

PRETRIAL SERVICES

Pretrial Bond Services is a program designed to assist in alleviating jail overcrowding by the supervision of arrestees released on bond while awaiting disposition of their pending criminal cases. The staff interviews defendants in custody and provides the Court with verified information that assists the judge in determining the type of bond and bond conditions to be imposed. Supervision of defendants on the Pretrial Bond Supervision Program includes home visits and curfew calls.

PUBLIC SERVICE

The Public Service Program is designed as an available alternative sentencing option where both adults and juveniles are ordered to perform service to community agencies as a condition of their sentence. Charitable, governmental and not-for-profit agencies benefit. Approximately 150 work sites are available in Lake and Cook Counties. Special work projects are also facilitated where workers may earn double hours. Work performed includes maintenance, grounds work and clerical. Light duty projects for people with medical problems are also facilitated.

INTERN PROGRAM

Lake County Adult Probation Services has welcomed students to intern in the various units with Adult Probation. Interns learn the many aspects of the criminal justice system and will be immersed in the day to day operations. Interns often supervise cases under the guidance of Probation Officers and will have the opportunity to conduct intake interviews, record checks, meet with treatment agencies, write reports for the Court, and be exposed to the workings of the felony and misdemeanor courtrooms.

For interns interested in employment as a Probation Officer, interning is a good way to experience the position. Adult Probation Services also has the opportunity to get to know the skills and knowledge the intern brings to Probation as a potential Lake County employee.

LAKE COUNTY ADULT PROBATION SERVICES



Nineteenth Judicial Circuit
15 South County Street
Waukegan, Illinois 60085
(847) 360-6454

"TO SERVE AND PROTECT
THE COMMUNITY"

LAKE COUNTY ADULT PROBATION SERVICES
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
15 SOUTH COUNTY STREET
WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS 60085

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Lake County Judicial System is to serve the public. It accomplishes this mission by providing a fair and efficient system of justice, committed to excellence, fostering public trust, understanding and confidence.

LAKE COUNTY PROBATION SERVICES

Lake County Adult Probation Services employes men and women who in a combined effort, treat those individuals who enter the Court's Criminal Justice System. Although Probation personnel are appointed by and are accountable to the Chief Judge, they are county-based in that the County Board has budget authority and determines compensation.

ADULT PROBATION

Adult Probation Officers maintain responsibility for the day to day supervision and community surveillance of all adults who have been sentenced to probation by the Court. When an offender is placed on probation, Adult Probation Officers are responsible for referring these individuals to agencies which provide the services necessary to address the problems relating to their criminality. "Brokering" probationers to community service agencies is a fundamental casework tool in redirecting an offender's antisocial behavior.

INTENSIVE PROBATION SUPERVISION

For selected felony offenders, Intensive Probation Supervision is a viable sentencing alternative to commitment to the Department of Corrections. Intensive Probation provides a program of high accountability and structure which emphasizes maintenance of regular employment, fiscal responsibility, abstinence from illicit drug use, public service work and the development of a permanent crime-free lifestyle.

Intensive Probation Supervision is a minimum of twelve months and is divided into phases of three, six and three months long. The probationers are seen by a team of Intensive Probation Officers numerous times per week and must abide by a strictly enforced curfew. Probationers that successfully complete IPS are then assigned to a Probation Officer who will provide supervision for the remainder of their sentence to probation.

LAKE COUNTY

ADULT PROBATION SERVICES NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Lake County, Illinois

SPECIALIZED DUI UNIT

The Specialized DUI Unit began in 1986 with a grant from the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts. The program is designed for identification, monitoring, intervention and referral to treatment providers. Based on an offender's prior arrest history and the results of an evaluation by a licensed agent or agency, a case can be assigned to a specialized officer for monitoring and strict enforcement of the Court's order, treatment referral with violators being promptly referred back to the Court.

SEX OFFENDER UNIT

This specialized supervision unit was created in 1995 to enhance the supervision strategies for convicted sex offenders sentenced to treatment and probation. The unit is comprised of experienced probation officers who monitor all offenders convicted of sex related offenses. Their primary responsibilities include: monitoring offenders living and employment arrangements, monitoring the probationers sex offender specific treatment, compliance with no contact orders protecting victims and potential victims, monitoring payment of fines, fees and restitution to victims and monitoring all other special conditions as ordered by the Court. In 1997 the program was the recipient of a grant through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority which provided for the addition of surveillance officers. These officers track the daily activities of assigned offenders during the evening and weekend hours when supervision has traditionally not been available. These officers perform duties which include scheduled and unscheduled home and employment visits, random urinalysis, monitoring of attendance at evening treatment sessions, compliance with no contact provisions of their court order during evenings and weekends, and general surveillance duties.

PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATION UNIT

The Presentence Investigation Unit was created in response to Illinois Statutes requiring the preparation of offender background reports prior to a sentence being imposed. Experienced Probation Officers prepare between 500 and 600 reports for the Judiciary annually. The reports include investigation of the offender's criminal history, previous terms of community supervision or incarceration, the offender's family of origin, his or her current residence and family relations, the educational and employment histories, physical and mental health as well as drug and alcohol addiction histories, any previous treatment history, military history, past and present gang involvement, history of violence and use of weapons and his or her financial situation. The officers are required to research available community resources, analyze the data they have collected and make specific recommendations as to the potential for rehabilitation, risk to the community, and sentencing options available to the Courts.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

This unit is responsible for the day to day supervision of offenders sentenced to probation for domestic violence related cases. Probation Officers "broker" offenders to treatment agencies qualified to treat persons with anger/domestic violence issues and closely monitor their progress. Officers conduct home visits, meet offenders at treatment groups and maintain regular contact with victims.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

Psychological Services for the Lake County Courts. These include fitness to stand trial evaluations, psychological evaluations for defendants about to be sentenced and mental health evaluations of probation clients. Through its Juvenile and Adult Community Resource Liaisons, Psychological Resource coordinates referrals of probation clients to community agencies for a wide range of services. Psychological Services also has a full-time therapist who provides individual and family counseling to youths on juvenile probation. Finally, Psychological Services is responsible for monitoring and evaluating all contractual agreements with community providers.