



COMMUNITY SUPERVISION TERMINOLOGY

Community Supervision The supervision of criminal offenders in the community, as opposed to in a correctional facility, is known as community supervision.

Probation A court-ordered supervision for adult offenders in the community, usually serving as an alternative to jail time/ incarceration. Probationers must follow specific conditions to remain free.

Probation Violations Failure to meet the terms of probation which can result in further legal actions and/or issues.

Probation Terms The specific requirements that a probationer must follow, as determined by the judge.

Condition of Supervision

- Drug Testing – Probationers may be required to submit to random drug and/or alcohol testing.
- Treatment Programs – Probationers may be required to complete a program to address their unique criminogenic needs – substance abuse, mental health, sex offender, domestic violence, etc.
- Community Service – Probationers may be required to perform a specific amount of public service work.
- Fines and Fees – Probationers may be required to pay fines and/or court fees to various agencies.
- Restitution - Probationers may be require to pay restitution to their crime victim(s).
- Employment – Probationers may be required to obtain a job and maintain employment.
- Remain Arrest Free – Committing a new crime is always a probation violation.

Intermediate Sanctions A type of punishment that aims to help offenders remain in the community, reduce prison overcrowding, and lower the chance of recidivism. An example of an intermediate sanction is community service.

Electronic Monitoring Commonly referred to as “tagging,” this involves using an electronic device, such as an ankle monitor, to track a person’s movements.

Home Confinement A form of community control that can be offered as an alternative to incarceration. The justice-involved individual is required to remain within his/her home for specific times during the day.

Risk/Needs Assessment Assesses the likelihood of future criminal conduct and identifies any needs that must be addressed.

Criminogenic Needs Areas related to antisocial behavior and pro-criminal thinking that can be addressed through effective interventions.

Justice-Involved Individual Someone who has had contact with the criminal justice system, whether as a defendant, victim, witness, or suspect – being incarcerated in a jail or prison, being on probation or parole, being under community supervision, being temporarily incarcerated while awaiting trial, and being civilly committed to treatment.

Incarcerated Actively serving a sentence in jail or prison.

Problem-Solving Court Problem-solving courts differ from traditional courts in that they focus on one type of offense or type of person committing the crime. The most common problem-solving courts are drug courts. Problem-solving courts work to achieve two goals.

- Case Management
- Therapeutic Jurisprudence

Case Management Where an interdisciplinary team, led by a judge (or parole authority), works collaboratively to expedite case processing and reduce caseload and time to disposition, thus increasing trial capacity for more serious crimes.

Therapeutic Jurisprudence Where an interdisciplinary team, led by a judge (or parole authority), works collaboratively to reduce criminal offending through therapeutic and interdisciplinary approaches that address substance use disorders and other underlying issues without jeopardizing public safety and due process.

Drug Courts These are specialized court docket programs designed for criminal defendants, juveniles convicted of drug offenses, and parents involved in child welfare cases who are dealing with alcohol or drug dependency issues.

Pending Trial Being detained by the court while awaiting the commencement of a formal trial.

Pending Sentencing Confined in jail following a conviction in court and awaiting sentencing for their crime.

Under Community Supervision Being actively supervised in the community, either on parole, probation, or in an alternative to incarceration program such as a treatment court, reentry court, or other specialty court program.