

ISP FACT SHEET

Intensive Supervision Program

Administrative Office of the Courts

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THE INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY

New Jersey's Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) was established in 1983 to reduce prison overcrowding by allowing carefully selected offenders to serve the remainder of their sentence in the community. In its beginning stages, ISP had less than 100 participants. Today, there are over 1140 participants.

By no means is the Intensive Supervision Program a "slap on the wrist". It is, as the name implies, "intense". ISP's strict conditions promote a responsible lifestyle. ISP participants must maintain full-time employment, pay taxes, abide by a strict curfew, remain drug and alcohol free, pay court-ordered fines, pay child support, keep a diary, follow a strict budget and perform community service. Participants are returned to state prison to complete their original sentence if they fail to meet the program's requirements. Among the participants that graduated from 2008 through 2010 the recidivism rate after they had spent 3 years in the community was an impressive 17.6%.

Treatment is a vital component of the program. ISP participants attend inpatient and outpatient treatment programs, including psychological counseling with trained professionals. They also attend support groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and Gamblers Anonymous. Group meetings and educational seminars are available to ISP participants and include GED programs, vocational training, parenting skills, Women's support group, addiction and relapse awareness and budgeting skills.

Offices

ISP regional offices are located throughout the state. The Administrative Office is located in Trenton and houses its own Fiscal Unit, Screening Board and Administrative Support Staff. These offices are open normal business hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

The map indicates which counties are covered by each ISP Regional Office.



ISP Participants

Over 97,100 applications have been received and only 23% of the offenders have been selected to participate in ISP since program inception. To be considered for entry into ISP, an inmate must have been convicted of a non-violent offense and be serving a state prison term. Program guidelines permit all persons sentenced to state prison term to be eligible for program consideration except those applicants convicted of a homicide, sex offense, crime of first degree, robbery, organized crime or public corruption. People violated from Drug Court for violation of special probation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:35-14 are ineligible. Those convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon (N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5(h)) are also ineligible. Those serving a term with a period of parole ineligibility are also denied until the period of parole ineligibility has been served. Inmates sentenced to second degree offenses are eligible to participate, however if the Prosecutor objects, the inmate must serve six months of their sentence and be within nine months of their earliest parole eligibility date before being released into ISP.

ISP Sanctions

Every program infraction results in the imposition of a sanction. The most commonly applied sanctions are incident reports, increased curfew restrictions, home detention, short term incarceration and increased community service. Pre-signed warrants are activated by ISP's Resentencing Panel for those who have violated certain program conditions or have absconded from supervision. All ISP warrants have a no bail status and are placed in the National Crime Information Center system (NCIC) due to their extraditable status. As a state agency, ISP's NCIC terminal is supported by ISP staff from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ISP's NCIC terminal operator can be reached at (609) 984-2540. After hours, the Department of Corrections Central Communications Center manages the NCIC terminal and is authorized to enter warrants and answer hit confirmation requests on ISP's behalf.

ISP is a department of the Probation Services Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts. ISP officers do not carry firearms and are unable to make arrests and therefore ISP relies on municipal, county and state level agencies to apprehend its fugitives and to transport them to a county jail facility. Officers who are certified to use OC Spray carry it.

ISP participants who abscond outside of New Jersey are extraditable. ISP works alongside the Department of Corrections and the New Jersey Division of Parole's Interstate Compact Unit to extradite those individuals to New Jersey. If new charges are issued out of state, the participant is held until the trial and possible sentence is complete.

ISP uses the Flag Arrest Notification feature in CJIS for notification of a participant issued new charges. ISP Officers are trained in the Municipal Court Systems (ATS/ACS), Promis-Gavel and the County Correctional Information System (CCIS). However, ISP encourages agencies to make contact if a participant is a suspect, victim or witness to a crime. Please contact your nearest Regional office or the Administrative Office in Trenton if these situations arise. ISP has greatly appreciated the assistance from NJ Law Enforcement for the past 32 years and looks forward to continued cooperation.

If your agency has any questions regarding the New Jersey Intensive Supervision Program, please feel free to contact any ISP Regional Office or the ISP Administrative Office in Trenton.

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