

ALTERNATIVE DETENTION SERVICES

The primary function of the Alternative Detention Services (ADS) program is to provide an alternative to detention for pretrial and probation youth. The ADS program allows youth to remain in the community and stay connected to community resources such as school, counseling, and drug/alcohol treatment.

Youth are court-ordered into the Community Detention (CDET) and Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM) programs. A contract outlining the expectations of the assigned program(s) are read and explained to both the youth and their parent/guardian. Youth who violate these expectations can be scheduled for a violation hearing, or be required to turn themselves in to secure detention where they are brought back in front of the court to explain why they violated their release conditions.

The overarching mandate is to ensure public safety and hold youth accountable for their actions and behaviors.

Community Detention (CDET)

Community Detention (CDET) is a court-ordered program that provides additional supervision in the community seven days a week. Youth ordered to the CDET program are placed on house arrest and allowed to leave home only with a supervising adult or to attend preapproved programs such as school, counseling or employment. This program is for moderate- and high-risk youth who are on pretrial status or before the court for violating their probation conditions.

Community Detention monitors are responsible for face-to-face contacts and phone calls to youth ordered into the program. The frequency of the contact depends on the assessed supervision needs of each youth. Random unannounced visits will be made at home, school, work or appointments regardless of a youth's supervision phase. The team of Community Detention monitors is carefully trained to detect violations of the court-ordered release conditions or potential threats to public safety. Monitors report any changes in a youth's home or school situation to the assigned probation officer. If a youth engages in any activity that places the community at risk, he/she may be removed from the program and held in secure detention.

The CDET program provides youth the opportunity to continue with school or employment and maintain their community ties, support systems, or alternative care. In addition, youth are closely supervised and held accountable for their actions. Due to the additional supervision in the community, it increases the likelihood these youth will return to court for future hearings.

Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM)

Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM) is an alternative detention program which allows the court the option of releasing youth from secure detention who need enhanced supervision and structure. Without EHM, these youth would remain in secure detention.

The youth's compliance in the program is monitored electronically. The youth wears an ankle bracelet that is placed on the youth by a court employee. The youth is tracked in the community through GPS software to ensure he/she is where they are supposed to be. A daily report for each youth is generated by the EHM monitoring company and transmitted to court staff through

e-mail. This information is examined by staff and any violations of the authorized schedule are reported to the assigned probation officer for further consideration to determine if additional action is necessary.

Weekend Alternative Detention

Alternative Detention is a day program developed as an alternative to secure detention. It can be used as a sanction for probation youth when they violate their supervision conditions. Alternative Detention is a very interactive, “hands-on” two-day program held on designated weekends of each month. Youth are required to participate in all aspects of the program throughout the two days. This could include role-playing, group discussions and written work. Youth focus on skill-building techniques to help prevent a new offense or future probation violation. The goal is to help youth recognize barriers to being successful and thinking of the consequences to their actions ahead of time.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM)

What is the cost for Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM)?

- There is no cost.

Is the EHM bracelet waterproof?

- The ankle bracelet is not waterproof and cannot be submerged under water.

Who do I contact for EHM windows?

- The assigned probation officer should be contacted 48 hours in advance for window approval.

How long will I be on the EHM program?

- A judge determines the length of time you are ordered into the program. Generally, youth ordered into the program for a probation violation have a specific amount time which is located on your court order.
- Youth in the program for a pre-trial offense are generally ordered into the program until a judge releases them from the program at a future hearing.

What are the rules of the EHM program?

- Please review your ‘Order on Alternative Detention Services (ORADS)’ court order for specific rules.

Community Detention (CDET)

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What are the rules of the CDET program?

- Please review your 'Order on Alternative Detention Services (ORADS)' court order for specific rules.

Do the approved supervising adult and child need to call CDET prior to leaving the home for an outing?

- Yes

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