

NOW THAT YOU'RE ON PROBATION

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

You are on probation until your end date, which is: _____.

Being on probation means that you must do certain things and follow certain rules. What you must do is listed on the **Order of Probation Conditions** (Conditions) that you signed just before leaving court. Make sure you have a copy of this. Your probation officer (P.O.) should give you a copy.

IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, ASK YOUR LAWYER.

Your lawyer's name and phone number is: _____

If you do the things that are listed on the Conditions form you will be off probation at your end date and your case will be closed. If you don't do these things you will have to go back to court.

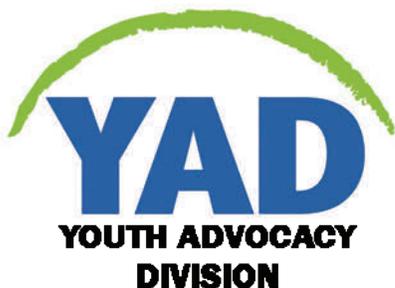
HOW YOU CAN MAKE SURE YOU DON'T GO BACK TO COURT:

It is important to develop a good relationship with your P.O. Make sure you see your P.O. when you are told to. If you are having a problem following your conditions, make sure you contact your lawyer and your probation officer. Don't blow it off!

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DON'T FOLLOW THE CONDITIONS?

- Your P.O. will give you a "Notice of Probation Violation Hearing."
- This notice will tell you what the P.O. says you did wrong (violated your probation).
- It will also tell you when to go to court.
- You will be given a lawyer if you can't afford one.
- On that date there is a possibility that you can be locked up until your next court date (no longer than 15 days) so it's important to tell your lawyer all the things that you have been doing.
- On your next court date, your lawyer will provide information to the judge on your behalf. The P.O. will also tell the judge what's been going on and then judge will decide whether you followed your probation.
- If the judge decides that you violated probation, she can do one of the following: keep you on probation, make your probation longer, give you more conditions to follow, end your probation, or commit you to DYS.

IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT YOUR PROBATION YOU CAN CONTACT A LAWYER IN ONE OF OUR OFFICES:



- **Suffolk County** (617) 445-7581
- **Middlesex County** (617) 863-5190 or (978) 446-3912
- **Essex County** (978) 825-2090
- **Worcester County** (508) 368-1870
- **Norfolk/Plymouth Counties** (617) 689-1091
- **Bristol County** (508) 484-5777
- **Western Mass** (413) 750-1640
- **Cape and Islands** (508) 815-5710