

City of Johns Creek Police Department

<i>Subject:</i>	Alternatives to Arrest (Diversion Programs)	<i>Number:</i>	04-15
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PURPOSE:

Establish guidelines and procedures for alternatives to physical arrest and provide the Department's employees with information on available resources for those in need and describes agency's role in criminal justice and social diversion programs.

POLICY: (04-15)

Officers and employees often encounter people in need of assistance or services that may be best provided by a public agency outside the criminal justice system or by social service agencies.

In the event an officer encounters any person where an arrest is not authorized, or where an arrest may be authorized but resolution to the situation would be better served if an arrest is not made (for reasons to be detailed in an incident report), the officer may refer the person to one of the diversion programs, or when necessary, transport the person(s) to one of the facilities outlined in this chapter.

This chapter is not intended to limit the employee to the enumerated resources, nor intended to promote any private business or enterprise, but to provide the employee with facilities readily or easily accessible to the City. Other known public or social service agencies may be used with the exception in matters involving involuntary commitment.

PROCEDURES:

Alternative Resources (04-15-01)

The officer or employee should assess the situation and examine all the available facts and circumstances in the determination of his/her course of action. If intervention, other than arrest, is warranted, the appropriate agency should be determined and a determination made whether the intervention is of immediate need or that of referral only.

If immediate assistance is called for, the officer should contact the agency to ensure acceptance. In order to facilitate and expedite the encounter, the officer or employee should provide the agency with any pertinent information needed for intake, and should confirm their policies on acceptance or referrals.

The below listed agencies should be considered as a resource for these alternatives;

A. Fulton County Victim Assistance and Domestic Violence Program (404) 730 6883

Provides information and assistance to victims and witnesses, provides counseling and

other services to victims of domestic violence county wide.

B. First Call For Help-United Way (404) 614 1000

A telephone information and referral service that links callers to health and human service agencies in the local and metro area. Offers assistance with medical care, food, counseling, spouse or child abuse, clothing, substance abuse, employment, and housing / shelter. English and Spanish speaking staff available 24 hours per day.

C. Georgia Regional Hospital (404) 243 2100

Located at 30730 Panthersville Road, Decatur, Georgia, offers both substance abuse and mental health programs. Accepts walk-ins, however involuntary admissions require form 1013 / 2013 (see chapter 13-11-04 for procedures).

Panthersville road is accessible from I 285 or I 20 by way of Candler Road.

D. Northside Hospital (404) 851 8710 (Admissions)

Located at 1000 Johnson Ferry Road, Atlanta, Georgia, this resource should be for referral only. The hospital will evaluate persons from the North Fulton area.

**E. Emory Johns Creek (678) 474-7000 (24hr/7day)
6325 Hospital Pkwy, Johns Creek, GA 30097**

F. Grady Memorial Hospital

Located at 80 Butler Street, Atlanta, Georgia, Grady is our primary evaluation facility, and accepts persons from the Atlanta and North Metro area for voluntary and involuntary admissions. Involuntary admissions shall be transported to the **Medical Emergency Clinic** for evaluation. The clinic physicians will evaluate the person and transfer him/her to the in-house facility.

Grady is an indigent care facility and accepts Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, and the "Grady Hospital In-house Card".

Exit Interstate 75/85 at Capitol Avenue and follow signs to Emergency Receiving.

G. Fulton County Rape Crisis Center (Grady Hospital) (404) 616 4861

Address and admissions procedures are the same as above.

**H. GA Mental Health/Alcohol/Substance Abuse (24hr/7day) Hotline
1-800-715-4225. The Staff on this line will direct personnel to the nearest facility that is needed.**

I. Clinician Officer Response Team (C.O.R.T.)

The C.O.R.T. Unit provides clinician and Crisis Intervention Officer response to mental health related calls for service. The assigned clinician provides Crisis Intervention and Mental Health/ Substance Abuse assessments for individuals with severe mental health and developmental disabilities. The Crisis Intervention Officers also coordinate the agency's Crisis Intervention Trained (CIT) Officers in an effort to provide readily available access to appropriately trained officers during crises. The C.O.R.T. function provides an avenue for mental health evaluation and access to treatment resources which serve as an alternative to arrest, when, at the officer's discretion, it is determined those resources would be more effective or appropriate than traditional incarceration.

J. Additional available resources;

- 1. Task Force for the Homeless (404) 589 9495**
- 2. Atlanta Legal Aid Society (Homeless and Mentally Ill) (404) 524 5811**
- 3. Senior Care/Abuse 1-800-774-0152 or (404)657-5250**
- 4. Battered Woman's Shelter (770) 887-1121 (24hr/7days)**
- 5. Child Abuse/Neglect (404) 699-4399**

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