

Our Individual Programs



General Program

DPP participants will fulfill requirements such as: attend educational or vocational training, pay restitution, complete volunteer community service, secure employment, participate and successfully complete treatment and individual or group counseling (e.g. substance use disorder, domestic violence, anger management, mental health). It is our goal to provide the best wrap-around services as can be offered toward the successful completion of each participant in our program.



Opiate Program (DPP-O)

Participants of the Opiate program will be required to be in compliance with a rigorous drug testing schedule, meet with the DPP counselor face-to-face weekly until advancing in the program, submit a number of written assignments, fully comply with substance use disorder treatment recommendations and address any barriers in leading a sober lifestyle.



Child Abuse Initiative (DPP- CAI)

Eligible participants are provided timely and culturally responsive programming focused on teaching alternative discipline practices and non-violent parenting methods. This diversion program initiative is designed to protect all children and strengthen families by eliminating the use of physical discipline and punishment.



Deferred Prosecution Philosophy and Principles



The Deferred Prosecution Program's (DPP) success depends on our ability to engage, educate and motivate participants while supporting them in completing their Deferred Prosecution Agreement.

DPP aims to increase victim empathy and community engagement while focusing on participants' responsibility to repair the harm done.

Our program assesses participants' risks and needs while targeting interventions appropriately. Our goal is for all participants to leave DPP better prepared to function effectively in the community.



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What is the Deferred Prosecution Program?

It is a voluntary program in which eligible persons can divert out of the formal criminal justice process. Participants sign a Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA) that allows them to complete a set of requirements within a certain time frame in return for reduced charges or dismissal. Conditions of a DPA are specific to the participant. DPP is committed to the protection and safety of the public and fully utilizes a wide spectrum of community resources to facilitate the completion of participant agreements. The program remains in accordance with all statutes and codes to ensure due process for all parties.

Who Benefits from Deferred Prosecution?

Victims who suffer personal property and monetary loss are compensated by the participant through restitution and volunteer community service.

Communities avoid spending tax dollars and resources on court hearings, trials and incarceration for eligible individuals while benefiting from the decrease in recidivism, collection of restitution and community service work completed.

Courts, prosecutors and police benefit from diverting eligible individuals out of the formal criminal justice process to focus limited resources and prioritize cases that require traditional prosecution.

The participants benefit from the opportunity to avoid a criminal conviction and gain access to a range of community resources and services, as well as the education, guidance and support received through case management.

Program Eligibility

- Accept meaningful responsibility for offense behavior.
- Agree to participate voluntarily in the program and sign a DPA.
- Be 17 years of age or older or be waived from juvenile jurisdiction, if under 17.
- No current supervision or under deferred agreement elsewhere.
- No pending or open matters filed or under review.
- No prior criminal convictions within the past 5 years.
- No prior probation, parole, extended supervision or DPP participation within the past 5 years.
- No prior similar conduct.
- No prior or repeat domestic violence or family violence offenses.
- No prior DPP participants who were returned to court for failure to comply.
- Director reviews juvenile history to assess risk.
- Director maintains ability to make exceptions to the above eligibility requirements when compelling circumstances exist.



Program Requirements

Upon entering the program, a participant is required to sign a DPA. The nature and seriousness of the offense, participant risks and needs, as well as availability of community resources, are all factors considered when determining the length, intensity and requirements of their diversion agreement.

The DPP Director has discretion to shorten the length of a participant's agreement if they have made significant progress towards goals or extend the length of an agreement if significant barriers to completion are identified.

If a participant fails to fulfill the terms of their DPA, the agreement will be terminated and the case will be returned to the District Attorney's Office for further action which may result in a criminal conviction.

How is Deferred Prosecution Different from Probation?

A participant placed on probation is found guilty by the judge or jury, or pleads guilty to a charge and is sentenced. Probation involves a higher level of supervision and results in a criminal conviction.

Participation in Deferred Prosecution is not a sentence but a plea is usually entered. A participant may choose to proceed through the court process rather than participate in DPP.

Supervision of participants is provided by DPP case managers and counselors who monitor participant's progress in meeting their DPA requirements.