

Eligibility Criteria

Participants must meet all of the following requirements:

- 18 years of age or older;
- Resident of Maine and/or have a conviction in Maine;
- First or second time offender of non-violent crimes;
- No violent criminal history;
- No outstanding warrants;
- Ability to perform some physical activity and sleep in the camp cabins or on cots at school locations;
- Order by sentencing judge.

Schedule

The District 6 ASP is offered one week each spring and fall at Wavus Camp in Jefferson. The program usually begins on a Friday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. First offenders are released 48 hours later, on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Second offenders are released the following Friday at 12:00 noon.

The Penobscot ASP 2nd Offender weeklong program is offered one week each spring and fall at Camp Roosevelt in Eddington. The program usually begins at 8:00 a.m. on a Friday, and released the following Friday at 8:00 a.m. Multiple 1st offender programs are offered over a weekend in April, June and/or the fall at various locations (schools/camps).

The court clerks and district attorney's offices are provided the specific dates, times, and locations.

Program Fee

Participants must pay a fee to attend the program, in addition to any fines or restitution imposed by the court.

The fee is \$300 for first-time offenders and \$500 for second-time offenders.

Payment must be made in advance with a money order or bank check (no personal checks, cash or credit cards), payable to Maine Pretrial Services, Inc., and mailed with a completed Application Form. Program specific mailing address and contact information will be provided on the application form.



Alternative Sentencing Programs

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District 6

**Waldo, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc
Counties**

Program Mission

Comprehensive Community Service, Substance Abuse & Criminal Thinking Education

The Alternative Sentencing Programs of Penobscot County and District 6, comprised of Waldo/Knox/Lincoln/Sagadahoc counties, offers first- and second-time non-violent offenders an alternative to incarceration in a county jail. A judge must sentence a defendant to the program, often upon request by the defendant or their attorney, or recommendation by the district attorney. The program is open to any Maine resident, regardless of where in the state they were convicted, or non-residents who would otherwise be serving jail time in Maine. The program cost is paid by the defendant.

The program runs 2 days for first-time offenders, and 7 days for second-time offenders.

Participants are in custody and under supervision. They will reside at a camp or school at various locations in Maine, staying in cabins, classrooms or gyms in a dormitory-style arrangement. Community service work will be done during the day, and education programs will be attended each evening. All meals will be provided and eaten as a group. Head counts will be conducted several times each day. There will be no contact with anyone outside the program during the stay except for designated times to make phone calls. No access to other electronic devices, music devices, etc. is permitted. Violations of the program rules and expectations will result in offenders being turned over to the county jail and/or returned to their own county jail.

The program is designed to meet several objectives:

- Hold individuals accountable for their previous criminal actions;
- Provide service to the community;
- Reduce costs to the community for housing inmates;
- Provide participants an opportunity to learn about the impact of their behavior on others;
- Provide participants an opportunity to review their own lives and needs regarding the use or abuse of alcohol or other drugs;
- Improve participants' self-esteem;
- Strengthen participants' decision-making skills.

Partial list of what to bring:

- Enough clothes for the stay, accounting for weather changes;
- Work boots and gloves;
- Warm bedding, towels, and toiletries;
- Prescription or over-the-counter medications in their original containers;
- Cell phone, flashlight, book or reading materials;
- Bug spray and/or sun screen;
- A complete list will be provided in the information packet.

Application & Screening Process

Prospective participants should:

1. Make contact with ASP at 207-615-9105 or asp@maineprtrial.org.
2. Receive a packet of information about the program, including the Application Form, a copy of the Participant Rules to be signed at check-in, a list of items to bring/not bring, and directions to the program location.
3. Return the Application Form with payment to secure participation. The mailing address is provided on the bottom of the Application Form.
4. Do a screening interview by phone. Some may be required to meet in person with a MPS staff for screening prior to attending the program.
5. Bring photo ID at check in to the program and to the in-person screening if required (driver's license, state photo ID, passport, college ID are all acceptable).
6. Participants in the Penobscot ASP may also need to appear in person at the Penobscot County Jail to complete the booking process between 9 am – 5 pm on a Saturday in advance of the program. They will be informed if required.
7. Anyone with serious medical concerns may need to provide approval from doctors or counselors certifying their ability to safely complete the program.