

Useful contacts:

Alcohol and Drug Support Line

The Alcohol and Drug Support Line is a 24 hour confidential telephone counselling, information and referral service for anyone seeking assistance with alcohol or other drug use.

Phone: (08) 9442 5000
Country callers only: 1800 198 024
alcoholdrugsupport@mhc.wa.gov.au
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Parent and Family Drug Support Line

The Parent and Family Drug Support Line is a 24 hour confidential telephone counselling service for families and carers concerned about a loved one's alcohol or drug use.

Phone: (08) 9442 5050
Country callers only: 1800 653 203

Diversion Officer contact details:

Appointment information

AGENCY/COUNSELLOR

DATE/TIME

ADDRESS

PHONE

NEXT COURT APPEARANCE

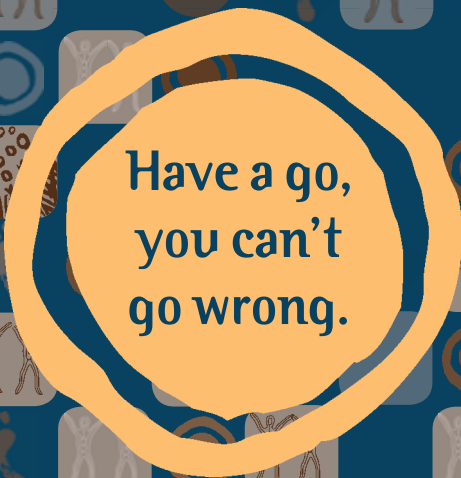


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POP

Pre-sentence Opportunity Program

A free voluntary program to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with alcohol and other drug related problems who are attending court.



What is POP?

The Pre-sentence Opportunity Program (POP) is a court diversion program. This program aims to help people with their alcohol and other drug related problems by providing them with an opportunity to access treatment before sentencing.

Referral to POP is at the magistrate's discretion.

The magistrate may take your participation in POP into account when sentencing.

Could POP be for me?

YES if

- you are pleading guilty to your charge
- you are experiencing problems related to alcohol and other drug use and are willing to attend counselling
- you are on bail or advised that you are eligible for bail
- this is your first offence or you don't have an extensive criminal history or
- you have been advised that your current charge is likely to result in a fine or community based order.

Then POP could be for you.

Court Appearance



If you are attending court and have alcohol and other drug related problems someone may suggest that you be assessed for POP.

This could be the magistrate, Diversion officer, legal representative or someone else. You can also ask to be assessed yourself.

Assessment



The Diversion officer will talk to you about your alcohol and other drug related problems and whether POP or another Diversion program is suitable for you.

The Diversion officer will give the assessment to the magistrate for consideration. If the magistrate agrees, your case will be adjourned for approximately 6-12 weeks for you to do the program.

Counselling



The Diversion officer will refer you to a service where a trained drug and alcohol worker will further assess your alcohol and other drug related problems and help organise counselling sessions for you.

Everyone's program will be different but most people will attend between 3-5 appointments before they return to court.

The counsellor will give a written report to the Diversion officer before you return to court. This report will provide information about your engagement in the program.

Sentencing

The Diversion officer will give the counsellor's report to the magistrate. The magistrate may then consider the report when you are being sentenced.

