

24/7 SOBRIETY MONITORING PROGRAM

24/7 is a “smart justice”, evidence-based initiative being implemented in many jurisdictions around the country to reduce recidivism while ensuring public safety. It requires twice-daily testing for alcohol and/or random testing for drugs, with immediate consequences for failing or missing a test. It can be used as a bail or probation conditions of “no alcohol”. 24/7 allows participants to be actively involved in their community with continued employment, education, treatment, family and recovery obligations through consistent monitoring and testing. The program holds the offender accountable, provides structure, and enhances compliance with conditions. It has been shown to lead to changes in behavior and extended sobriety.

- Authorized by the passage of SB64 as a **bail condition** for certain alcohol or drug related crimes according to (AS 12, 30,011(b)(18); 016(b) and (c)) and may be imposed as a bail condition instead of a third-party custodian, and instead of a high bail.
- Also authorized as a **probation condition** for any offense (AS 12.55.100(a)); for now Anchorage may impose it as a probation condition for misdemeanors, but not felonies yet, because the new PACE program focuses on the felony probationers for now.
- The program can also be used in **Child in Need of Aid** cases when testing is imposed on adults to ensure sobriety as a condition of returning children back to their homes.

HOW IT WORKS

When a defendant is ordered into the program, the court provides the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), Division of Behavioral Health’s Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP) a copy of the probation or bail conditions. The defendant reports either to ASAP for further instructions or directly to the testing facility. ASAP provides the release conditions to the testing facility, and makes sure the defendant shows for the next testing session, or within 12 hours of release.

Alcohol testing requires a simple blow into the testing device. The entire process takes less than two minutes. Results are immediate. Drug testing takes slightly longer, but results are also immediate. The testing facility enters results into a database shared by ASAP and the Department of Corrections’ probation officers. No-shows or positive test results are reported back to the District Attorney’s office, Probation or Parole officer, and/or local law enforcement for immediate action.

DEMONSTRATED RESULTS

- Alcohol test in South Dakota over a 7 year period showed that 55% of participants **never** failed a test
- 17% failed once
- 17% failed 3+ times
- Drug UA test in South Dakota over a 5 year period had a 97% pass rate
- 24/7 participants in South Dakota are re-arrested for 2nd or 3rd DUI at 50% lower rate than those not participating in the program

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