

Community Accountability Program v. District Court Diversion Program (DCDP) v. Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) v. § 17

CAP

FOCUS: Community
(90-150 days sup)

No Priors

Summary, Nonviolent, &
MJ Offenses

Recommended by Police

Reports to Community
Panel

Waiver of Rule 600

Dismissal at **District Court**
upon successful completion.

Violation = Proceed to
PH

Expunged

**Summary offenses are
dismissed.**

PRIOR CAP = No subsequent
ARD, unless CAP for summary;
DCDP eligible

DCDP

FOCUS: Treatment
(90 days or 6 months)

No Priors (except MJ
cases)

Drug Offenses ONLY
(a16, a31, a32)

Approved by DA

Reports to MDJ

Waiver of Rule 600

Dismissal at **District Court**
upon successful completion.

Violation = Formal Arr +
Trial

**Expungement for first
time offenders only.**

DA discretion re: whether
GP is required for summary
offenses.

PRIOR DCDP = No subseq.
CAP/ARD; may receive §17;
additional DCDP for MJ only

ARD

FOCUS: Rehabilitation
(6, 12, 24 mths sup/unsup)

No Priors

Nonviolent Offenses

Approved by DA

Straight Waiver of PH
(Proceeds to CCP)

Waiver of Rule 600

Dismissal at **Common Pleas**
upon successful completion.

Violation = Trial Date

Expunged

**Summary offenses are
dismissed.**

PRIOR ARD = Eligible for
DCDP only;
No subsequent § 17 or CAP

§17

Focus: Probation w/o Verdict
(not exceed max for offense)

No Priors
(including no prior ARD)

Nonviolent Offenses

Approved by
Court of Common Pleas

Testimony at CCP required from
a physician/psychologist trained
in field of drug abuse.

No Waiver of Rule 600
required

Dismissal at **Common Pleas**
upon successful completion.

Violation = CCP enters sentence
or may remain on probation

Expunged

**Summary offenses are
dismissed.**

Prior §17 = No subseq. §17;
ARD eligible; DCDP eligible

