

Some Standard Rules of Probation:

1. You are not to violate any criminal law of any State or Township; this includes curfew and/or tobacco violations.
2. You will not change your residence without permission of your probation officer or the court.
3. You will not use any drugs including alcohol and/or tobacco.
4. You will not associate with person(s) of bad character, i.e.: person(s) on probation/parole or person(s) with criminal records.
5. You will have no contact with gang related activity or anyone associated with a gang.
6. You will attend school daily and follow the rules and regulations.
7. You will report to your probation officer as required.



JACKSON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY DIVISION

JUVENILE PROBATION



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PROBATION WITH THE JACKSON COUNTY COURT- FAMILY DIVISION

What does being on probation mean?

It means that you have “admitted responsibility” in front of a juvenile court Judge or Referee, or have been found “responsible” by the Judge or a jury for having committed a crime or that you committed a status offense. As a result, the Judge or Referee has PLACED YOU ON PROBATION, and has allowed you to remain at home with your parents under the supervision of the court. You are to use this period to make some changes in your behavior through the direction of your parents and the probation officer. The court expects you to obey the law and to abide by the rules of your parents and the probation officer.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE RULES?

- Your probation officer, after discussing everything with you and your parents, will make recommendations to the Judge or Referee for the terms of your probation.
- If you disagree with the probation officer, you MUST speak up at the hearing.
- If you disagree with the Referee’s recommendations, you MUST request a review with the Judge.
- You will receive a complete list of rules that your probation officer will thoroughly explain to you.

- He or she is not going to set rules for you that you cannot follow.
- You can reach the goals of your probation through your good attitude and cooperation with the court and your parents.
- Being on probation is serious.
- Your lack of cooperation, failure or refusal to abide by the rules may lead to further court appearances and placement out of your home.

WHAT IS RESTITUTION?

Restitution is the repayment to injured parties for stolen items, destroyed property, or any other type of damage you did to a person or place when you committed the crime. You will be ordered the total amount of damage and payments must be made on a regular basis to the court. Failure to make regular payments could result in a probation violation being filed by your probation officer.

WHAT IS COMMUNITY SERVICE?

If the court has ordered you to do community service, you will be given a list of possible non-profit organizations to complete the hours assigned. You can choose from among those listed, but are not limited to them. If you wish to do your hours elsewhere, check with your probation officer before hand. You ARE NOT PAID for your work. You are

paying back your community for your illegal behavior.

MAY I CALL MY PROBATION OFFICER ANYTIME THAT I MAY NEED HIS/HER ASSISTANCE?

You may call your probation officer at Family Court Monday -Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The main number is 788-4450. If your officer is not in, leave your number or talk to someone else if immediate help is needed.

WILL I HAVE A JUVENILE RECORD AS A RESULT OF BEING ON OFFICIAL PROBATION?

Yes. The law requires your file to remain intact in the juvenile court until you are 30 years old. The court then destroys the file and all references to it. You may be able to have your record set aside or expunged. You should consult with an attorney or contact the court for the required paperwork.

A WORD TO THE PARENT/S:

The court expects cooperation from parents. Here is what you can do to aid your child and the court.

1. Understand the terms of probation by which your child must abide.
2. Assert your position as a parent of legal guardian by enforcing the terms of probation. Although the probation officer will aid you in this she/he will not always be available.

3. Make certain your child understands you have a responsibility to report all infractions of probation rules to the probation officer and that YOU WILL DO IT!
4. Call or visit the probation officer when you feel he/she may help you.
5. 100% cooperation is essential!
Keep the probation officer informed of your child's progress at home.