

What is probation?

Probation is a court sentence that allows certain clients to stay in the community under the supervision of a probation officer. Probation is a part of the New Jersey court system.

Probation is not parole. Parole monitors those released from state prison after they serve most of their sentences.

Probation supervision involves working with a probation officer to successfully complete your probation term. It also involves reporting to the probation office, attending school, work, or job training programs and, when appropriate, participation in substance abuse and other treatment programs as well as community service.

The probation division also includes a child support enforcement unit that monitors child and spousal support orders. If you have a child support case, your probation officer will work with your child support caseworker to help you pay your support.

New Jersey Judiciary's Office of Probation Services is committed to the welfare and safety of children, families and communities through the fair treatment of all individuals by:

- Promoting positive behavioral change through the use of evidence-based practices.
- Ensuring that individuals remain accountable to their families and communities.
- Collaborating with the community and staff while responding pro-actively to change.



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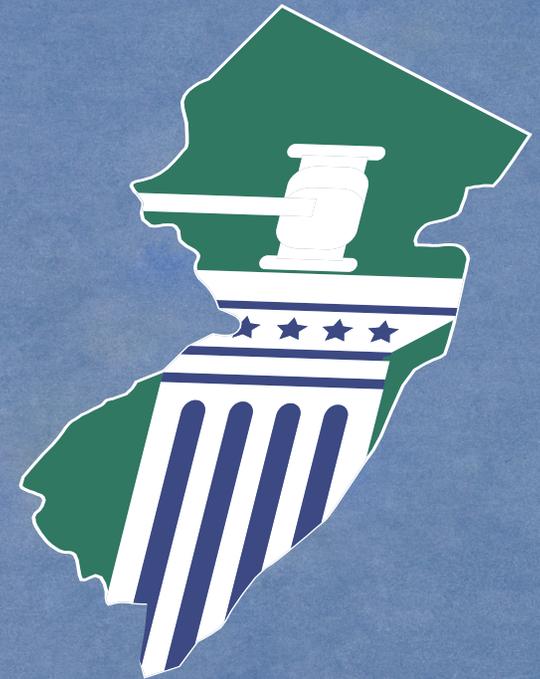
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Probation Supervision What Happens Next?



For more information about probation services,
go to www.njcourts.gov and search
for probation services.

What can I expect while I am on probation?

Probation officers, who are trained professionals, will work with you, your family, the court and community providers to help you accomplish your goals and stay arrest free.

Probation will begin with a meeting with your probation officer to develop a list of goals that will be used as a roadmap for successfully completing probation. This roadmap is your case plan.

A risk assessment tool will be used to develop the case plan, which could include drug testing, community service, home visits and setting up a payment plan for fines. Your probation officer will have regular contact with you in your home and at their office to assist you throughout this process.

What services can probation connect me with?

You will receive help and be connected to education, job training and placement, housing assistance, drug and alcohol treatment and counseling services, among other services, that are available in your community.

You also will be connected to information about job readiness, financial literacy, self-help organizations such as Narcotics Anonymous (NA), Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), and 12 steps and basic civics.

At probation services, our staff act as liaisons with community service partners and other organizations and collaborate

to provide services that will help you to change behavior and will help you to improve your life.

Am I expected to work while I am on probation?

Yes. In fact, clients often are required to have a job if they are on probation.

Where can I pay my fines?

You can pay your fines in person at the local probation office or courthouse or by mail.

How do I participate in community service?

A community service sentence will require you to work at a non-profit organization, government agency and/or a self-enrichment organization for a period of time decided by the court. Probation staff will make sure you are referred to a suitable community service worksite or alternative where you can complete hours.

What if I am unable to complete my community service?

You should contact your local probation office for guidance and or options you might have if you feel as though you cannot complete community service. We will work to connect you and provide you with any alternatives that qualify for community service hours.

Office of Probation Services Units

Probation is more than community supervision and enforcing court orders.

Probation is focused on strengthening and supporting our communities. Probation also consists of the following units:

- **Adult Supervision**
- **Adult Mental Health Supervision**
- **Child Support Enforcement**
- **Collections Enforcement Program (CEP)**
- **Domestic violence**
- **Recovery Court Supervision**
- **Intensive Supervision Program/ Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program (ISP/JISP)**
- **Interstate Compact**
- **Juvenile Supervision**
- **Office of the Ombudsman**
- **Quality Assurance and Analytics**
- **Sex Offender Supervision**