

Client Story



"I was really upset when I was sentenced to perform 35 hours of community service. I thought I was going to be assigned to clean bathrooms or some other disgusting assignment. Instead, the intake specialist listened to my concerns, determined that I needed to work in a structured setting, and respectfully assigned me to work at a non-profit agency close to my home. Due to my performance at my community service worksite, I was offered a job at the end of my assignment."

-K.P., a Community Service participant



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HOW THE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM CAN HELP YOU

What is the Community Service Program?

The Community Service Program is a cost-effective, safe and viable sentencing alternative for individuals 16 years of age and older who are physically and mentally capable of and willing to make reparation for their “quality of life offenses” through their performance of community service.

How are participants referred?

Individuals are referred from the Office of the Nassau County District Attorney and Village Courts to make reparation for their crimes through the performance of community service.

Is there a fee?

Yes there is a fee for participation. Fees are determined on a sliding scale.

Intake Process

Clients are screened and interviewed by an intake specialist and referred to one of our 100 worksite placements.

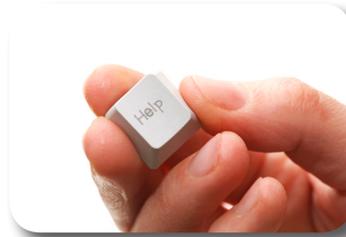


What are the goals and objectives of Community Service?

The goals and objectives of the Community Service program are to provide participants with a constructive, proactive reparative sanction that helps individuals see first-hand the indirect injuries caused by his/her offense. Community Service also helps to reduce the burden on the system of incarceration.

Who is eligible to participate?

The Nassau Community Service Program accepts misdemeanor offenders 16 years of age and older. The program does not accept sex offenders, offenders guilty of assault, offenders with extreme physical or mental illness, offenders with charges involving weapons possession or DWI offenders whose crime has resulted in personal injury or death.



How are participants monitored?

Clients are monitored by their case manager. Case Managers maintain contact with clients and worksites to ensure individuals are fulfilling their obligation to the court by performing community service hours. Case Managers provide completion reports or violation recommendations to the Office of the District Attorney.

How does this program benefit participants and the community?

Clients gain a better understanding of how their behavior adversely impacted the community. Supervised community service activities provide much-needed benefits such as park beautification, graffiti clean-up and support to social service agencies and governmental worksites. Participants develop new skills. Underlying human service, health or vocational needs that may have contributed to the original offense are identified and addressed. Participants are linked to supportive services. Community service often leads to employment or volunteer opportunities for individuals who enjoyed the work they performed.

What services are provided?

- Clients are screened.
- Clients are referred to worksite placements.
- Case management is provided
- Clients are linked to supportive services.
- Reports are provided to the courts upon successful completion.
- Individuals who do not comply with all conditions of community service are returned to the court for further action.

