

WHAT IS THE ALTERNATIVE MEASURES PROGRAM?

The Alternative Measures Program is a community Justice Program developed and delivered by Saskatchewan Justice, Corrections and Public Safety and the Aboriginal Justice Directorate. The La Loche Alternative Measures/Extrajudicial Sanctions Program works with youth and adult offenders who come into conflict with the law.

Alternative Measures is a program that diverts offenders away from attaining criminal records. AMP provides a venue for victims for possible reconciliation, restitution and restoration of peace and harmony.



Alternative Measures include different options and is dependent upon each case. Possible Alternative Measures can include:

1. **Victim/Offender Mediation** Services are the heart of the reconciliation process. In that meeting, a third neutral party, a mediator facilitates the sharing of facts, feelings and concerns of both parties.
2. **Multi-party Conferences** are meetings, in which the victim, the offender, people who attend to support the victim or the offender, and members of the community meet to work out an agreement that satisfies the victim, meets the needs of the offender and gives members of the community a role in helping both parties. More specifically, AMP can arrange a 'Family Group Conference' or 'Community Accountability Forums' if the case involves young offenders and their families, or 'Community Justice Forums' if they involve adults.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR ALTERNATIVE MEASURES?

The type of case that is accepted:

- Must be 1st or 2nd offence.
- The offender must take responsibility for their actions.
- Evidence exists to support criminal charges.
- No failed AMP cases in the last six months.

IS EVERY CASE SUITABLE FOR ALTERNATIVE MEASURES?

The Crown Prosecutor's Office in discussion with the RCMP considers cases on an individual basis.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN AMP RECEIVES A REFERRAL?

The Crown Prosecutor or the Police refer cases to AMP, either before or after charges have been laid. Upon referral the offender is to contact AMP as soon as possible.

AMP contacts all parties involved in the case including the offender, victim(s) and their families.

AMP provides further information to each person who will be involved in the program.

AMP will assess each as to the course of AMP options that are best suited to meet the needs of the victim and the offender.

AMP coordinates a meeting, once a date and time is set, for everyone to attend.

AMP finally, reports back to the Crown Prosecutor or the Police that the file has been closed successful or un-successful.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER?

Alternative Measures Program offers referrals to counseling, guidance and support services for clients as needed.

Alternative Measures Program keeps in touch with clients and informs everyone concerned, including Police and the Crown, with respect to the outcomes of the agreements and completions.

DOES EVERYONE HAVE TO PARTICIPATE?

Alternative Measures Program is a voluntary program. Victim participation is highly valuable in the majority of cases. In some cases, victims may be unable or unwilling to attend, and if suitable, an alternate or a surrogate victim may be used.

Alternative Measures Program will return the referral to the Police or Crown should the offender choose not to participate in the program. With this, the offender may expect to enter the formal criminal system.



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