

Levels of Treatment

Participation in the Proposition 36 program may include the following treatment levels:

Low Intensity Outpatient

- ☞ Length of Treatment: minimum of 3 months
- ☞ Required Attendance: 1 group per week
- ☞ Drug Testing: Mandatory random

High Intensity Outpatient

- ☞ Length of Treatment: 6 months to 1 year
- ☞ Required Attendance: 2 groups per week
- ☞ Drug Testing: Mandatory random

Residential Treatment

- ☞ Length of Treatment: 30 days with immediate referral to low or high intensity outpatient following completion
- ☞ Drug Testing: Mandatory random

Aftercare

- ☞ Length of Aftercare: up to 6 months

Services in addition to the above levels of treatment may include:

- Family counseling
- Vocational training
- Literacy training
- Transitional housing
- Community service

"Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."

Helen Keller



Important Addresses and Telephone Numbers

Probation Department

Larry Cantwell, Senior Probation Officer
471 Pierroz Road
Placerville, CA 95667
530-621-5639

Mindi De Young, Probation Officer
471 Pierroz Road
Placerville, CA 95667
530-621-5632

Deborah DeVenio, Probation Officer
1360 Johnson Blvd, Suite 102
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
530-573-3140

Public Health Department

Laurie Staats, Prop 36 Assessments
415 Placerville Drive, Suite R
Placerville, CA 95667
530-621-7563

Treatment Providers

EDCA—Lifeskills
893 Spring Street
Placerville, CA 95667
530-622-8193

Progress House, Inc.
2914 Cold Springs Road
Placerville, CA 95667
530-642-1715

Sierra Recovery Center
972 "B" Tallac Ave
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
530-541-5190



EL DORADO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Proposition 36

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The Program

The Process

The Promise

1. *What is Proposition 36?*

On November 7, 2000, the voters of California passed Proposition 36, which is a drug treatment, public safety initiative that allows non-violent drug offenders to enter drug treatment programs instead of prison or jail.

2. *Who Qualifies for the program?*

Anyone charged with a nonviolent drug offense may be eligible for drug and related substance abuse treatment. The court, the district attorney, and the public defender or private attorney will assess the charges against you and determine whether you qualify for Proposition 36 treatment options.

3. *How long is the program?*

The normal course of treatment includes 6 months of outpatient treatment with up to 6 additional months of aftercare. Technically one can receive up to 12 months of treatment and up to 6 additional months of aftercare.

4. *Who pays for treatment?*

Drug treatment is **not free** and Proposition 36 funding is extremely limited. If you are able, you will be asked to pay for the cost of treatment. In addition, the Court may require you to contribute to the cost of your placement in a Drug Treatment Program.

If you agree to take part in El Dorado County's Proposition 36 program, you will go through the following process:

Step 1. Referral to the Probation Department

Upon conviction, the court will immediately refer you to a Probation Officer who will explain the Proposition 36 Process to you and refer you for a substance abuse assessment.

Step 2. Completing the Assessment

You will receive a substance abuse assessment from a drug treatment specialist to determine the type of treatment you will enter. After completing the assessment, the drug treatment specialist will instruct you to immediately contact a particular substance abuse program to begin treatment.

Step 3. Entering Treatment

You are required to actively participate in your substance abuse treatment program and follow all of the rules and regulations as directed by that program. Treatment may include outpatient groups, individual sessions, transitional housing, residential housing, aftercare, support group attendance and drug testing. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in a violation of probation or termination from Proposition 36 altogether.

Step 4. Seeking a Dismissal of Charges

Once you have successfully completed substance abuse treatment and complied with the conditions of probation, you will be entitled to seek a dismissal of the charges against you.

El Dorado County's Proposition 36 Program promises to help you in your efforts toward recovery. Recovery does happen and we realize that treatment is a long-term process that involves multiple interventions and attempts at abstinence.

At the same time, you are required to actively participate in your substance abuse treatment program and follow all of the rules and regulations as directed by that program. You need to be prepared for a serious, long-term commitment in order to complete Proposition 36.

Many Proposition 36 participants are surprised by the amount of time and effort one has to put into successfully completing the program. Because of this, you may want to reconsider if Proposition 36/Drug Treatment is the right program for you.



THIS PAMPHLET DOES NOT ADDRESS ALL ASPECTS OF PENAL CODE 1210 / PROPOSITION 36 PROBATION AND TREATMENT. YOU SHOULD CONSULT AN ATTORNEY TO BE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND ALL THE REQUIREMENTS.