



Intensive Supervision Program



**New Jersey
Administrative
Office of the Courts**



In the Beginning...

Funded by the Legislature at the request of the Office of the Governor, ISP was created in 1983.

For more than thirty years, ISP has been a component of the Probation Services Division of the New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts.





The Intensive Supervision Program Is...

- **An intermediate form of punishment which permits carefully selected state-prison sentenced offenders to serve the remainder of their sentences in the community rather than in prison. ISP is a “prison without walls”.**
- **A highly structured and rigorous form of community supervision which involves extensive client contact, surveillance, a restrictive curfew and urine monitoring (two to three times per week) for alcohol and drugs, including marijuana.**



The Intensive Supervision Program Is...

- An application screening process which selects only those inmates who have the potential to succeed on ISP and are not likely to jeopardize community safety.
- A process which seeks input from the sentencing judges, prosecutors, police, victims, pre-sentence report writers, and probation/parole officers.



The Intensive Supervision Program Is...

- A supervision program which mandates full-time employment, community service, maintenance of a budget and diary, payment of all court ordered financial obligations, payment toward child support, and the cost of the program.
- A program that requires participants to address their addictions and other problems through the use of special services and treatment, as they work their way toward completion of the program.



ISP Strives to Achieve the Following Goals:

- **Reduce the number of offenders serving state prison sentences by permitting them to be resentenced to an intermediate form of punishment.**
- **Improve the utilization of correctional resources by making additional bed space available for violent criminals.**
- **Provide an alternative to incarceration for selected offenders that is less costly and more effective.**

While on ISP, our participants...

- **Must adhere to imposed curfews.**
- **Must remain drug and alcohol free.**
- **Must maintain full-time employment.**
- **Must complete 16 community service hours each month.**
- **Must attend treatment.**
- **Must pay court imposed financial obligations and fees.**



ISP Means...



Discipline

- **Officers impose strict curfews and home-confinements on participants.**
- **Violating program rules may lead to temporary custodial placement, or to permanent return to state prison.**

ISP Means...



Hard Work

- **Participants must maintain full-time or part-time employment.**
- **Participants must fulfill all court imposed financial obligations.**

ISP Means...

More Than Just a Punishment

- Our participants go through rigorous inpatient and outpatient treatment programs as well as self-help programs such as AA, NA, and GA.
- Many attend cognitive skills or other psychologically oriented workshops headed by professionals or their officer.

ISP Works



Low Recidivism Rate

Among the participants who graduated from 2008 through 2010 only 17.6% were convicted of a new indictable offense after three years in the community.

ISP Works

Low Cost

➤ Compared to state imprisonment, ISP supervision is approximately 1/3 the cost. (\$44,600 vs. \$14,788)

➤ Since 1983, ISP has saved the State of New Jersey over 643 million dollars in avoided prison costs.

ISP Works

Contribution to the Economy

Since 1983, more than
\$47,000,000 has been
collected in restitution,
fines, fees, and penalties.



ISP Works

Contribution to the Community



- Since 1983, ISP participants have performed over 4.6 million hours of community service.
- The cost would amount to over 31 million dollars, if participants were paid the minimum wage.



How Do We Supervise Our Participants?

- **ISP officers devote approximately 80% of their time to direct field supervision.**
- **Caseloads are generally maintained at a maximum of 20 participants per officer.**
- **Participants are seen at regional offices, home, work, treatment programs, and community service sites.**

ISP Statistics Today

- **Over 94,000 applications have been received since 1983.**
- **Over 9,400 participants have graduated from ISP.**
- **Of those who have applied, over 21,000 have been admitted.**
- **At present, there are 1200 actively supervised participants on ISP.**

ISP Statistics

- **Monthly community service compliance was 98%.**
- **ISP participants' overall employment rate 95%.**
- **Monthly contact compliance was 100%.**



Why Does ISP Work?

Accessibility 24 Hours Per Day, Every Day

Participants can contact their ISP officer or a covering staff member 24 hours a day, every day of the year via phone or page to a smartphone.



Why Does ISP Work?

Thorough Substance Abuse Monitoring



- Participants are screened as frequently as three times per week .
- All participants are randomly monitored, with 85% of participants monitored on a regular basis.
- ISP uses different techniques, such as instant urines cups and oral swabs.

Why Does ISP Work?

Treatment As the Cornerstone

➤ Regional offices offer group meetings and educational seminars in topics, such as parenting skills, budgeting, child abuse, addiction, relapse, and AIDS.



➤ ISP uses more than 100 outpatient and in-patient substance abuse, alcoholism, and psychological treatment providers.

Why Does ISP Work?

Tough Sanctions

Every program infraction results in the imposition of a sanction.

- **Among the most commonly applied sanctions are incident reports, increased curfew restrictions, home detention, and short term incarceration.**
- **Participants who abscond from supervision are pursued by law enforcement, extradited if out of state, and face an additional charge of escape.**



Any Questions?



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