

## RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT COURT Pretrial Services Unit

Through a Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant, the Rhode Island District Court is partnering with Fellowship Health Resources, Inc., a non-profit behavioral healthcare agency serving persons with mental illness and substance abuse disorders in the development of this collaborative treatment program.

The Intensive Diversion Program “IDP” is currently accepting new applicants.

### What is a “diversion” program?

Recognizing that an increasing number of misdemeanor offenders are acknowledging that they are struggling with mental health problems and substance abuse issues, the court is working with people to obtain the help they need to stay out of the criminal justice system. The “IDP” offers defendants, who meet eligibility requirements, the opportunity to have their charges dismissed if they are willing to participate in and complete the program.

### The Intensive Diversion Program (IDP) Consists of:

- Attendance in an eight (8) week Psychosocial Educational “LIFE SKILLS” Group, every Monday through Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for a total of sixty-four (64) hours of group time.
- Participation in treatment services as recommended by the Pretrial Services Unit and Fellowship Health Resources staff.
- Participation in a data collection interview with researchers upon enrollment, at six (6) months, and at twelve (12) months after you complete the program.
- Compliance with any and all other conditions of bail that may be set forth by the court and/or the Pretrial Services Unit staff.
- Agree to have your participation in the program monitored by the Pretrial Services Unit by signing releases for all providers.

### How do I get my charges dismissed?

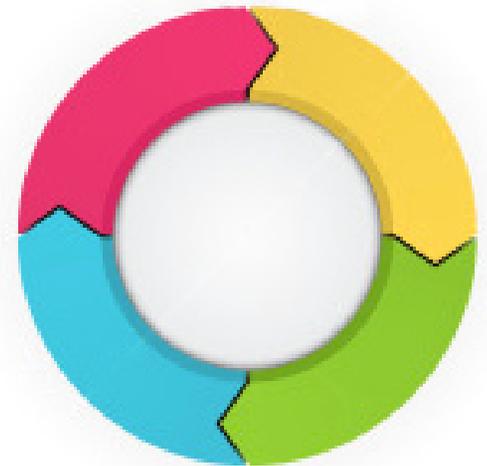
The Pretrial Services Unit will monitor your participation in the “IDP” along with any other conditions of your bail. Reports will be submitted to the court to communicate your progress in the group and with your treatment

provider. Once you have completed the eight (8) week “Life Skills” Group and are well established with a treatment provider, your Pretrial Services Investigator will make the recommendation to the court for the dismissal of your charges.

### Do I qualify?

- Are you an adult charged with a non violent misdemeanor offense?
- Do you have a minimal or no prior record?
- Are you struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues?
- Are you willing to get help and learn skills that will help you take your life in a new direction?

### Is it a cycle of events?



*Working together to help you  
find your "restart" button...*

The Pretrial Services Unit will work with Fellowship Health Resources to identify your needs and link you to treatment services.

*Fellowship staff will:*

- Help you get into treatment if you are not already receiving services;
- Help you get established with other community resources to help you meet your basic needs; and
- Through the "Life Skills" Group, they will teach you ways to avoid high risk situations, stay out of trouble, and get your life back on track.

If you think you may be eligible  
for this program you can  
request a screening through  
your Pretrial Services  
Investigator or your attorney.



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