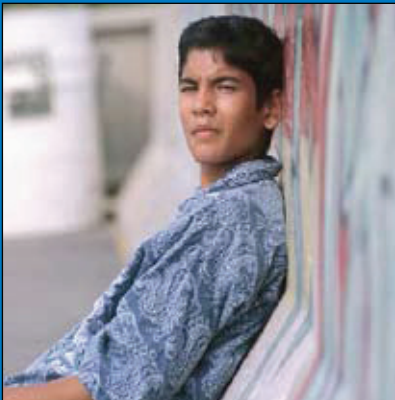


Department of Probation & Court Services
18th Judicial Circuit Court
DuPage County, Illinois

Family Guide

*A Guide for Navigating
Juvenile Probation*



Our Vision...

*"A family-centered juvenile
justice system."*

Please Note:

This brochure was designed as a guide for families working with juvenile probation. It is not intended to provide legal advice. Any legal questions should be discussed with your lawyer.

Our Philosophy for Working with Families

We believe...

- You should be treated with dignity and respect
- Your family's knowledge, values, beliefs and culture should be incorporated into the planning and delivery of services
- You should receive timely, complete, and accurate information in order to effectively participate in decisions
- You are an important and powerful participant in your child's probation
- You and probation staff should work together to design, implement, and monitor the services provided to your child

Our goal is to partner with you as a family. We value and appreciate you as the single greatest influence in your child's life. You can bring about positive change for both your family and the whole community. We encourage you to communicate openly and regularly with probation staff because we share a common goal of success for youth. Together we can develop plans and goals to enable you and your child to have the best possible probation outcome.

The Rights of Parents and Children

1. According to the law, each youth who comes before the Court must be represented by a lawyer.
2. Parents may choose to be represented by a lawyer.
3. Both parents/guardians and children have a right to be present and to be heard at all court hearings which concern them. However, the judge may wish to exclude a child's presence from part of a court hearing.
4. Both parents and children have a right to present evidence to the court and to cross-examine witnesses.
5. Both parents and children have a right to examine court files and records.
6. Both parents and children have a right to appeal any final judgment of a juvenile court to a higher court.

Probation Overview

You have come to the probation office following a formal court process. Most families first meet with probation staff because a judge has ordered them to cooperate with a social history investigation. Families may continue to meet with probation staff after sentencing if your child is ordered to serve his/her sentence in the community under structured supervision. Some families first meet with probation staff after they are sentenced if the judge did not order a social history investigation.

The following pages contain specific information about how we will work with you throughout probation.

Investigations

The Initial Interview

If your child is found guilty of an offense, your family may be directed to the probation department to complete an initial interview. The following will be gathered at this time:

- Signed releases for schools, hospitals, treatment centers, therapists, and other agencies
- Social Security Number and Driver's License information will be collected for required background checks

You will be sent home with a social history packet to complete for your second appointment.

The Social History Interview

The next step toward completing the investigation process is the "Social History Interview." At this appointment, you and your son/daughter will meet with a probation investigator. The appointment will last approximately two hours, with one hour spent with the parent/guardian and one hour with your son/daughter.



- Your family relationships
- Your son/daughter's friends, hobbies, and activities
- Drug and alcohol use
- Counseling
- School attendance and behavior

We will compile this information into a social history report, which the court will utilize when deciding an appropriate outcome for your son/daughter's case.

Probation/Supervision

If your child is ordered to probation or supervision, you will be assigned a casework probation officer.

The primary responsibility of the probation officer is to help you and your child identify and address areas that may contribute to further problems with the law. Through a series of meetings in the office, home and school we will work with your family to develop a shared case plan.

Our case plan will be designed to fulfill court-ordered conditions, increase motivation to change problem behaviors, reduce your son/daughter's risk of re-arrest, and increase the likelihood of successful completion of probation.

As we work with your family, we also ensure that all court-ordered conditions are followed and report progress to the court.

Resources and Probation Programming

The Probation Department has many programs and services designed to help your family with issues like substance abuse, mental health and behavior challenges, and family conflict. You will be provided information on these resources and your probation officer will refer you to programs which may help your family.

Financial Expenses

Probation Fees

The payment of monthly probation fees is a standard condition of probation.

Reimbursement expenses for counseling, services and placement

The court may order you and/or your child to receive services or counseling.

These services may require you to pay expenses or reimburse the county for money it has spent on your child for treatment services or residential placement.

Following are some of the services the court may require and their approximate cost.

Counseling for child or family \$ 60 – \$ 95 per session

Placement

Foster Care \$ 45 – \$ 100 a day

Group Home \$ 150 – \$ 300 a day

Residential Treatment \$ 85 – \$ 400 a day

Medical, dental, educational or clothing expenses - varies

Transportation to and from placement or from other jurisdictions - varies

Psychological Evaluations \$ 600 – \$1200 per test

Neurological Examinations \$1000+

Glossary

Administrative Sanctions – A consequence issued by probation staff for violations of court orders that don't involve an arrest.

Assessment – A research-based evaluation to determine a youth's risk for re-arrest and service needs. Probation staff typically use the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI).

Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) – Probation's philosophy that stresses restoration or reparation of the harm caused by the youth. Results are measured by how much repair is done rather than by how much punishment was inflicted.

Community Service – Community service is a frequently ordered condition for youth on probation. The judge will order a specific number of service hours and probation staff will refer you to a site at which to complete these hours.

Court Supervision – A sentence that requires a youth to report to a probation officer for a specific time period. Upon successful completion of the supervision period, the youth's case is closed by the court without an official adjudication of delinquency.

Detention – Form of temporary incarceration for youth offenders in a secure detention facility.

Expungement – A process to destroy, erase, or seal a criminal record. Most often a lawyer is needed to start this process. Expungement can only occur after the youth's conditions have been satisfied and the case is closed.

Felony – A more serious offense than those called misdemeanors. Any person convicted of a felony must submit his/her DNA to the Illinois State Police for indexing. The sample is collected by probation staff.

Home Detention – A form of temporary detention that restricts youth to their home. Participants wear an electronic monitoring device and are required to report to Home Detention Officers. Youth ordered to home detention may be permitted to attend school, work, church or counseling appointments.

Indirect Criminal Contempt (ICC) – Sometimes referred to as Contempt of Court, this alleges the youth has violated a court ordered condition, ICC's are punishable by a maximum sentence of 180 days in Juvenile Detention.

Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ) – IDJJ is the state's juvenile prison system.

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) –DCFS works to protect children who are reported as abused or neglected and to increase their families' capacity to safely care for them

Misdemeanor – A less serious offense than a felony.

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Probation Violation Memo – A document sent by the probation officer to the State Attorney's Office with information on an alleged probation violation. Usually a PTR or an ICC will be recommended.

Petition to Revoke (PTR) – This document is filed by the State Attorney's Office in the event of an alleged violation of a court-ordered condition. If the court determines a violation has occurred, probation may be extended or a different sentence may be ordered.

Restitution – The money a judge orders the offender to pay a victim to compensate them for the damages related to the offense.

Risk Level – Indicates how likely the youth is to be re-arrested on considerable research. Youth are classified as minimum, medium or high risk. This level helps determine services your family receives and how much contact you will have with your probation officer. Risk level is likely to change over time.

Important Names & Contact Information

The Judge for your case _____

Your Courtroom _____

DuPage County State's Attorney..... 630.407.8000

DuPage County Public Defender..... 630.407.8300

Juvenile Probation Fax Number..... 630.407.8401

Probation Bookkeeping (including Restitution)..... 630.407.8415

Your Attorney _____ Phone _____

Probation Investigator _____ Phone _____

Casework Probation Officer _____ Phone _____

Notes _____

Juvenile Probation Department

503 North County Farm Road

Wheaton, Illinois 60187

Telephone: 630.407.8400

Fax: 630.407.8401

Website: <http://www.dupageco.org/probation>

Email: probation@dupageco.org

Office Hours:

8:00am - 4:30pm

Monday - Friday

Call for evening appointments



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