

The Alternative Sentencing Office (ASO) is a section within the Probation Services Division, Judiciary of Guam. ASO's primary purpose and function is to provide Judges, Government Attorneys and Defense Counsel with workable alternatives to traditional sentencing options (which are fines, probation, and/or incarceration) in order to:

1. Educate offenders about the consequences of their criminal acts so they learn to assume responsibility for their actions; and
2. Provide opportunities for participants to learn ways of improving self-image and understanding the importance a positive self-image.



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## Alternative Sentencing Office Programs



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1. The Domestic Abuse Project (DAP) Program: The intent of DAP is to educate and help probationers be aware of the signs of violence and to stop it in their lives by learning skills of self-control, stress reduction, conflict resolution, non-violence, reflective listening and constructive communication. The program's duration is seven (7) weeks and is offered on Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. A tuition fee of \$150.00 is payable on or before the completion of the program.

2. The Anger and Stress Management Program (ASMP-Adult): The goal of ASMP for adults is to identify problem behavior and educate probationers on helpful ways to deal with anger and stress. ASMP also provides probationers with an awareness of the effects of violence and aggression in their relationships, family and society. The program teaches skills that can be applied for self-control, conflict resolution, reflective listening as well as constructive positive communication. The program's duration is five (5) weeks and is offered on Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. A tuition fee of \$150.00 is payable on or before the completion of the program.

3. The Alcohol Education Program (AEP): This program is intended for probationers convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The primary pur-

pose of AEP is to educate probationers about the consequences of drinking and driving and the abuse of alcohol in general. This program provides a total of eight (8) hours of alcohol education. Classes are conducted on four (4) Tuesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There is a tuition fee charge of \$200.00 which is payable on or before the completion of the program.

4. The Theft and Burglary Prevention Program (TBPP): This program is designed to benefit probationers convicted of Theft as a Petty Misdemeanor (i.e. shoplifting) and other similar misdemeanor and felony crimes who have admitted to and recognize their error. It is a classroom format, using group discussions, decision-making and consequences of criminal conduct. The program's duration is two (2) weeks and is offered on Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. A tuition fee of \$50.00 is payable on or before the completion of the program.

5. The Anger and Stress Management Program (ASMP-Juvenile): This program is designed to help juvenile clients identify, deal with, and control anger and stress. The program's intent is to educate juveniles to put thinking between their feelings and actions, and to identify problem behavior that may lead to violence and aggression.

The ASMP-Juvenile Program promotes good decision-making, high self-esteem, values and problem solving techniques. The goal



is to help juveniles understand the positive aspects of dealing with anger and stress in their lives while educating them on the negative effects and consequences. The program's duration is ten (10) weeks and is offered on Mondays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

6. The Court Crime Prevention Program (CCP-Juvenile): This program is designed to benefit probationers involved in theft related cases. The class centers on group discussions on a variety of topics; self-identity, self-esteem, peer pressure, values, the family, drug and alcohol choices and consequences. The program's duration is six (6) weeks and is offered on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

7. The Community Service Program (CSP): Places probationers at appropriate agencies where their abilities and skills can best be applied under supervision in order to complete court-ordered work hours. Placement of probationers in agencies takes into consideration: a) physical and mental capabilities; b) mental disability; c) health condition; and d) skills and experience. There are currently forty (40) participating community service agencies that include government and charitable agencies, educational institutions, churches and non-profit organizations.