

# ESSEX COUNTY DETENTION ALTERNATIVES CONTINUUM\*

## (WORK IN PROGRESS)

### HOME DETENTION

**Description:** Court-ordered detention alternative providing community supervision through the use of random, surprise home visits by a community youth worker.

**Target Population:** Youth who would otherwise be in secure detention, but who pose the least significant risk of failing to appear and/or reoffending prior to case disposition.

**Duration:** 0 to 60 days.

**Capacity:** 80 juveniles.

**Supervising Agent(s):** Essex County Detention Alternatives, administered by Essex County Youth Services Commission

**Frequency of client contact:** 5 random visits per week, including both Saturday and Sunday, each visit to last ten minutes.

### ELECTRONIC MONITORING

**Description:** Court-ordered detention alternative providing community supervision through use of electronic monitoring tracking equipment, and the maintenance and review of that equipment by a community youth worker.

**Target Population:** Youth who would otherwise be in secure detention, who pose a greater risk of failing to appear and/or reoffending than youth in the home detention alternative.

**Duration:** 0 to 60 days.

**Capacity:** 50 juveniles.

**Supervising Agent(s):** Essex County Detention Alternatives, administered by Essex County Youth Services Commission

**Frequency of client contact:** Daily, random, and frequent telephone contact by electronic monitoring vendor.

### PROBATION DETENTION ALTERNATIVE (PDA)

**Description:** Court-ordered detention alternative providing community supervision through use of home confinement, reporting to probation department, field visits at approved locations, and cooperation with additional services as determined by program staff. Youth may also be ordered to participate in the Electronic Monitoring alternative.

**Target Population:** Youth who would otherwise be in secure detention, who pose a greater risk of failing to appear and/or reoffending than youth in the electronic monitoring alternative.

**Duration:** 0 to 45 days.

**Capacity:** 25 juveniles.

**Supervising Agent(s):** Essex County Probation Division.

**Frequency of client contact:** 4 contacts per week by probation officer, 2 of which are face-to-face in the field. In addition, the juvenile must report to the probation department at least once per week.

\* Continuum is current through February 1, 2006. Continuum will be revised to include Evening Reporting Center, proposed date of implementation April 1, 2006. Description, Target Population, Duration, and Supervising Agency are all under development. Continuum does not include Youth Advocacy Program (YAP) detention alternative program (DAP), given pending discussions as to the use of the program as an alternative, and a subsequent decision as to such by the steering committee.