

# Supervision & Accommodations

Tools to assist clients in successfully completing  
community supervision requirements



# Who We Are

- The DC Jail and Prison Advocacy Project (JPAP) assists and advocates for formerly incarcerated DC residents diagnosed with psychiatric disabilities during reentry.
- Evidence-based, client-centered approach for individuals with psychiatric disabilities, intellectual disabilities, traumatic brain injuries, and co-occurring substance use disorders.
- 90% of our clients are chronically homeless and over 90% are people of color

# What is Supervision?

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## Parole:

Supervision requirements that are implemented after someone is released from serving a sentence of incarceration.

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## Probation:

Community supervision requirements that must be completed in lieu of a period of incarceration.

# Standard Requirements for Supervision

- Report to your supervision officer within 24-48 hours of release
- Home visits – must have a verifiable address
- Employment checks – must have verifiable legal employment
- Weekly meetings with supervision officer
- Weekly drug testing

# Standard Requirements for Supervision (continued)

- Resolve court-ordered financial obligations
- No unapproved associations with people who have criminal records
- Rehab programs
- Geographic movement is limited
- Any additional special conditions

# Talking to Your Client

- Do they want you to be involved with supervision?
- What are their goals for supervision?
- Have they been on supervision before? Did they struggle?
- Get the conditions of their release, including any special conditions
- What accommodations do they need?



## Examples of Accommodations

- Afternoon appointments
- Limiting the number of weekly visits to the office
- Collateral Contacts
- Alternate meeting locations
- Specific Supervision Officer
- Substantial Compliance
- Alternate programming
- Include advocate in meetings and updates


# Introducing yourself to the Supervision Officer

- You are the advocate: Make sure they understand that you are not the criminal defense attorney
- Have client sign their designated release form
- If you are asking for an accommodation, you will likely have to teach them about the disability and why certain accommodations will be beneficial
- Become a collateral contact





# Tip: Don't Get Your Client Arrested

- Take a client centered approach
  - You are helping your client—not the supervision officer.
  - Do not report on your client
  - Even disclosing the last time you spoke with your client can be detrimental
  - Don't let the court order your client to participate in your program
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# Supervision Violations

## Two Types of Violations

- Law Violation
- Technical Violation

## Progressive Sanctions Examples

- Written warning
- Treatment and programming
- GPS Monitoring

## Revocation

- Probable Cause
- Hearing
- Sentencing or Reinstatement