

Denver District Attorney's Office Adult Diversion Program

F.A.Q.

How are adults considered for Diversion?

The DA's office will consider adult offenders who:

- Has committed a non-VRA* crime, [Click here for VRA information](#)
- Has not committed either a home burglary or has been accused of possession of a weapon by a previous offender (POWPO) offense,
- Are not currently on probation supervision,
- Do not have either a prior felony conviction or a prior class 1 misdemeanor conviction,
- Are not currently wanted for another felony offense, AND
- Take responsibility for their actions.

How are potentially eligible offenders identified?

- After a case is reviewed by our office, a DA can refer that defendant to Diversion if the criteria are met.
- Clients are identified after arrest and before the filing of charges.
- Eligible clients complete an intake with Diversion case managers.

What does it mean to be in Diversion?

- Diversion is an alternative program that focuses on rehabilitation versus punishment.
- Based upon the offender's risks and needs, the offender signs an accountability contract, which outlines the requirements needed to successfully graduate from the program.
- Clients accepted into the Diversion program are closely monitored by Diversion Officers.
- All offenders are required to remain crime free, pay restitution, and complete community service hours.
- Clients may be required to attend substance abuse and/or mental health treatment, employment classes, educational classes, cognitive therapy, and any other activity designed to support an offender's crime-free life.

What happens if a client fails Diversion?

- Clients who re-offend or fail to meet the requirements of their accountability contract are re-arrested, charged and prosecuted for their original crime.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

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