

WASHOE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES
“PROBATION MANUAL”

SUPERVISED RELEASE PROGRAM

The Supervised Release Program is designed to enhance and strengthen the existing electronic monitoring and house arrest programs offered by the Washoe County Department of Juvenile Services. The Supervised Release Program Probation Officer is responsible for increased supervision during the period of House Arrest or Electronic Monitoring. The population to be served by the Supervised Release Program will be youth placed on electronic monitoring or house arrest as a court ordered condition of release from detention. The Program is restricted to a maximum of thirty youth. When a juvenile is booked into the department’s detention center by a local law enforcement agency, a Risk Assessment Instrument (RAI) is used to determine whether the juvenile needs to be held pending a detention hearing or released to the custody of a parent or other responsible adult. The instrument also identifies juveniles that may be appropriate for electronic monitoring or house arrest. Points are assigned based on the seriousness of the offense, probation status, prior history of offenses, aggravating and mitigating circumstances, etc. RAI guidelines for Court recommendations are House Arrest for juveniles scoring 9 – 11, and Electronic Monitoring for juveniles scoring 12 – 14.

If the Court determines that a juvenile needs to be placed on electronic monitoring or house arrest, the assigned Probation Officer will meet with the juvenile and parent(s) and explain the requirements of the electronic monitoring or house arrest contracts as well as any special conditions of release that may have been court ordered. If appropriate, the assigned Probation Officer will assign the juvenile to SRP.

As soon as practicable, the juvenile and parent(s) will meet with a Probation Officer assigned solely to the Supervised Release Program. The SRP Probation Officer will be responsible for both the additional supervision of the juvenile while on electronic monitoring or house arrest and assist with pre-trial services designed to assist the juvenile and their family.

During the initial meeting, the SRP Probation Officer will again review the requirements and conditions of the contracts that specifically direct the whereabouts of the juvenile while released pending court. The SRP Probation Officer will outline that the juvenile will be subject to home visits, school attendance checks, office visits and employment checks.

The assigned Probation Officer will schedule evaluations. In addition, the SRP Probation Officer may assist families whose child is not on probation complete court ordered interventions such as substance abuse and mental health evaluations. While in detention, the juvenile may have completed a self-reported, brief mental health evaluation (MAYSI-II) designed to screen for any issues that may need to be addressed. If the juvenile has not completed this screening tool while detained, the SRP Probation Officer will administer the MAYSI as soon as possible. Results will be reviewed with the family and the assigned Probation Officer.

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Two weeks after release from detention, the SRP Probation Officer will provide the Court and the assigned Probation Officer with a brief, written progress report that describes the youth’s compliance with supervision requirements and the status of any special conditions that were ordered. A Formal Review Hearing may be held after thirty days if ordered by the Court.

If minor violations of release occur, informal sanctions will be imposed. Actions may include verbal reprimands, letters of apology, work crew, competency development programs or arrest. Major violations will result in the juvenile’s arrest and return to detention.