



# Washington County Community Corrections: Family Sentencing Alternative Program (FSAP)

House Bill 3503 established the FSAP program for qualified justice involved individuals who have primary custody of a minor child (or who are pregnant) at the time of the offense to divert from prison to probation. The intent is to promote reunification of families, prevent children from entering foster care system and hold offenders

## *Eligibility Requirements*

1. The presumptive sentence is a term of imprisonment of at least one year and is either a new conviction or an existing supervised conviction; and
2. Defendant/Probationer is not currently being sentenced for; a person felony OAR 213-003-0001 (14) or a sex crime as defined in ORS 181.805; or an offense requiring a specific sentence under ORS 137.635, 137.700, 137.707, 164.061, 475.907, 475.925, 475.930, 813.010; and
3. Defendant/Probationer is the primary parent or legal guardian of a minor child and has physical custody of the child at the time of the offense or the defendant/probationer is pregnant at the time of sentencing.

## *Process for Acceptance into Program*

1. If the Eligibility Requirements above are met, contact Brooke Vice at 503-846-3580 or [brooke\\_vice@co.washington.or.us](mailto:brooke_vice@co.washington.or.us) to start the referral/application process.
2. A Release of Information is signed to allow Community Corrections to receive any relevant information necessary from the Department of Human Services (DHS) regarding defendant's minor children.
3. If accepted, participation will be required for the first 18 months of the probationary sentence and comply with general probation conditions and any additional court order special conditions. Examples of such special conditions are:  
Geographical restrictions, electronic surveillance, parenting classes, mental health and/or alcohol/drug treatment, no intimate partners without prior permission from probation officer, drug

## *What does FSAP participation entail?*

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- The justice involved individual (JII) signs a release of information for the Probation Officer to work with DHS (if they are involved). This streamlines the requirements and keeps the focus on successful parenting. If DHS is not involved, there will still be an emphasis on parenting as a component of supervision to ensure the JII has the support and skills needed to successfully parent.
- The Probation Officer completes much of the supervision within the JII's home. This different model of supervision focuses on parenting and building rapport with the JII and their families. This diversifies the reporting process and minimizes the disruption to their lives.
- The Probation Officer will work with the JII the first few meetings to establish a case plan. For female clients, this will include the new Women's Risk Need Assessment (WRNA) which focuses on needs including trauma, relationships, and parenting. This model of supervision encourages honesty, treatment and increases motivation for change in their lives while providing support and accountability.
- To minimize disruption to the children, alternative sanctions are used as often as possible, as safety allows. Examples are verbal or written interventions, curfews, GPS, cognitive based assignments. Revocation will be used only as a last resort.
- Emphasis will be placed on engaging the JII in pro-social activities including rewards for participation, strong positive peer support, parenting assistance and role modeling.

Please feel free to contact Christina Stephens, the Parole/Probation Officer supervising program participants, to learn more about resources available.

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