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CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT AND SHOULD NOT BE RELIED ON AS SUCH. THESE
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ARE SUBJECT TO AND MAY BE CHANGED AT ANY
TIME BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH CAROLINA.

A. Purpose

To establish the Department of Public Safety's role regarding community diversion
programs.

B. Policy

The employees of the Department are encouraged to support and assist the various
diversion programs sponsored by the criminal justice process and social service
organizations.

C. Procedure

1. The Department will support and assist diversion program administrators, courts
and solicitors. The programs included in these diversion programs include, but
are not limited to:

- Pre-trial Intervention;
- Juvenile Pre-trial Intervention;
- Substance Abuse Counseling;
- Rehabilitation Programs & Detoxification Center;
- Vocational Rehabilitation Programs;
Restitution and Public Service Programs; and

Referral to Office of Student Discipline (CALEA 1.1.3)

2. Arresting officers should familiarize themselves with the positive aspects of diversionary programs and advise the court and/or solicitor’s office if the defendant could benefit from participation. With the court’s and/or solicitor’s approval, the arresting officer should do everything possible to divert the defendant. This will hopefully make permanent changes in the defendant’s behavior, as well as reducing the court docket.