ABOUT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Established in 2003, the Lancaster County Department of Community Corrections was tasked with designing programs that decrease reliance on the jail by providing alternatives to incarceration for the County and District Courts.

Community Corrections administers 13 programs and ancillary services that provide resources to individuals and coordinate with the court system.

Community Corrections is committed to continually expanding and providing individuals and the court system with alternatives to incarceration.

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**Providing Opportunities for Positive Change**

**Court Reminder Program**
Community Corrections provides court reminder phone calls for individuals without an attorney.

**Community Service**
Community service may be completed as a sentence or in lieu of fines with a completed and approved application with the court. Community service hours are verified and reported to the court upon completion.

**STOP Class**
STOP Class provides an opportunity to dismiss minor traffic violations for eligible offenses. Online and in-person classes are offered.

**House Arrest**
House arrest utilizes electronic monitoring to provide accountability in the community. Clients may be sentenced to house arrest or may be approved by the court to complete house arrest in lieu of jail time.

**24/7 Sobriety Program**
The 24/7 Sobriety Program is an accountability and monitoring program for repeat DUI offenses. Participants complete twice daily breathalyzer testing and have swift, certain sanctions for program violations.

**Drug Testing Services**
Drug Testing Services are provided for all programs, as needed. Drug Testing is on a randomized schedule and is available twice daily between 5:30-9:30 AM and 4:30-7:30 PM. All testing is directly observed and all positive, late or missed tests are reported immediately. Drug testing is also available to clients from outside agencies or court ordered testing, for a fee.

**General Diversion**
General Diversion is available to clients with minimal criminal history for eligible offenses. Clients that successfully complete the requirements of their diversion will have their case dismissed and sealed.

**Veterans Diversion**
Veterans Diversion is a program specific for veterans or current members of the Armed Forces. Clients must be diagnosed on the trauma spectrum connected to their time in the Armed Forces to be eligible. Clients that successfully complete the requirements of their diversion will have their case dismissed and sealed.

**Mental Health Diversion**
Mental Health Diversion is a supportive intervention for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. The program provides case management and connection to community supporters. The program helps to prevent homelessness, unemployment, and incarceration, with the goal of long-term stability in the community. Clients that successfully complete the requirements of their diversion will have their case dismissed and sealed.

**Pretrial Release**
Pretrial Release is a program that allows release from custody under community supervision and other conditions for eligible felony offense prior to the conclusion of the case. Candidates for Pretrial Release have non-violent felony offenses, must complete a screening process, and must comply with conditions such as electronic monitoring, drug screening, daily check-ins, psycho-educational groups, and/or substance dependency treatment.

**Mental Health Pretrial**
Mental Health Pretrial is a program designed for clients with severe and persistent mental health diagnosis that have been placed in custody. Candidates for Mental Health Pretrial are often required to participate in the same services as Pretrial Release and Mental Health Diversion services.

**Sentence Conversion Program**
The Sentence Conversion Program is a post-sentence program for males age 18 to 32. The program is designed to address behavioral health issues and provide supportive housing while serving their sentence on house arrest. The program offers accountability and community safety while securing the foundations for long-term success.

**Reentry Enhancement Grant**
The Reentry Enhancement Grant is a system improvement project intended to target 30+ adult female felony offenders who screen as medium to high risk using gender responsive assessment instruments and 170+ male or female offenders serving a sentence not eligible for reentry community supervision. Evidence based programming and resource allocation will be offered while in custody to better prepare them to live productive, crime-free lives after release to the community.

**Intensive Supervision Diversion**
Intensive Supervision Diversion is a less restrictive way to support individuals charged with an eligible offense related to substance dependency, but who would otherwise be over supervised in a Drug Court program. ISD is ideal for clients with a minimal criminal history. Clients that successfully complete the requirements of their diversion will have their case dismissed and sealed.

**Adult Drug Court**
Drug Court is a specialized court designed for individuals identified as high risk to re-offend and high need for substance use/mental health treatment that have an eligible substance dependency related charge. Upon successful completion of the program, a graduation ceremony takes place and the participants cases will be dismissed and sealed.