

# District Court Probation

- ▶ Referrals, both post conviction and pre trial, come from District Court, Bellingham, Blaine, Everson, Lynden and Sumas Municipal Courts.
- ▶ Majority of referrals (misdemeanant/gross misdemeanor) are alcohol/drug driving offences (DUI related) as well as domestic violence.
- ▶ DCP is seeing a annual referral increase coming out of COVID (at least 5% per year). Our largest increase was this past year (2024), which grew almost 10%.
- ▶ Most notable, is the complexity of each case referred. We are generally not receiving the first time offender. We are consistently receiving individuals with complex dynamic issues such as dual-diagnosis and high risk DV.

# District Court Probation- Caseloads

## Specialized Caseloads

- ▶ General DUI caseload (5.5 PO's)
- ▶ Pre-Trial unit (1.5 PO's)
- ▶ High Risk DV unit (1 PO)
- ▶ Behavioral Health Caseloads (2 PO's)
- ▶ Mental Health Court Caseload (1PO)

# District Court Probation- Programing

Programing offered- no additional expense to clients

- ▶ **DVPOTS**- Domestic Violence Perpetrator Opportunity for Treatment Services
  - ▶ 96 individuals offered funding since 2020
- ▶ **DVMRT**- Domestic Violence Moral Recognition Therapy
  - ▶ 138 individual have been given the opportunity, 25 currently enrolled, 71 have completed
- ▶ Family Justice Calendar (**FJC**)
  - ▶ Judge Anderson established in 2022 to provided an added layer of accountability.
- ▶ **MRT**- Moral Recognition Therapy (standard)
- ▶ **Anger MRT**- Anger Management Moral Recognition Therapy
- ▶ **Electronic Equipment Program**- alcohol monitoring devices consisting of TAD and Soberlink
- ▶ Text message reminder system

# District Court Probation- additional info

- ▶ A core component to supervision is monitoring abstinence of alcohol and/or drugs. Over 150 UA's/PBT's are conducted weekly. This year we will be implementing a color system option where participating clients receive daily texts, based off their assigned color.
- ▶ This past June we again applied for and received \$178,000 from AOC (Administrative Office of the Courts) to help support and grow the departments involvement with both the City and Counties MHC. The funding covers 1FTE, substance testing (for MHC clients) and training.

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Any Questions?

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