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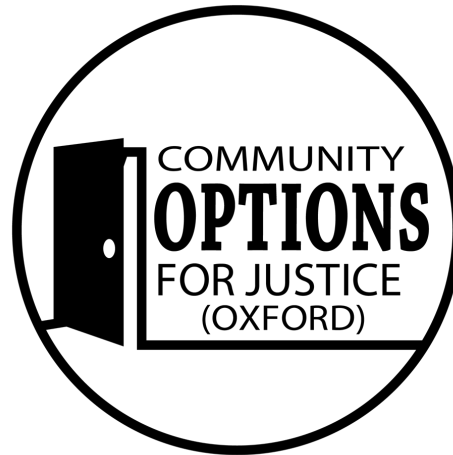
Fridays 8:30 to 2:00

*Our vision is to enable youth and adults to take responsibility for their actions through community work, education, skill development, victim awareness and lifestyle choices*

## Referral Sources:

Woodstock Police Services

Ontario Provincial Police,  
Oxford County



*“Serving the Oxford community for 35 years”*



# Adult Pre-Charge Diversion



*An Out-of-Court  
Alternative for Adults to  
Take Responsibility for  
Their Actions*



## What is Adult Pre-Charge Diversion?

- ◆ The Adult Pre-Charge Diversion program is a community justice initiative designed to work with adults who are first time offenders or have committed a minor offence. This program allows an individual to demonstrate accountability through the completion of community-based sanctions. These sanctions are designed to repair harm that has been created and to prevent future recidivism.

## Goals of the Program

- ◆ To encourage clients to demonstrate accountability for their actions and make amends through appropriate reparations.
- ◆ To connect individuals to community supports.
- ◆ To keep individuals out of the formal court process, thus preventing a criminal record.

## Referral Process

- ◆ After determining the participant is eligible for the program, the Investigating Officer will complete the Referral Form. The participant signs the form and receives the bottom copy.
- ◆ The Investigating Officer faxes or emails the signed Referral Form and the Occurrence Report to Community Options for Justice.

## Completing the Agreement

- ◆ When all sanctions have been completed, the Case Worker will send a letter to the Investigating Officer verifying completion.
- ◆ If the participant has failed to connect or maintain contact with Community Options for Justice, the Case Worker will contact the Investigating Officer to discuss next steps.

## General Questions:

### Is there a fee for this program?

Yes, this is a fee-for-service program. However this fee is determined by an individual's ability to pay; no person will be denied services due to their financial situation.

### What is the age for this program?

This program will accept referrals for anyone aged 18 and over.

### What kind of community sanctions will individuals be completing?

Some sanction options include:

- ◆ A letter of apology
- ◆ A referral to the Adult Mediation program
- ◆ Community service hours
- ◆ Participation in either the Anger Management or Substance Use Awareness group.
- ◆ Connection to other relevant community supports