

Survey to Chief APOs

Issue: Electronic Monitoring/House Arrest Programs

Question (from Bucks County):

If your County runs a "House Arrest" Program, would you please provide the following information:

1. Who runs your House Arrest Program? Adult Probation, Corrections, other
2. Is an assessment conducted prior to a person being placed on House Arrest? If so, can we get a copy of the assessment?
3. If a person violates the rules of House Arrest, who determines if the person is to be returned to the Correctional Facility?
4. How many Staff are currently assigned to the House Arrest Program and, on the average, what is their caseload?
5. Do you have House Arrest Staff available 24/7?

Allegheny County

1. Adult Probation
2. An LSI-R is completed after offender is placed on HA by the supervising officer on cases longer than 6 months.
3. At the discretion of PO and Supervisor. Generally lower level technical violations are handled with sanctions. New arrests are returned to jail. On occasion, we will consult with the court prior to returning.
4. 1 manager, 3 supervisors, 29 officers (includes a drug court and a dui court coordinator), 10 full time support staff, and 7 part time staff. On any given day, we have approximately 850 to 1,000 offenders on our program. Caseloads are assigned by risk – low(50 per PO), medium(max 40 per PO), and high(max 30 per PO).
5. Yes. We have 2 shifts 8am to 4pm and 2pm to 10 pm. After 10pm, on call supervisors handle any emergencies.

Cambria County

- 1) Adult Probation
- 2) No assessment is completed before they are placed on House Arrest. We have a standard packet every client fills out prior to them starting the program.

- 3) Probation puts the offender in prison and then a violation hearing is held in front of the sentencing Judge. The Judge determines if they remain incarcerated or go back on the program.
- 4) 1 main House Arrest Officer. Average caseload is around 20 people
- 5) Yes, we always have staff available 24/7 for House Arrest. We have an emergency number that is provided to the House Arrest clients for after working hours and weekends.

Erie County

1. Adult Probation runs the EM program.
2. A CSST (ORAS) is conducted on all offenders immediately after sentencing at the time of intake and a full CST is conducted at the completion of the monitoring portion of the sentence.
3. The assigned monitoring team manages the case and with the approval of the EM supervisor handles all arrests and commitments.
4. Erie County currently has 3 teams(6 officers) assigned to the EM unit. Total offenders on EM currently averages 200 so each team consistently has between 60-75 offenders each. We assign cases geographically with each team assigned to an area of the County which covers a portion of the city as well as the rural areas.
5. We do not have a separate on-call officer for EM. The on-call officer handles all alerts and if necessary consults with the assigned Team who then will be compensated if the call requires them to be called out.

Lancaster County

1. Adult Probation
2. The LSI-R is administered but nothing specific to house arrest.
3. The supervising PO and his/her supervisor staff the case as all others.
4. We have a supervisor and three POs assigned to this unit. The EM POs do not "supervise" the case. The officers manage the installs, removals, equipment inventory, equipment problems, etc. We will be adding a fourth officer within the next several months.
5. Yes. We have two on call officers at all times. One for house arrest and one for general supervision.

Lawrence County

1. Adult Probation, Corrections, other Adult Probation.
2. An ORAS assessment is conducted at the time of intake.

3. The assigned officer manages the case and with the approval of the House Arrest supervisor handles arrests.
4. We currently have two officers assigned to House Arrest (and IPP Cases). Right now we have about 30 clients on House Arrest.
5. We do not have a separate on-call officer for House Arrest. Our on-call officer handles all non-work hour issues.

Lebanon County

1. Adult Probation
2. No. We complete an LSIR assessment upon completion of HA and assign to a “regular” field caseload according to the results of that assessment.
3. Due to the fact the majority of our HA offenders are placed in lieu of incarceration, by policy, there is a zero tolerance for violations such as positive urines, new charges of any kind, and strap tamper or unapproved leave/return issues.
4. this varies. The following officers supervise their own HA offenders: sex offender officer, mental health officer, DUI Court officer, Crossroads Officer. The other HA offenders are divided between two other officers.
5. Yes. We have two on-call officers at all times – one for regular on-call and the other specifically for EM calls/alerts.

Warren County

House arrest is run as an IP program under Adult Probation. We supervise it like any other supervision program. The probation office decides when someone has violated IP and makes the arrest and takes them to the jail. A first level hearing is held by the Chief and a second level before the judge who makes final determination. We have an on-call officer available 24/7 to respond to problems.

Westmoreland County

1. Adult Probation
2. Yes. Please see the attached IP Policy and associated documents. The assessment is included. Officers are also responsible to complete a CSST (Community Supervision Screening Tool - ORAS) on all offenders with cases involving six months or greater. The CST (Community Supervision Tool) is completed on all persons who score high on the screening tool.
3. In the case of a minor violation, the IP Officer and IP Supervisor determine if a 48 hour or 72 hour detainer is appropriate. In the case of major violations, the IP Officer will file a violation report and the Judge handles the violation proceedings.

4. There are 10 IP Officers with 25 to 30 cases each. Several other officers (two who supervise sex offender cases, one who supervises pretrial cases and two who supervise drug court cases) handle a few electronic monitoring cases each.

5. There are two IP Officers and one Supervisor who are on-call each day from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Officers are assigned on a rotating basis.

(* plus 4 attachments)