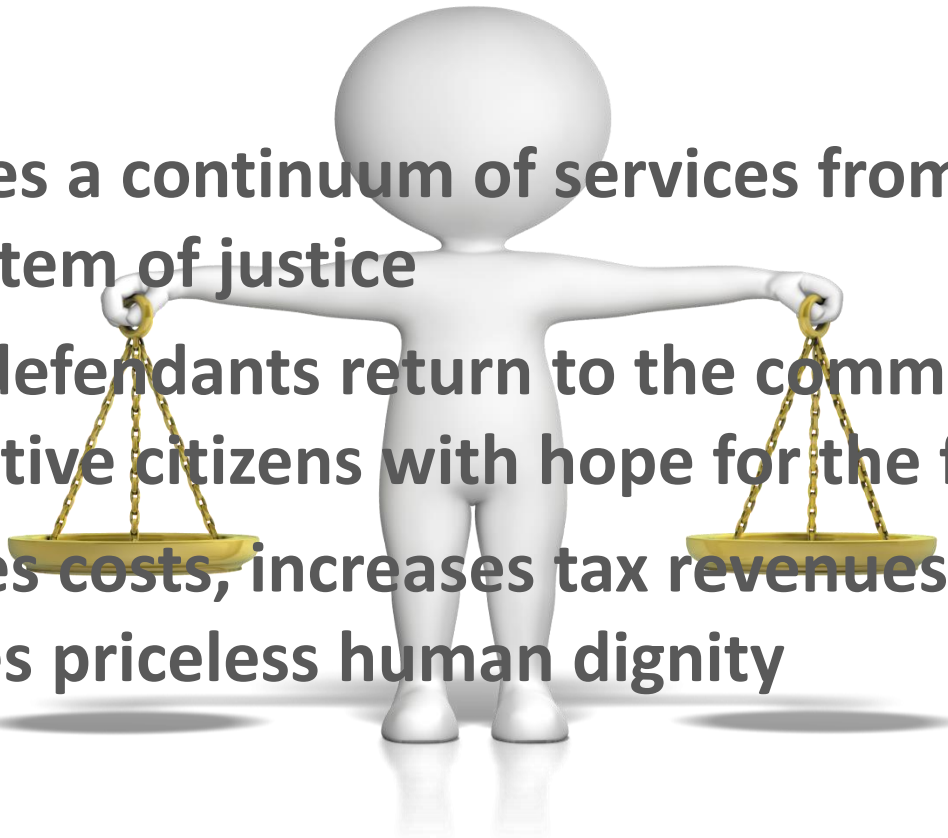
Fees Collected FY 15/16

Drug Court	\$ 35,059
Metamorphosis	\$ 20,135
Probation	\$ 259,606
Work Release	\$ 262,678
Day Reporting	\$ 12,220
Community Service	\$ 14,000
EM/GPS and TAD	\$ 54,040
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED	\$ 657,738



Court Services Summary

- Provides a continuum of services from within the system of justice
- Helps defendants return to the community as productive citizens with hope for the future
- Reduces costs, increases tax revenues, and restores priceless human dignity





QUESTIONS?

