

The Substance Abuse Misdemeanor Caseload Program provides early identification, assessment, evaluation, strict monitoring, and intense treatment for an offender who has exhibited criminal behavior as a result of substance abuse and/or addiction. The program is designed for high risk offenders with misdemeanor offenses with four identifying factors that may indicate an underlying drug addiction that is related to criminal behavior:

- 1) An offender being processed for an offense specific to the use of illegal substances at a misdemeanor level,
- 2) A urinalysis examination positive for illegal drug use during initial orientation,
- 3) A history of drug related offenses on the criminal history report compiled by our officers, and
- 4) Previous treatment for substance abuse.

After initial screening and placement in the program, offenders are referred to a substance abuse evaluation, which will determine the severity of addiction, and the most appropriate level of drug intervention required to bring about successful rehabilitation. Offenders will be closely monitored by a continuum of care through drug screenings and assessments. The Program Community Supervision Officer will refer offenders to substance abuse counseling resources that will help them to follow and stay on the road to recovery. Offenders will be discharged from the program when all treatment referrals and requirements have been successfully completed and the term of community supervision ends.