

## CHESTER COUNTY

The Department provides the following programs and specialized services:

- **Chronic Substance Abuse Unit** – This specialized unit proactively supervises offenders with recurring substance abuse problems. The offender receives intensive supervision and appropriate counseling. The goal of the Program is to reduce an offender's dependence on drugs and/or alcohol and concurrently their risk of re-offending.
- **Collections Court** – This initiative was implemented in 2013 to improve the collections of Court-ordered moneys. Offenders who are delinquent in payment of Court-ordered moneys are scheduled for a hearing where the Court will set an appropriate payment plan. The Collections Enforcement Unit monitors payment plans. Failure to pay can result in administrative conferences, civil judgments, license suspensions or further Court proceedings for contempt. Collections have increased despite a decrease in the number of offenders on supervision.
- **Drug Court** – This is a diversionary Program for non-violent offenders charged with a drug offense. It is a collaborative effort among the Court, the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, the Adult Probation Department, and the Office of Drug and Alcohol Services. Enrollment is for a minimum of nine (9) months with strict supervision and mandatory substance abuse treatment. The goal of the Program is to eliminate the offender's dependence on drugs and thereby eliminate the need to engage in future criminal activity. If treatment needs warrant it, participation in the Program could be extended beyond nine (9) months.
- **Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Program** – This Program was initiated in October 2011, when the Department became responsible for administration of the Alcohol Highway Safety Program. The Department completes the Court Reporting Network (CRN) Evaluations and teaches the Alcohol Highway Safety Classes.
- **Electronic Monitoring/Intermediate Punishment** – This alternative sentence provides for the electronic home monitoring of offenders. The goal of the Program is to structure and monitor the activities of an offender through the establishment of a curfew. The Program targets second time Driving Under the Influence (DUI) offenders. Electronic monitoring is, also, used as a sanction for violation of probation/parole and as a condition of supervision for probation cases.
- **Enhanced Supervision and Intervention Program** – This specialized unit supervises offenders convicted of a domestic violence related offense. The goal of the Program is to enhance the safety of domestic abuse victims while ending the cycle of abuse. Participants are enrolled in a six (6) month treatment Program for Batterers and are, also, placed on electronic monitoring. The groups are run by contracted vendors: Human Services Inc. and Reading Specialists.
- **Intermediate Punishment Program (IPP)** – This Program primarily targets the offender convicted of DUI. The offender is subject to electronic monitoring, treatment, drug and alcohol testing and intensive supervision.
- **Mental Health Court** – This initiative addresses the needs of the offender with mental health issues. The Program is administered by a Hearing Master and decisions are reviewed by a judge when appropriate.

- **Mental Health Protocol** – This is a collaborative effort among the Adult Probation Department, the Mental Health Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Board, and service providers to assess offenders and develop a treatment and supervision plan. The goal of the Program is to assist offenders who are mentally ill/challenged to successfully complete supervision under the care of appropriate service providers. Three (3) probation officers trained in mental health intervention are assigned to the Program and work closely with the offender’s mental health caseworker.
- **Pre-Trial Services Program** – Cases are screened by the Department to determine suitability for participation. Each morning, new receptions at the Chester County Prison are interviewed for participation. If accepted into the Program, the case is supervised by the Department and may be placed on electronic monitoring.
- **Recovery Court** - This Restrictive Intermediate Punishment Program was initiated in November 2007. The Program targets the second and third time DUI offender. The Program falls under the umbrella of the Drug Court. The offender’s use of alcohol is monitored through the use of Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM) technology. Participants must be evaluated and determined to be drug or alcohol dependent to be eligible.
- **Reentry Program** – This is a collaborative initiative between the Adult Probation Department and the Chester County Prison. Two (2) probation officers investigate and develop parole plans that address the needs of the offender upon release. Probation officers run “Thinking for a Change” groups. Groups are gender specific. Parole violators who participate in the Program receive credit to reduce their sentences.
- **Sexual Offender Program** – There are four (4) probation officers assigned to the supervision of sexual offenders. The offender receives intensive supervision and treatment, which includes polygraph testing. The offender may, also, be placed on electronic monitoring.
- **Swift Alternative Violation Enforcement Program (SAVE)** – The SAVE Program is an intensive probation/parole supervision program which targets high-risk offenders who have demonstrated a history of non-compliance by failing to report to their Probation/ Parole Officer, and use drugs. Additionally, this program targets those offenders who are facing a long periods of incarceration as a result of the violations. SAVE participants are closely supervised, including being subjected to frequent random testing for drug and alcohol use and being required to attend frequent meetings with probation/parole officers. SAVE hopes to improve offender success by immediately imposing sanctions, which can include short periods of incarceration, for violations.
- **Veterans Court** - This Program is a collaborative effort between the Court, Adult Probation Department, District Attorney, Chester County Prison and the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs to identify veterans who are involved in the judicial system. Program focus is on the veteran who had combat duty. A concerted effort is made to address the treatment, housing, medical and employment/vocational needs of veterans under the jurisdiction of the Court.
- **Women’s Reentry Assessment Program (WRAP)** – This reentry initiative seeks to identify female offenders with a history of trauma, to provide case management and counseling services to assist the offender in developing the skills to help them cope with their traumatic experiences and

develop skills to enable them to improve their health and well-being while avoiding further criminal behavior. The Program is funded through a grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD).