

State of South Carolina  
**Thirteenth Judicial Circuit**

# ***PTI***

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The Pretrial Intervention Program (PTI) is a state legislated diversion program which allows the defendant to be diverted from court. The program provides rehabilitative services with the goal of deterring the defendant from committing future crimes. A person, charged as an adult, may only participate in the program once in a lifetime. Upon successful completion of the program, the charge will be dismissed and criminal prosecution is avoided. The participant may apply for an expungement of the charge(s).

Out of county or out of state supervision is available under limited circumstances.

**A PERSON MAY BE CONSIDERED FOR PTI IF:**

- The applicant is at least 18 years of age.
- Justice will be served by placing the offender in an intervention program.
- The offender has no significant prior criminal history and has no prior participation in PTI.
- The offender is likely to respond quickly to rehabilitative treatment.
- The offender is unlikely to be involved in further criminal activity and poses no threat to the community.

## **HOW DO I APPLY?**

Applications can be made in person Monday – Friday from 8:30 am to 11:30 am and 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. You may also request an application by telephone or send an e-mail including your full name, address, telephone number, charge(s) and the name of the diversion program. Before applying, please determine if you have an application deadline.

**You must provide copies of the following items or the application cannot be processed: picture identification, social security card, copy of the ticket(s) or warrant(s) and a \$100 money order payable to PTI.**

## **WHAT ARE THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?**

Program participants are required to pay a \$250 program participation fee, complete community service work, pay restitution to the victim as applicable, pass random drug screens and participate in counseling services (alcohol/drug education or treatment, life skills group, anger management, etc.) if required. Participation in PTI does not prevent future participation in AEP or TEP.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE SOLICITOR**

The Solicitor's Office believes that those who commit crimes must be held accountable for their actions. PTI is one of the many ways in which this goal is accomplished. The program protects the rights of victims and the judicial process. Participants are required to take responsibility for their actions while receiving services to help them become responsible citizens. It is my belief that this program will have a positive impact on the administration of justice in the community



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