



13th Circuit Court

Community Corrections



# What is Community Corrections and who do we serve?



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Grand Traverse County  
86th District Court

# Michigan Public Act 511- The Community Corrections Act

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- Established in 1988 as an effort to reduce prison commitment rates and provide community-based, evidence-based services to moderate to high risk felony offenders.
- Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) is the State agency appointed to distribute P.A. 511 funding to local governmental subdivisions.
- Counties applying for and awarded funding must have an established Community Corrections Advisory Board (CCAB). CCABs have specific memberships, as required by P.A. 511.
  - Membership includes Judges, prosecutor, defense attorney, commissioners and community members.

# Summary of PA511 continued

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- CCABs develop programming to meet local offender needs and do not function solely for the Court, Probation, or any other entity. It is a collaborative effort between all stakeholders, and all plans are approved by the County's Board of Commissioners.
- Priority target populations are established by the State Community Corrections Board. Current State Board Priorities include:
  - Group 2 Straddle Cell Offenders
  - OUIL-3<sup>rd</sup> Offenders
  - Felony Probation Violators

# Programs

Programs and services funded under P.A. 511 as well as local funding must be evidence-based and target the needs of local offenders.

- **Types of programs include:**
  - **Group Programming**
    - Cognitive programming, trauma therapy, domestic violence, education, anger management and outpatient substance use disorder groups.
  - **Substance Use Testing**
    - Must be affiliated with other programming, such as treatment courts and Pretrial Supervision.
  - **Supervision Services**
    - Pretrial supervision, intensive supervision (including treatment courts) & electronic monitoring.
  - **Assessment Services**
    - PRAXIS, Actuarial Assessments
  - **Other** evidence-based services proven to impact local needs



# Pretrial Services for Felony Defendants

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## The process has three primary functions:

- **Collect and analyze felony defendant information for use in determining risk of release with a validated risk tool, the *Praxis*.**
  - After collaborative work between numerous Community Corrections departments, The *Praxis* is widely and uniformly used throughout pretrial programs in Michigan.
- **Make recommendations to the court concerning release and conditions of bond.**
- **Supervise felony defendants who are released from secure custody during the pretrial phase.**
  - This may include electronic monitoring of defendants ordered to have a GPS tracker.
    - Funds through our PA511 Grant pay for felony GPS, therefore no cost to the defendant.
    - BDAI funds are available through a grant to assist with misdemeanor offenders if needed.
  - Compliance of all bond conditions, including assisting in removing barriers to success on bond.
    - For Felony OWI 3rd defendants there are grant funds available to pay for alcohol monitoring.

# Jail Alternative Programming - Voluntary Participation

- **Recovery Home Placement**

- Recovery homes (sometimes known as transition houses or T-houses) offer individuals with substance abuse issues a safe and sober living environment and provide a structured opportunity to work toward positive change in their lives. The recovery homes are supervised by Case Managers who offer residents educational, employment and life skills assistance to guide them on their path to getting and staying free from substances.

- **House Arrest Services**

- 24/7 GPS monitoring of offenders in-lieu of jail. They must participate in outpatient counseling, drug/alcohol testing when required, 12 step recovery meetings, employed full time and provide proof of their whereabouts at all times.

- **Residential Services Placement**

# Residential Services

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- **Probation Residential Services (PRS)**
  - Funded by MDOC only for those on felony probation.
  - Up to 150 days placement
  - Can provide several levels of care including:
    - Intensive- Substance use disorder services.
    - Less intensive- Cognitive Behavioral Residential Services
      - Both are highly structured programs that assign privileges and consequences in direct relation to a client's adherence to behavioral expectations and treatment objectives. Support programming focuses on employment, education, and substance use treatment.



# On site PRS Facility - The PATH

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- The PATH (Providing Avenues for Healing and Treatment) is an MDOC contracted PRS facility on Grand Traverse County property.
- Joint venture between Grand Traverse and Addiction Treatment Services.
- Provides services to male probationers from Antrim, Grand Traverse and Leelanau counties.
- Reduces the need to transfer participants to other locations statewide.
- Jail alternative/Probation violation alt.
- Participants are required to participate in:
  - Counseling
  - Employment
  - Case Management
  - Community Service



# Residential Services Cont.

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- Community Residential SUD Treatment placement
  - Funded through private insurance, Medicaid or Michigan Block Grant. Both misdemeanor and felony population can access these funds if qualified.
    - Comprehensive chemical dependency treatment services offered in a structured treatment environment.
    - Services often include individual and group counseling, structured physical activities, vocational training, relapse prevention support, social skills training, educational services and recovery support programs.

