

HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL AT JUVENILE PROBATION FROM YOUR ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER

- **Have a good attitude.** You may not think it is fair or you may still think you are innocent, but the fact is you 1) had a lawyer to help you and 2) either had a trial and were found guilty by the judge, or you admitted your guilt with a plea. So put it behind you and go into probation with a good attitude and a determination to get everything done as quickly as possible.
- **Understand what the terms of your probation are.** These are the sanctions or punishments that the judge told you to do. They are on the paperwork you received outside court after your trial or plea, called the "Disposition Order" or "Order of Probation". If you do not understand something, ask your PD (407-742-7100) or Juvenile Probation Officer (JPO).
- **Learn the name and phone number of your JPO.** Put them in your cell phone. Memorize them if you can. If you have ANY doubt about whether or not you are allowed to do something, ASK your JPO first. They may not be able to answer your phone call right away. Be patient.
- **Meet with your JPO** when they tell you to, usually at least once a month.
- **Follow your curfew** whether it is from the judge or your parent. Curfew means be IN the house, not in the yard or on the street near your house.
- **Follow your parent's household rules**, whether you like them or not. Mom or Dad calling your JPO to complain about you can violate your probation. Do not run away from home... it's a violation and you WILL end up in the Detention Center.
- **Do not use drugs or alcohol.** Your JPO can drug test you whenever they want. Some drugs, like marijuana, can stay in your body for 30 days. And you cannot "flush them out" by drinking something – that is a myth. Drugs are illegal, and alcohol is illegal for you. Don't risk it.
- **Do not hang out with friends who get you in trouble** or get in trouble themselves.
- **Do not hang out with other people on probation.** It usually leads to trouble.
- **Attend school with no unexcused absences, tardies or referrals.** Be an "angel" student. Your teachers will notice. And yes – the school does know you are on probation.
- **If you have community service:** it must be done at a non-profit agency AND it must be approved by your JPO first. Keep track of your hours yourself. Treat it like a job, making sure your site supervisor signs your timesheet. As you get your hours completed, make 2 copies of the timesheet, turn in the original to your JPO, turn one in to the Clerk of Court or your PD, and keep one copy for yourself. You should be able to do at least 10 hours per month.
- **If you have to take a class**, like Anger Management or Impulse Control: after you complete the class you will get a "Certificate of Completion." Make 2 copies, turn in the original to your JPO, turn one in to the Clerk of Court or your PD, and keep one copy for yourself.
- **Get your sanctions done as quickly as you can.** Most judges will allow you to end your probation early (called "early termination") if you have ALL of the terms completed AND your court costs are paid or worked off with community service. Talk to your JPO about it.
- If you break any of the rules of probation, or you fail to complete your terms by the time the judge ordered you to, it could result in a Violation of Probation. This is another court case in which this process begins all over again. You could end up with more probation, more court costs, or even time in the Detention Center.

My JPO's name is: _____

His/Her phone number is: 407-846-5165 Extension _____ **Cell:** _____

My appointments with my JPO are: _____



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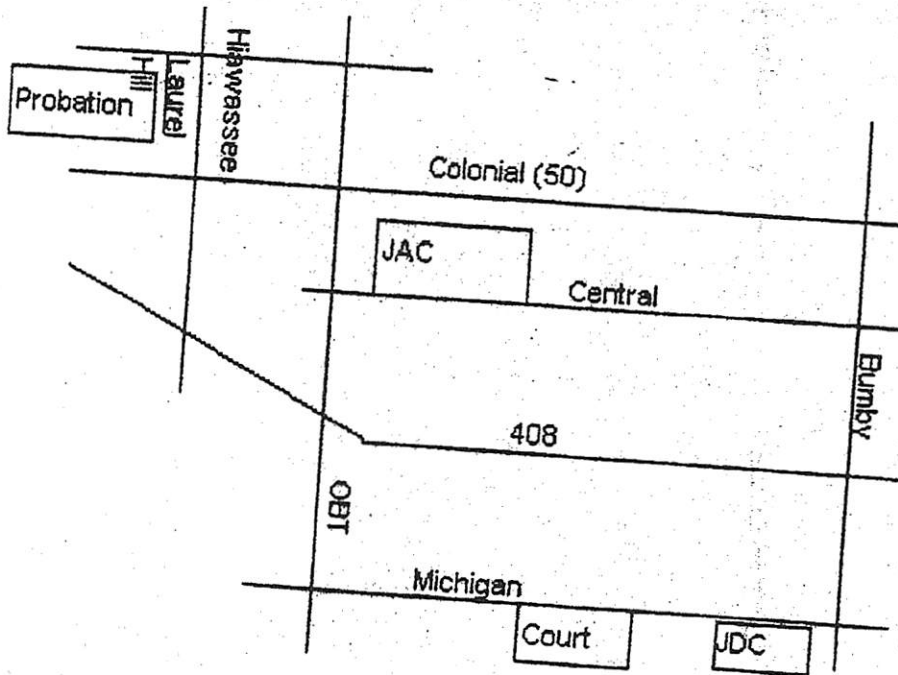
Please report to the location assigned to your zip code to meet with a Probation Officer. The youth must report within twenty-four (24) hours of their Disposition Hearing. **If your zip code is not listed below please call 407-836-8800. Ask for the name of your Probation Officer and where you should report to sign up.**

Juvenile Assessment Center: 823 W. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL
407-836-8800

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Pine Hills Probation Office: 8500 Laurel Hill Drive, Pine Hills, FL
~~407-445-5354~~ 407-563-0440

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