

Leading Emerging Adults to Develop Success (LEADS)

What is this program?



LEADS is a program for newly charged emerging adult defendants (26 and under at the time of the initial appearance)

Who is it for?



Young adults at all risk and need levels.

Goal of Program



To reduce expenditure of public resources as a result of decreased incarceration costs, as well as to help defendants learn from their mistakes, make better choices, engage in productive behavior, help young adults learn from their mistakes, and reduce the risk of recidivism.

How Long is the Program?



12m-18m

What are the Qualifiers?



- Age 18-26 at the time of the initial appearance
- Out of custody defendant

What are the Disqualifiers?



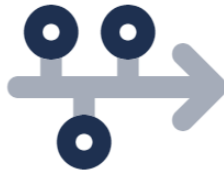
- Defendants charged with a sex-offense;
- Defendants in removal proceedings or with an active immigration detainer.

What are the Successful Outcomes?



Dismissal of charge (LEADS Track I) or a non-custodial sentence of probation or supervised release (LEADS Track II)

Steps and Timeline to Program Entry



① Defendant released on bond ② Pretrial Services prescreens for eligibility and communicates to Prosecution and Defense (within 30 days from release) ③ Prosecution and Defense confer regarding entry into program, and, if agreement ④ Pretrial completes Level of Services Case Management Inventory (LS/CMI) assessment on selected candidate and informs Prosecution and Defense of candidates program needs (up to 30 days) ⑤ Prosecution and Defense confer whether LEADS Track I or Track II within 30 days of final assessment ⑥ all parties confer for completion of Participant Individualized Success Plan ⑦ entry of plea with plea agreement.

What Happens in the Program?



Participants meet with their judge on regular intervals (monthly or quarterly) for status conferences at standard court hearings. Court monitors Participant compliance with completion of Individualized Success Plan.

What Happens if Participant is Successful?



A Presentence Report (track 2 only) is prepared by the Probation Office for the assigned judge. Sentencing proceeds at a court appearance.

What Happens if Participant is Unsuccessful?



A Presentence Report is prepared by the Probation Office for the assigned judge. Sentencing proceeds at a court appearance. Participants may be subject to a term of custody.

More Questions?



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