

SOLICITOR'S INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

15th Judicial Circuit



Pretrial Intervention Program
Alcohol Education Program
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Pretrial Intervention Program

Pretrial Intervention (PTI) is a diversion program, established by state statute that allows a person charged with a crime the opportunity to examine his or her conduct and lifestyle, pay something back to the community, and avoid a criminal record and prosecution. Upon successful completion the arrest records may be destroyed.

Who is eligible for PTI?

- The offender is at least 18 years of age
- Justice will be served by placing the offender in an intervention program
- The needs of offender and state can be better met outside the traditional criminal justice process
- The offender poses no threat to the community
- The offender is unlikely to be involved in further criminal activity
- The offender is likely to respond quickly to rehabilitative treatment
- The offender has no significant prior criminal history
- No prior participation in PTI

How does the participant enter PTI?

- A participant is referred to PTI by the Solicitor, Magistrate or Municipal Court Judge.
- Participants may be eligible to enroll into the PTI program prior to the scheduled court date for Magistrate and Municipal Court cases only. All General Sessions cases must be referred by the Solicitor.

What is needed to apply?

- Program fee in the amount of \$350.00
- Driver's license (or another photo ID)
- Social Security Card

What is required while in the program?

- Report to PTI as required
- Complete sixty (60) hours of community service work for a non-profit organization
- No illegal drug use
- Pay restitution to the victim if applicable
- Participate in outside services if required (alcohol/drug education or treatment, mental health counseling, life-skills education, anger management, etc.)
- Complete all goals and deadlines

How long is the program?

The length of participation in PTI ranges from four to twelve (4-12) months, based on the participant's individual needs and goals.

Successful Completion

- Upon completion all applicable agencies are notified to dismiss the charge(s)
- Participants have the right to request expungement of the dismissed charge(s) at an additional cost of \$285.00. Expungement is not a requirement.

Unsuccessful Completion

Should a participant unsuccessfully complete the program, the PTI file is closed and the court is notified.