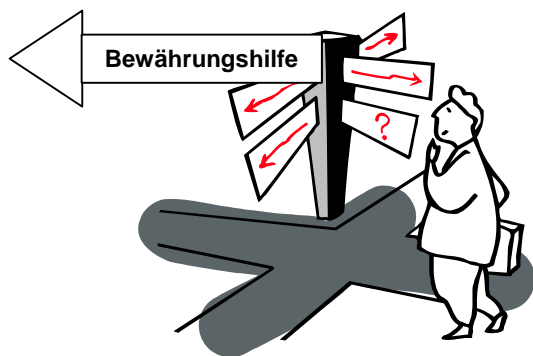


# Probationary Sentence



An Opportunity!

### **What is a Probationary Sentence?**

➤ You have been sentenced to a Custodial Sentence under the Youth Justice System or to a normal custodial sentence or

➤ You have served a custodial sentence and have been released on parole.

The total custodial sentence or the remainder of the custodial sentence is served on parole.

### **Parole/Probationary Sentence means:**

➤ The Court has decided a **probationary period** for you, during which you are given the opportunity to prove that you can take charge of your own life without re-offending.

➤ If you are successful the sentence will be suspended after the expiry of the probationary period.

➤ However, if you commit further offences during your probationary period or if you are in breach of the Court's conditions and/or directions the probationary period can be revoked. In this case you will be serving your sentence in custody.

### **The Probation Officer ...**

➤ Is a trained social worker/social pedagogue

➤ Will be assigned to you by the Court

➤ Will assist you during your probationary/parole period

➤ Will support you in your efforts to take charge of your own life without re-offending

### **Assistance given by a Probation Officer:**

➤ Assistance with problems with accommodation, work, addictions, debts and family relationships

➤ Referral to advisory/counselling services for particular problems

➤ Assistance in the dealing with courts and official authorities

➤ Time for individual conversations

### **Duties of a Probation Officer :**

➤ A Probation Officer will inform the Court regularly and truthfully about your life situation including notification of any breaches of the probationary conditions and/or directions and further offences. If you have been sentenced to a Custodial Sentence under the Youth Justice System the Probation Officer is also entitled to cooperate with your parents, schools or apprenticeship provider and to obtain information from them.

➤ He is obliged to comply with professional confidentiality regulations. He will not reveal any information to landlords, employers or debtors without your expressed agreement.

### **Your Duties...**

to ensure that the probationary/parole period is successfully completed:

➤ No further offences occur

➤ Compliance with the Court's conditions and directions

➤ Attendance at the agreed meetings