

**The following is information from each county's State's Attorney's Office regarding diversion programs. The information was obtained by contacting the office and/or checking the website. This list does not include information about drug court programs which are available in many counties. Special thanks to Irene Sampson at Houlon, Berman, Bergman, Finci & Levenstein for compiling much of the information.**

**Allegany County** District Court State's Attorney's Office (301) 777-5577  
Diversion program for first time marijuana only offender - no further information available.

**Anne Arundel County** District Court State's Attorney Office -Ginger Schroeder (410) 260-1330 or 1874. Diversion program for first time marijuana or non-marijuana offender, will need to complete a State certified drug program and upon completion receive a Stet. Also have drug court for offenders with priors for the following charges: CDS possession, theft, shoplifting, female prostitution - offered to only A.A. County residents.

**Baltimore City** District Court State's Attorney Office - Patricia Deros (410) 878-8581  
Diversion program for first time marijuana only offender. Client needs to be available for 2 days; 1<sup>st</sup> day for a lecture at the Courthouse then 2<sup>nd</sup> day to the streets of Baltimore with Dept. of Public Works to clean up the streets. There is also a Pre-Trial Diversion program for offenders with priors and non-violent charges. Consists of substance abuse assessment and education/treatment, community service, weekly monitoring/check-ins and monthly urinalysis. If client completes all requirements then charges are nol prossed.

**Baltimore County** District Court State's Attorney Office - Darryl Thomas (410) 887-6630. Diversion program for first time marijuana only offender, upon the State's receipt of the charges and screening of eligibility, a letter will be sent to the Defendant referring them for an evaluation. They will have to sign an agreement to follow the recommendation, the case will be statted and, upon complete of the program the case will be nol prossed.

**Calvert County** - no diversion program.

**Caroline County** - no diversion program.

**Carroll County** - Junction Program (410-876-1788) or less intensive Reality program for first time marijuana offenders and first time alcohol citations. Case is placed on stet docket. Client signs an agreement and pays all fees. If successful, case is nol prossed after a year. If unsuccessful, client is prosecuted and has waived right to chemist in agreement. For more information contact 410-848-6100.

**Cecil County** - no diversion program.

**Charles County** - no diversion program.

**Dorchester County** District Court State's Attorney - no diversion program but mediation for minor misdemeanors - contact Victim Witness at (410) 228-3611.

**Frederick County** - no diversion program.

**Garrett County** - no diversion program.

**Harford County - Mediation Program:** Many of the cases filed in District Court can be settled without having to go to trial. To facilitate the settlement of cases, the State's Attorney's Office participates in the Community Mediation Referral program. Selected cases suitable for mediation are referred to the Community Mediation Board. For more information call 410.638.4807. **Bad Check Restitution Program:** This program operates in conjunction with American Correct Counseling Services. First time bad check offenders are given the opportunity to avoid criminal prosecution by attending a mandatory, eight hour intervention class, in addition to paying restitution. For more information you can visit their website at [www.accs-inc.com](http://www.accs-inc.com).

**Howard County – Drug and Alcohol Diversion program:** Contact Jocelyn Brown, 410-313-2108. First time marijuana possession or first time underage alcohol possession is eligible. Client receives stet with written agreement, waiving right to chemist if case is opened for trial. Case nol prossed upon successful completion of alcohol counseling and community service. **Bad Check restitution Program:** Contact District Court SAO at 410-313-3100. Restitution and 8-hour class required for nol prosse.

**Kent County** - No diversion program.

**Montgomery County** District Court State's Attorney - IPSA (410) 777-5410, first time offender with minor drug offense and related acts. ACS(Alternative Community Service) Diversion for theft. Conditional nol prosse on the day of trial with a signed agreement. Client pays a fee to do the community service.

**Prince George's County** - no diversion program.

**Queen Anne's County** - no diversion program.

**St. Mary's County** - no diversion program.

**Somerset County** - no diversion program.

**Talbot County** - no diversion program.

**Washington County** District Court State's Attorney - Cases are screened upon arrest and most public disorderly, urinating in public, first time marijuana possession, and paraphernalia cases are referred to the Alternatives Sanctions unit headed by Terry Masters. Client is sent a letter advising of eligibility and upon completion receives a Stet.

**Wicomico County** District Court State's Attorney - Reid Sterrett (410) 548-4880, cases are screened upon arrest and first offenders only of possession of marijuana, underage drinking, noise and littering are eligible. The case is placed on the Stet docket and upon completion nol proessed.

**Worcester County** District Court State's Attorney - First time offender for charge of possession of marijuana. A letter must be written to State's Attorney's Office requesting that client be considered for diversionary program. Once determined eligible, case is placed on Stet docket in open Court, client evaluated by Health Department, complete counseling recommended, random urinalysis and community service. There is a supervision fee. Case nol proessed upon successful completion.

**Washington, DC** – DWI diversion for blows under .20. Complete alcohol diversion for a complete dismissal. Diversion program for Solicitation of Prostitution. Contact Rita Flynn, Diversion Outreach Specialist at 202-514-5031. Information about diversion programs is on her voice mail.