



# ISP FACT SHEET

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## COLLECTIONS: A PRIORITY FOR ISP

The Intensive Supervision Program (ISP), now in its 32nd year, has had over 21,000 prisoners released into the program. Since the program's inception, over \$45 million dollars in court-required payments has been collected from ISP participants.

Monetary sanctions (fines, fees and other obligations) are imposed by the New Jersey courts as one of the principal means of punishment.

ISP requires all participants to fulfill their court-imposed financial obligations. The effect of this policy is two-fold:

- 1) Victims and the state of New Jersey are compensated.
- 2) Participants are taught accountability.

### **Collection Methods**

ISP reinforces its collection of court-imposed financial obligations in several ways. Foremost, ISP participants are required to maintain employment. ISP believes that becoming economically self-sufficient is necessary in order to sustain a law-abiding lifestyle. Also, participants may not collect welfare assistance, unemployment benefits, nor loan or borrow money without permission.

Because of the intensity of ISP supervision, participants and officers are able to work together to develop a budget and payment plan for meeting all financial obligations, including court-imposed penalties, child support, personal debt, and daily living expenses. Budgets and pay stubs are examined by ISP officers regularly.

A percentage of each participant's net salary is set aside to pay court-imposed penalties. Program participants are required to file federal and state tax returns. Often, refunds from such tax returns are used to pay obligations.

Program participants occasionally complete the program before all court-imposed financial obligations are met. This occurs when the obligation, generally restitution or a fine, is too great for the participant to complete during his or her time in ISP. In such instances, the graduate signs a voluntary agreement to continue payments on a timely basis.

Currently, drug offenders must pay a minimum of five monetary penalties. Two of the monetary penalties imposed by the courts are the Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction (DEDR) penalty and the Forensic Lab Fee (FLF). These penalties are assessed against anyone convicted of Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS) offenses and the former penalty is also assessed against those convicted of Drug Paraphernalia offenses. In FY2014, half of ISP's active caseload was convicted of a drug offense.

### **ISP Cost of Supervision**

The ISP Re-sentencing Panel of Judges imposes a "cost of supervision" fee which helps offset ISP supervision costs. The amount is determined by the participant's ability to pay. As of FY2014, over \$6.2 million has been collected.

### **Victims Have Rights in ISP**

ISP is concerned about victims' rights. Our collection policy ensures that Violent Crimes Compensation Agency (VCCA) assessments are paid.

Restitution payments are also collected on a scheduled basis. No participant graduates with a restitution owed unless a voluntary payment agreement is signed by the participant.

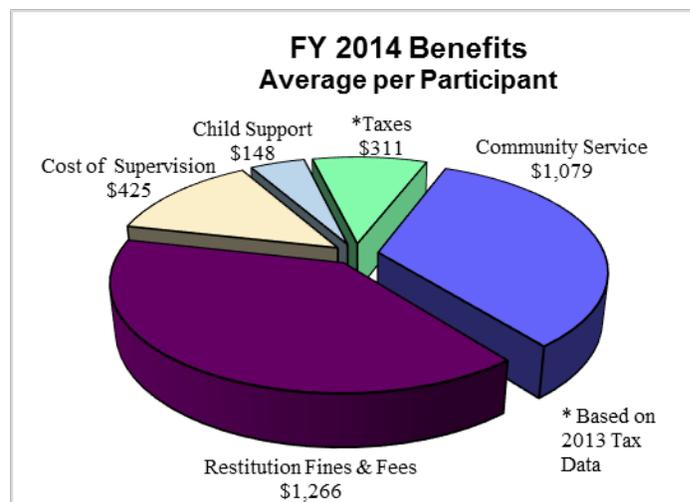
Opinions are solicited from victims regarding ISP admissions. Victims often respond positively since admission to the program means payment of restitution. In prison, victim restitution is more difficult to collect than in ISP, where employment is mandated. All victims are invited to attend ISP eligibility hearings.

### FY 2014 Collections

In FY2014, an impressive \$2,413,514 was collected in court imposed penalties from more than 1,400 active and former ISP participants. Penalties collected include more than \$1,125,000 in restitution and \$606,000 in Cost of Supervision fees. ISP is a leader within New Jersey Probation in the statewide disbursements of court imposed penalties.

### Costs and Benefits of ISP

The Intensive Supervision Program is a cost effective alternative to incarceration. In FY2014, the per-participant cost of ISP was approximately \$11,073 as compared to \$39,000 for incarceration. ISP Research has estimated that participants contribute at least \$3,229 to our economy (through meeting financial obligations, employment, tax payments, community service), reducing the net cost of ISP to \$7,844.



*As collection of monetary sanctions to compensate victims and offset State costs becomes increasingly important, ISP, with its aggressive collections policy, can serve as a model for the future.*

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### **Court Fines, Fees, and Penalties FY2014**

<b>DEDR</b>	<b>\$405,773</b>
<b>VCCA</b>	<b>\$ 34,855</b>
<b>LEOTEF</b>	<b>\$ 16,171</b>
<b>SNSF</b>	<b>\$ 73,128</b>
<b>Lab Fees (FLF)</b>	<b>\$ 21,547</b>
<b>Other Court Fines*</b>	<b>\$ 42,760</b>
<b>Court Fees and Penalties**</b>	<b>\$ 65,247</b>
<b>Other***</b>	<b>\$ 21,357</b>

\* Includes State, County, and Municipal Fines.

\*\* Includes Auto Theft Penalty, Supervision Fee, Transaction Fee, Driving While Intoxicated Penalty, DV Surcharge and DV Victims Fund.

\*\*\* Includes DAEF and CEP.