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SUBJECT: **ALTERNATIVE DETENTION**

I. **POLICY**

As a part of graduated sanctions, along with the intent that a youth will develop better decision-making skills, the Alternative Detention Program was initiated. It provides a meaningful consequence for violations of supervision conditions and uses education and skills development as its primary goal.

II. **DEFINITIONS**

A. **Alternative Detention** is an educational program that blends decision making role play with work toward establishing positive goal development. Using a variety of tools the program is geared at the youth looking at ways to elevate their thinking, hopefully, prior to committing to any action.

III. **PROCEDURES**

A. General

1. Alternative Detention may be imposed as a sentencing condition or as a probation violation consequence.
2. The Court has ruled differently regarding how this option may be pursued. The current rulings are as follows:
 - (a) At the time of disposition an order for Alternative Detention should read - Detention for two days (to be satisfied by successfully completing alternative detention).
 - (b) The position of the Court is that a sentence of detention must be completed as ordered.
 - (c) In cases of a Probation Violation an order of alternative detention should read - Detention for seven days (to be satisfied by successfully completing Alternative Detention). This allows an incentive to participate and not have the remaining days imposed.

B. Specific

1. It must be specifically listed on the court order that Alternative Detention is ordered.
2. In cases where the available program dates are known they should be listed on the order.
3. The name of the youth must be added to the referral notebook under the program dates ordered. This notebook is located in the Administration Building. It is kept on the second floor forms case (by Joni Martin's Office), on top of the structure.
4. An explanation of the program must be given to the youth and guardians, along with an information sheet. A thorough and pointed effort must be made to show them where the youth needs to be, with emphasis on the time to arrive and depart. (Attachment #1)
5. Remember to include that the youth needs to bring approximately four hours of "quiet" work. This is defined as school work, appropriate books and magazines and letters to write.
6. An additional form is necessary to complete the process. This involves the actual **Alternative Detention Probation Referral**, which is a two sided form. (Attachments #2 & #3) Once this form has been reviewed and completed by the Probation Officer and youth it must be placed in the referral notebook under the program scheduled dates.
7. Upon completion of the program a packet of assignments and daily rating comments will be routed to the assigned Probation Officer. This packet will also indicate whether the youth arrived or not.

I. POLICY

With a careful review of the rules, and an emphasis on participation, most youth will take advantage of this "gift" of a two day program. For those other individuals that do not take advantage of the program they must serve whatever remaining time exists up to the seven days imposed.

II. PROCEDURES

A. Specific

1. The following reasons typically bring about a youth's booking into detention and termination from the program:
 - (a) Failing to appear as directed
 - (b) Arriving late
 - (c) Failure to participate, which includes sleeping, refusal to role play, horseplaying, assaultive behavior, or inappropriate language.
 - (d) Refusal to follow staff's directions
 - (e) Bringing contraband into the facility
2. If a youth completely fails to show for the scheduled classes they must be instructed to turn themselves in to fulfill the order. If a youth refuses or has run away, a bench warrant should be requested.

ALTERNATIVE DETENTION PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

You have been ordered to serve Detention days inside Remann Hall. The judge is providing you the opportunity to participate in a 2 day skill program in lieu of your incarceration time. This opportunity is yours to make. Your detention time is only waived if you successfully complete the program. What you must do to be successful:

- 1. Arrive on time. Be in the C-Lobby at 8:45 am each morning. Failure to attend or arriving after check in results in the loss of program opportunity.*
- 2. Bring your homework and any Probation or school-related assignments.*
- 3. Leave electronic devices, weapons, money, jewelry and non-school or non-probation related materials at home. These items are not allowed into the facility and we are not responsible for them if left in our lockers. IF instructors specifically ask that items are not brought in, participants are expected to comply.*
- 4. Cigarettes/Lighters and illegal substances are not allowed on our facility. Youth found with these items on our premise will be failed from the program.*
- 5. No gang colors, emblems or behaviors are allowed. If Youth have potentially offensive or inappropriate tattoos these must be covered.*
- 6. Get a lot of sleep the night before. Alert, active participation in all program components is required. Your effort and attitude are key to your success!*
- 7. You have been given this opportunity because someone believes you should have the chance to learn and grow. This requires your commitment to be successful. Arguing, complaining, threatening and general disrespect to the instructors or other participants will not be tolerated.*

**IF YOU DO NOT PASS THE COURSE, YOU WILL BE ENTERED INTO
DETENTION. PARENTS WILL BE INFORMED AND THE FULL DISPOSITION
WILL BE IMPOSED.**

(Attachment #2)

ALTERNATIVE DETENTION PROBATION REFERRAL

Student:_____ **Session Date:**_____

P.O._____ **Current Offense:**_____

Violation Days Sentenced:_____ **On Prob. Until:**_____

Youth Previously Attended the Program? _____ **If yes, when?** _____

PART ONE: To be completed by the Probation Officer and Student prior to entry in the Alternative Detention Program.

What did this youth do to commit a Probation Violation/warrant a Violation hearing?

When did this occur?

Who was involved?

How was this youth's activity a violation?

What are the terms or conditions of the youth's Probation Contract or Court Order?

(Attachment #3)

What goal does the Probation Officer hope to achieve by referring this youth to the Alternative Detention Program?

What goal(s) does the youth hope to achieve by taking part in the Alternative Detention Program?

What individual assignments/school work will this student be completing while in the program?

Are there any special problems, needs or considerations that the Alternative Detention Program staff need to be aware of to help this youth complete the program successfully?

PART TWO: REVIEW AND PROVIDE THE PARENTS/YOUTH WITH THE EXPECTATIONS FOR THE PROGRAM. HAVE THE YOUTH SIGN BELOW:

I have read my Probation Officers description of what I did and I agree with the violation. _____

I want to complete my Probation or Court Order without further violation. _____

I have read the guidelines for Alternative Detention. I understand them and agree to follow them. I will follow all Instructor guidelines during the program. _____

I am aware that if I fail to pass the program, I will be entered into Detention to serve out the full duration of my sentence. I am aware that if I successfully complete the program, the remaining portion of my detention time will be waived. _____

I am aware that the Judge, My Probation Officer, and my parents will be kept informed about my behavior and progress in the Alternative Detention Program. _____

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