



Community Alternatives

SOME COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

How are youth referred to the program?

All referrals are made by Court Service Officers, Attorneys or Judges.

Who qualifies for the Community Alternatives Program?

Not everyone qualifies, it depends on the seriousness of the offense and criminal history. Referrals are screened by Program Staff, who assess youth and determine if a juvenile qualifies or not.

Where are the Work Crew sites?

We work with Community Partners such as: Kitsap County Parks, Clear Creek Trail, Native Plant Salvage Nursery, Food Banks, Poulsbo Fish Park, Howe Farm and more.

How much does it cost to participate on work crew and Electronic home monitor ?

There is no cost.

What days are work crews and community restitution scheduled?

During the school year on Saturdays and Sundays.
During the summer both weekdays and weekends.



“Making a difference in the community”

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COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM

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The Community Alternatives program was implemented in 1996 to provide a least restrictive alternative to secure detention for qualifying youth who can effectively serve in a community setting without compromising public safety. It provides youth with the opportunity to serve their detention days and community restitution hours in various creative ways within our community. This Program is a privilege not a right.

Work crew and Community Restitution



Youth who successfully complete work crew and/or community restitution hours will receive credit for their court ordered obligation.

Work crew Expectations:

- ⇒ All paperwork needs to be signed and completed prior to starting.
- ⇒ Youth will behave appropriately in the community and follow rules and directions

- ⇒ Guardian(s) needs to be willing to transport
- ⇒ Show up on time for scheduled days (08:50 am)
- ⇒ Absolutely **no smoking**, no possession or use of any drugs, alcohol, tobacco or electronic smoking devices
- ⇒ Inappropriate behavior and failing to attend may result in removal from the program.

Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM)

This component of the program allows youth to remain in the community rather than in secure detention. Participants wear a non removable GPS ankle bracelet (transmitter), tracking their whereabouts 24 hours a day. They must remain home at all times except to attend school, work or approved appointments.



Criteria for EHM

- ⇒ Qualifying eligibility assessment
- ⇒ Complete EHM orientation
- ⇒ NO FRIENDS OVER
- ⇒ Must keep in contact with EHM staff

Defining Moments :

Comments from former program participants

“I want to say thank you for everything. Electronic Monitoring brought me closer to my family. I didn’t think anything could do that.”

“In my opinion work crew is an extreme success. It creates a fantastic win/win situation where the juvenile offenders are able to actually repay the community, thus instilling a sense of pride in the work, community and themselves.”

“We built a boardwalk and it was fun. Every time I come to see this boardwalk I will be proud...”

“I think that working on the work crew makes kids realize that we need to think and care about others and our world...”

“ I built something today I did not think I could have done before this work crew.”



“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit.” -Aristotle