

The Lake County Community Transition Court program utilizes the following programs:

Thinking for a Change

Moral Reconciliation Therapy

Substance Abuse Education

Substance Abuse Treatment

GED Classes

State ID Assistance

Drivers License Assistance

Parenting Class

Anger Management

Debt Management

Additional classes will be added as they become available.

If there is an individual currently incarcerated that you would like to refer to the Lake County Community Transition Court program, please contact Dustin Bothwell at (219) 755-3850, extension 338.

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The Lake County Community Transition Court is a program designed to help individuals transition from the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) back to their community while still being supervised. The Community Transition Court (CTC) modifies the individual's placement eight (8) to twelve (12) months prior to their Earliest Possible Release Date (EPRD) from the IDOC. The idea is to help those individuals reengage in the community by offering more support than they would otherwise have if they were simply released from the IDOC at that time. Staff works very closely with the participants in obtaining employment, resolving driver's license issues, healing family relationships, and providing education on developing life skills.

Lake County Community Corrections receives notice three hundred sixty-five (365) days in advance of an individual's eligibility for early release on the Community Transition Program. The IDOC provides institutional information, such as medical needs, conduct and behavior, new or open criminal cases, and active warrants on the offenders to enable the Community Transition Court Program to create a complete history on the individuals for assessment purposes.

After receiving notice from the IDOC, Lake County Community Corrections conducts screening on the individuals, supplies written information about the CTC program to those eligible and requires potential participants to either send a letter denying the program, or sign and return a Participation Agreement Form before they are able to begin participating in the Lake County CTC program. If the individual does not want to participate in the program, they must send a letter denying the program and explain why they feel it would not be beneficial.

If the individual is acceptable, the court will modify the individual's placement to Lake County Community Corrections, following the completion of the Community Transition Program. The order is issued to have the individuals released early from the IDOC and to be transported to Lake County Community Corrections by the IDOC as well. Prior to the court modifying the individual's placement, the individual has the right to consult counsel.

“Some men see things as they are and say why. I dream things that never were and say why not.”

-George Bernard Shaw

Once the individuals begin the CTC program, the participants appear before Judge Vasquez or Magistrate Sullivan for their first CTC hearing and are introduced to the court process approximately one (1) week after their intake date.

Participants take part in three (3) phases of the CTC program:

Phase 1 (90-120 Days)

Participants reside at the work release center (KWP) or at home with electronic monitoring and attend weekly court hearings to review ongoing progress.

Phase 2 (60-90 days)

Participants reside at home on house arrest with electronic monitoring. They attend court hearings every other week to review ongoing progress.

Phase 3 (30-60 days)

Participants reside at home on house arrest without electronic monitoring and attend court hearings once per month to review ongoing progress.