

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

In the Matter of:)	
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AUTHORIZING PINAL COUNTY)	Administrative Directive
TO BE GOVERNED BY THE)	<u>No. 2009 - 33</u>
ARIZONA CODE OF JUDICIAL)	
ADMINISTRATION § 6-202.01)	
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On November 10, 2009, the Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court signed Administrative Order No. 2009-115 (Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 6-202.01 Adult Intensive Probation Evidence-Based Practices), effective November 24, 2009. In this Order it stated that departments shall be governed by the existing code section, “unless and until the presiding judge of the court submits a plan and requests approval by the Administrative Director, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), for the court’s probation department to be governed by ...”

The Order further provides that the Administrative Director shall approve a request and plan that meets the following criteria:

1. The plan presents policies and procedures for the approval of the Administrative Director of the AOC that do the following:
 - a. Aim to reduce offender risk and the likelihood of future criminal behavior that are consistent with the principles of evidence-based practices;
 - b. Require the administration of standardized reassessments upon the discovery of significant changes in criminogenic risk and needs or continued criminal conduct, including arrests for new criminal offenses for probationers that assess as low on the initial standardized assessment;
 - c. Require probation officers to utilize graduated responses of consequences and incentives to address violation behavior and promote positive behavioral change;
 - d. Identify the criteria for recommendation of early termination for eligible probationers including the requirement that officers review case files to determine eligibility, and;
 - e. Require the supervising officer to develop a new case plan for probationers assessed as low risk on the standardized assessment or reassessment if an intervention for criminogenic risk or needs is required.

2. The plan documents and confirms that all current probation and surveillance officers have completed AOC approved training in the following areas:
 - a. Revised standardized assessment
 - b. Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 6-202.01.
3. The plan presents for approval a strategic plan that is consistent with evidence-based practices.

On November 16, 2009, the Honorable Robert Carter Olson, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona in and for Pinal County, submitted a plan and requested the approval for the probation department in Pinal County to be governed by the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 6-202.01. Upon review, the Administrative Director finds the plan meets the criteria set forth in the above-captioned administrative order and will therefore approve the request.

Now, therefore, after due consideration and pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2009-115,

IT IS DIRECTED that the probation department in Pinal County is approved for governance under the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 6-202.01.

Dated this 24th day of November, 2009.

David K. Byers
Administrative Director