

# INTENSIVE PROBATION SUPERVISION

The Intensive Probation Supervision (IPS) program provides more surveillance of and structure for probationers than standard probation and requires a weekly schedule be turned in and approved. A typical week includes full-time employment or work search, Community Restitution hours, and may also include participation in treatment, drug testing, and educational programs. This type of probation is generally reserved for probationers who are at a higher risk to reoffend and who may not have succeeded on Standard Probation Supervision. It is seen as a prison diversion program and may be a last chance for a probationer to change behavior that has gotten them into trouble in the past. Officers who supervise IPS utilize positive reinforcement and incentives for behavior improvement and apply intermediate sanctions such as decreased free time and short periods of incarceration for negative behavior in accordance with departmental case management policy. Violations of probation are dealt with on a swifter basis than on standard probation as probationers are seen more frequently and a weekly schedule always determines their location.