

Community Support

DRUG COURT

The Manatee County Drug Court is a four (4) phase program designed to be completed within one (1) year. However, the length of time in the program is dependent upon the participant's compliance or participation. To participate in the Drug Court Program persons must be arrested on a felony charge (some misdemeanors charges are accepted) and be identified with a substance addiction problem. Eligibility requires participants not to have a background of violence or arrests for the sale of illegal drugs.



MANATEE COUNTY PROBATION DIVISION MISSION STATEMENT

While first protecting the public, the Manatee County Probation Division is committed to providing ethical, compassionate supervision and monitoring of defendants placed under our charge by the courts in Manatee County. To the best of our ability, we will follow the directives of the court and serve as the conduit between the courts and the many agencies that serve the criminal justice community in our community.

Hours of Operation

**Monday – Friday
8am – 5pm
Closed Holidays**



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MISDEMEANOR PROBATION

Manatee County Probation directs and supervises clients placed on misdemeanor probation. Manatee County Probation enforces various court orders and refers defendants to various rehabilitative services in the community.

This program operates with minimal cost to the county, state, federal government, or taxpayers.

PRE-TRIAL RELEASE SERVICES

Manatee County Pre-Trial Release aspires to benefit the local Criminal Justice System and surrounding community by providing relief from unnecessary and expensive jail overcrowding as a reasonable alternative to pretrial detention for qualifying arrestees

OFFENDER WORK PROGRAM

This program provides a sentencing alternative for offenders at the time of sentencing to perform various labor activities for the benefit of the

community in lieu of incarceration at the Manatee County Jail. The program participant is paying his/her debt to society by working in Manatee County, thereby reducing the taxpayer's costs. The Offender Work Program can be an extremely useful jail management tool.

Manatee County Judicial Center



PRE-TRIAL INTERVENTION

The Pre-Trial Intervention Program is for first time offenders only. This 90 day Program, requires participants are required to pay Cost of Supervision fees, Investigative Costs, State Attorney Costs and complete 25 hours community service at an approved site.

Substance abuse offenders are required to complete a drug & alcohol evaluation and recommended treatment. All participants are subject to random drug & alcohol testing.

Community Programs

- *Common goals
- *Safety for the residents
- *Partnerships with agencies
- *Information for citizens

VICTIM IMPACT PANEL

The DUI Victim Impact Panel Program is an awareness program for offenders charged with misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The panel is a non-confrontational presentation, consisting of crime victims telling personal stories of how impaired drivers forever changed their lives. Guest speakers, educational presentations and information are also provided. The program was created with one purpose in mind: to show offenders first-hand about the trauma, physical pain, emotional suffering and devastation, financial loss, anger and frustration that is commonly experienced by innocent victims and their family members resulting from a DUI-related crash.

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

Manatee County misdemeanor Probation Officers team with local policing agencies, and then go into the community to monitor high risk offenders, as well as monitor court order condition compliance. A weekly schedule is coordinated with agencies detailing which offenders to visit and the locations.