

ETRS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRANSITIONS PROGRAM

JAIL PROGRAM:

Wayne County Jail
Division III-Hamtramck

LIVONIA-
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734-462-4290

COMMUNITY -BASED FOLLOW-UP OFFICES:

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PROGRAM OBJECTIVE:

To offer an intensive jail-based program to felony domestic violence offenders. Participants will be granted an "early release" from jail upon successful completion of the jail based program.

PROGRAM CRITERIA AND FORMAT:

- ▶ For offenders convicted of felony domestic violence offenses, who also have co-occurring substance use/abuse issues.
- ▶ Intensive 12-week (60-session) program conducted at the Dickerson Detention Facility.
- ▶ Offenders attend class from 8:00-2:00, Monday – Friday, and complete 2 hours of homework nightly. Curriculum includes domestic violence, substance abuse and life skills.
- ▶ Early release earned upon successful completion of 12 week jail program.
- ▶ Upon completion, offenders are placed into community-based domestic violence follow-up groups for 26 weeks, while also addressing other needs of the offender.
- ▶ **COST: NONE** to the offender for the jail program, minimal co-pay for the community-based program, with full funding available for indigent clients
- ▶ Program is based on evidence based best practices.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES AND SUCCESS:

- ▶ Over 450 felony domestic violence offenders have been sentenced to Transitions.
- ▶ Transitions Jail Based Domestic Violence Program has maintained a greater than 80% successful completion rate.
- ▶ Review of 4 year post program data indicates a LESS THAN 3% re-offense rate for Offenders who successfully completed the program.
- ▶ Deferred prison population- nearly half of those sentenced were "prison bound" offenders who were on their way to the State Prison system.

WHO BENEFITS FROM THIS PROGRAM:

- ▶ The Prosecutor's Office by having this program to offer as a plea agreement, thus increasing disposition of cases.
- ▶ The Court by having a demonstrated effective sentencing alternative that combines incarceration and treatment.
- ▶ Victims by guaranteeing their safety while the offender receives batterer intervention services.
- ▶ The Jail by taking a proactive stance against family violence; and by reducing the length of stay for offenders, while giving them the tools necessary to avoid future violence.
- ▶ Michigan Department of Corrections by deferring felons from prison, while maximizing an offenders time in jail by engaging them in effective treatment.
- ▶ The general public by taken a proactive, coordinated community response to family violence.