

**County of Summit  
Community Alternative Sentencing Center (CASC)  
Operational Rules**

**General Provisions:**

The County of Summit (County) shall maintain a Community Alternative Sentencing Center (CASC) pursuant to Section 307.932 et. Seq. of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), which shall be exclusively operated by Oriana House, Inc. (Oriana).

The CASC program allows for DUI and DUS offenders to serve their mandatory portion of their sentence in a CASC with jail time credit.

It allows all other types of placements to be housed at the facility, in a relatively secure setting. Participants are not considered to be confined/incarcerated, including placement in the CASC while awaiting a residential treatment bed and/or appropriate pretrial felons as a condition of their pretrial release supervision or bond conditions. In these cases, participants will not receive credit or be subject to escape charges.

**Responsibilities of Oriana House, Inc:**

- Oriana shall obtain accreditation or licensure for all services and programs provided at the CASC, including, but not limited to certification from the American Correctional Association (“ACA”); certification and/or licensure from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (“ODRC”); and certification and/or licensure from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“ODMHAS”).
- Oriana shall provide general medical care for program participants. Participants who require additional medical attention may be escorted by Oriana staff for any off-site appointments.
- Oriana shall allow Court and/or Probation employees, as well as any other employee designated by the County, to monitor program curriculums, procedures, and general progress of Participants.
- Oriana shall notify the County, Court, and Probation Department prior to implementing any significant program or curriculum changes.
- Oriana shall provide participants access to their attorneys.
- Oriana shall maintain all records necessary to meet reporting requirements of all state and local regulatory agencies for its operations of the CASC.
- Oriana Policies and Procedures shall be updated to include CASC operations.
- All other obligations not detailed in the General Operating Rules shall be in accordance with the General Fund Services Contract.

**Program Goals:**

- To provide the courts with a direct sentencing option to a community sanction in a secure setting for misdemeanor and appropriate felony offenders.
- To offer a sentencing option for OVI/DUS offenders to serve their mandatory portion of the sentence with jail time credit.
- To facilitate re-entry into the community by assisting with changing behavior.

**Participant Eligibility and Target Population:**

Participant eligibility shall be determined in accordance with ORC Section 307.932. Participation in the CASC program will require that the clients engage in literacy, reentry and treatment services, including substance use treatment and medication assisted treatment (MAT).

The program is available to adult male and female misdemeanor, traffic, and appropriate felony offenders in need of a restrictive community corrections sanction of 90 days or less. This includes:

- OVI/DUS offenders
- Probation violators serving a sanction
- Specialty Court sanctions
- Offenders waiting for placement in other residential facilities
- TCAP restricted offenders in need of a restrictive placement

**Exclusions:**

Tier III sex offenders and any sex offender with community notification.

**Referrals and Screening Process:**

A referral form shall to be completed by the appropriate court and sent to Oriana House's Admissions Department. Referrals from the municipal courts can be received post sentence. Referrals will also be accepted from the various specialty courts for short term sanctions. Oriana will also consider referrals of TCAP eligible felony offenders who are deemed appropriate by the court.

The Admissions Department will determine bed availability and schedule the client accordingly. General guidelines for placement require the client to be mentally stable and physically able to attend to his/her basic life functions. Clients with a history of violence may be subject to a pre-screening process. Oriana House reserves the right to deny placement of clients who may pose a risk of safety to staff and other clients or present a risk of harm to themselves.

**Description of Supervision and Services:**

- Clients are only permitted to leave the facility for medical and psychological emergencies and will, in most cases, be escorted by staff.
- Programming is assessment driven, evidence based, and addresses criminogenic needs.
- Clients' program needs are assessed through standard risk/need assessments used to develop individualized program and community plans.
- Length of stay is a maximum of 90 days.
- Urine drug screens and alcohol tests are required.

In-house services may include but are not limited to:

- Assessments:
  - Risk/Need
  - Substance Use
  - Responsivity
  - Education
- Case Management using Effective Practices in a Correctional Setting (EPICS)
- Life Skills Programming
- Child Support Education/Assistance
- Driver's License Reinstatement Education/Assistance
- Religious Services
- Coping Skills
- 12-Step Programming
- Motivation for Success
- Cognitive Behavioral Programming
- Social Skills
- Substance Abuse Treatment including Aftercare

**Successful Completion:**

Compliance with program rules and guidelines within court-imposed timeframes.  
Clients waiting for placement in another residential program may stay for up to 90 days.

**Unsuccessful Releases:**

Failure to adhere to the rules of Oriana House or the referring agency.  
Any new arrest may result in unsuccessful completion.