



FACT SHEET

AN OVERVIEW OF CALIFORNIA'S DRIVING-UNDER-THE-INFLUENCE PROGRAM

Overview

The Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs' (ADP) Office of Criminal Justice Collaboration administers the Driving-Under-the-Influence (DUI) Program through its DUI Program Branch. The DUI Program Branch licenses and monitors all DUI programs statewide, establishes regulations, approves participant fees and fee schedules, and provides information and technical assistance.

The objectives of DUI programs are to: (1) reduce the number of repeat DUI offenses by persons who complete a state-licensed DUI program; and (2) provide participants an opportunity to address problems related to the use of alcohol and/or other drugs.

The department currently licenses 254 first-offender programs, 200 18-month programs, and 34 30-month multiple-offender programs. In fiscal year 2009-2010, 154,834 DUI offenders enrolled in California's licensed programs. Of that number, 130,665 offenders successfully completed all aspects of their programs.

Licensure

Although ADP is responsible for licensing all DUI programs statewide, the licensing process begins with the county board of supervisors, which works with the county alcohol and drug program administrator to recommend applicants to the state for licensure.

Applicants must demonstrate administrative, fiscal, and operational

capabilities to operate a DUI program; provide program facilities that are clean, safe, and free of alcohol or illicit drug use; and adhere to all applicable statutes and regulations.

Following the review and approval process, a license is issued for the provision of DUI services.

Offender Programs

Wet Reckless Program

Persons convicted of reckless driving with a measurable amount of alcohol in their blood complete a 12-hour DUI education program.

First Offender Program

Persons convicted of a first DUI offense complete a three-month, 30-hour alcohol and drug education and counseling program. First offenders with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.20 or higher complete a nine-month, 60-hour alcohol and drug education and counseling program.

18-Month Program

Second and subsequent DUI offenders complete 18-month multiple offender programs with 52 hours of group counseling, 12 hours of alcohol and drug education, 6 hours of community reentry monitoring, and biweekly individual interviews during the first 12 months of the program.

30-Month Program

A county may elect to provide 30-month programs for third and subsequent offenders. Butte, Plumas, San Joaquin, Los Angeles, and Stanislaus Counties are currently the only counties with these services available. Program requirements are: 78 hours of group counseling; 12 hours of alcohol and drug education; 120-300 hours of community service; and regular individual interviews.

Resources

For applicable statutes, regulations and other information, visit our [website](#) or contact us at the phone numbers or address below.