

## NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

The Department provides the following programs and specialized services:

- **Active Global Positioning System (GPS)** – This Program provides a technologically advanced form of monitoring offenders in the community and provides the Court with another sentencing alternative. Through the use of a Portable Tracking Device (PTD) an offender can be monitored at all times in “real time.” The Program is used for sentenced offenders and for those placed on house arrest prior to sentencing. All SORNA offenders participate. There were thirty-nine (39) offenders in the Program at the time of the audit.
- **Community Work Service Program** – The goal of this Program is to arrange for offenders to complete community service at various non-profit agencies. Offenders are either sentenced by the Court to perform community service work or petition the Court to do community service work in lieu of paying Court costs and fines. This is usually approved for indigent offenders. Probation Officer Terry Langen, who places offenders at over ninety (90) participating agencies, coordinates the Program. Community service for ARD cases (which are not supervised by the Department) is, also, coordinated through the Adult Probation Department.
- **Drug Court** – This program is a post-sentencing program in which offenders can apply for when they are pending violation.
- **Intensive Supervision** – Two (2) probation officers supervise approximately eighty (80) high-risk and/or high-need offenders. These offenders are strictly supervised and placed into treatment programs to assist in their rehabilitation. Offenders placed on Intensive Supervision include: sexual offenders; offenders convicted of an assaultive offense; offenders with mental health issues; offenders with drug and/or alcohol issues. The sexual offender population receives polygraph testing as part of the treatment process. The probation officer works closely with the mental health caseworker to ensure that offenders with mental health issues receive appropriate treatment.
- **Intermediate Punishment (IP) Program** – The goal of this Program is to provide a sentencing alternative to the Court. Offenders sentenced to Intermediate Punishment may be subject to special conditions imposed by the Court, placed on house arrest/electronic monitoring, placed in the Work Release Program, or placed on intensive supervision.
- **Internet Probation and Parole Control, Inc.** – The Department uses computer software to monitor the internet use of sexual offenders.
- **In-House Hearings** – Administrative Hearings are held as an alternative to formal violation proceedings. The goal of the hearings is to assist the offender in complying with the conditions of supervision rather than face potential incarceration through formal revocation proceedings. The violations are filed but withdrawn after thirty (30) days if the offender becomes compliant.
- **Institutional Probation Officer** – One (1) probation officer is assigned to the prison to deal with intermediate punishment and parole cases. The officer is responsible for approving parole plans and preparing the court petitions for parole cases. The officer is, also, involved in a mental health roundtable to address the needs of the offender with mental health needs upon his release.

- **Mental Health Court** – Implementation of this problem solving court began on January 7, 2015. Eligibility for participation is determined by the Office of the District Attorney. Offenders diagnosed with a serious mental illness and accepted for participation, go through three (3) phases for a total of eighteen (18) months. The offender is assigned a case manager and probation officer who oversee all treatment needs. Upon graduation the charges are dismissed.
- **Psychological Consultation** – The goal of this Program is to provide the services of a clinical psychologist to offenders, when needed, and to provide a consultation source for the Department. The Department contracts with Dr. Robert Wisser to provide services to the Department. Dr. Wisser conducts anger management and parenting classes for offenders, completes Court-ordered psychological evaluations and, provides time for case conferences with probation officers.
- **Treatment Continuum Alternative Prison (T-CAP)** – The goal of the Program is to reduce prison overcrowding. The target population is the Level 3 and Level 4 Sentencing Guideline non-violent offender with a drug abuse problem. The offender receives ninety (90) days inpatient therapy followed by intensive out-patient therapy, and six (6) months intensive supervision with GPS monitoring.
- **Weed and Seed Program** – This Program is a collaborative effort between the Easton and Bangor Police Departments and the Adult Probation Department to monitor offenders in the community. The ride along Program operates during non-traditional work hours.