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Connecting People in Need With Those Who Can Help

Alternative Sentencing Program Fact Sheet

What is Alternative Sentencing Program (ASP)?

The mission of Alternative Sentencing Program (ASP) is to provide quality community-based restorative justice sentencing options to Riverside County Courts and the Probation Department and to link Riverside court-ordered residents with those who can help. ASP has been a program of Community Connect since 1978.

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Who uses Alternative Sentencing?

Individuals who are Court or Probation referred use ASP services. In addition, adults and teens can attend drug and alcohol educational programs.

What are the benefits of using ASP for court-referred community service?

By utilizing Alternative Sentencing, clients are ensured safe, monitored and pre-approved community sentence locations and agencies. Clients have complete and certified documentation of community service work completed, which is sent directly to the Court and Probation. The community service completed by ASP clients saves taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars each year and keeps clients out of the already overcrowded prison system. Additionally, their service provides much needed work and manpower to the agencies they are assigned to.

What monitoring services does ASP provide?

ASP will monitor satisfactory completion of hours/classes and provide notification to the Court upon a client's completion and/or failure to successfully complete the program. ASP offers monitoring services in a variety of areas, including:

<i>Domestic Violence Classes</i>	<i>Anger Management</i>	<i>Child BATTERERS/Parenting</i>
<i>Sexual Deviance Classes</i>	<i>Ignition Interlock</i>	<i>Alcohol & Drug Classes</i>
<i>Out of County and State Placements and Transfers</i>		

What alcohol and drug programs does Alternative Sentencing provide?

ASP provides alcohol and drug programs for adults and teens for intervention and diversion.

- **HAMM** (*Hospital and Morgue Mentoring*) - Adults 20 years and older
- **TEMPO** (*Teen Education Mentoring Program*) - Teens 13-19 years old
- **VIP** (*Victim Impact Panel*) - MADD Presentation

How can I support the Alternative Sentencing Program?

- **Donations**

ASP relies on funding from grants and the generous contributions from individuals across Riverside County. Consider a donation today to support the Alternative Sentencing program.

Additional Statistics

- In the past year ASP served nearly 13,000 offenders through community service, monitoring and the TEMPO program
- Of the youth served by ASP, 97 percent that went through the TEMPO program have not re-offended and 98 percent have not re-offended after going through the AWARE program

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