

Supervised Diversionary Program



The Supervised Diversionary Program gives defendants who have psychiatric disabilities or who are veterans with a mental health condition that is amenable to treatment the chance to get treatment instead of going to trial for charges of certain crimes or motor vehicle violations that are not serious. For this program, a psychiatric disability is a mental or emotional condition, other than substance abuse, that has a major negative impact on a defendant's ability to function and requires care and treatment, and a veteran is any person who was discharged or released under conditions that were not dishonorable from active service in the armed forces as defined in section 27-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Defendants who want to take part in the Supervised Diversionary Program must meet the eligibility requirements in section 54-56f of the Connecticut General Statutes and must submit an application to the court. When a defendant applies for this program, the court file is sealed, and the Court Support Services Division (CSSD) will tell the victims of the crime or motor vehicle violation, if there are any, that the defendant has applied for the Supervised Diversionary Program. Before the court will decide if the defendant can take part in this program, any victims will have a chance to give the court their opinion about whether the defendant should be allowed to take part in the Supervised Diversionary Program.

The court will also send the defendant to CSSD for an assessment before it decides if the defendant will be allowed to take part in the program. During the assessment, CSSD will figure out what kind of treatment and services the defendant needs, make sure that those services are available and, if so, decide which community supervision, treatment, and services the defendant should get. CSSD will then recommend a treatment plan to the court or tell the court that the defendant should not be allowed to take part in the program.

If the court grants the defendant's application for this program, the defendant will be required to agree to the tolling of the statute of limitations (to give the state more time to prosecute the case if the defendant does not successfully finish the program), to waive (give up) the right to a speedy trial, and to any conditions that CSSD puts on the defendant related to taking part in the Supervised Diversionary Program and taking part in any required meetings or sessions of that program. If the defendant agrees to these conditions, the defendant will be sent to CSSD, and specially trained probation officers will keep track of the defendant's progress during the treatment and services.

If the defendant finishes the Supervised Diversionary Program successfully, the court will dismiss the charges against the defendant.

There is no fee for this program.



The Judicial Branch of the State of Connecticut complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you need a reasonable accommodation in accordance with the ADA, contact your Probation Officer or an ADA contact person listed at www.jud.ct.gov/ADA/.

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