

Principles of Pretrial Service Programs

The purpose of pretrial diversion/intervention programs is to enhance Justice and public safety through addressing the root cause of the arrest-provoking behaviors of the defendant, reducing the stigma which accompanies a record of conviction, restoring victims, and assisting with the conservation of court and criminal justice resources.

Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Program

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Dodge County Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Program

Promoting Pretrial Justice through
Pretrial Services



Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) is a program that offers an alternative to incarceration for qualifying non-violent offenders, with the intent of deterring future criminal behavior.

Community Benefits of Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Programs

TAD programs provide District Attorneys or judges with options to offer offenders the opportunity to enter into voluntary substance abuse treatment, case management, and other risk reduction services as a safe alternative to jail or prison confinement.

The stigma of a criminal conviction in today's society is considerable. In the past, one might have been afforded more privacy for such a conviction but in the world of internet and open records, a criminal conviction can carry a substantial burden.

The collateral consequences of a criminal conviction can be devastating to future employment as well as for public assistance and higher educational opportunities.

Pretrial Services are designed to deliver on two primary goals – reducing recidivism rates and reduce jail/prison populations by providing community-based interventions.

Diverting non-violent offenders into substance abuse treatment keeps them out of jail/correctional facilities – thereby saving bed space and taxpayer dollars and increasing public safety – as well as treating the underlying addiction that may have influenced the commission of a crime or may contribute to future criminal behavior.

Dodge County TAD assesses individuals in Dodge County charged with a crime typically related to the use or abuse of alcohol and/or other drugs. The District Attorney's office and client's attorney are then responsible for drafting a Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA) amenable to all parties.

Treatment is provided through the Clinical Services Unit of the Dodge County Human Services and Health Department. All services related to treatment are conveniently located in the Henry Dodge Building.



"These programs have a proven track record of reducing recidivism, making good use of public dollars and meeting the needs of offenders while ensuring accountability."

- Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen