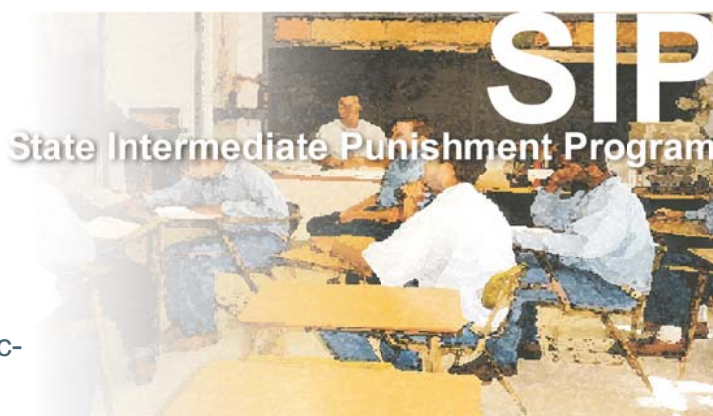


What is SIP?

The State Intermediate Punishment (SIP) program gives some offenders a shorter sentence if they finish recommended substance abuse programs. The program helps offenders stop using alcohol and/or other drugs so they can be law abiding and productive citizens.



How would SIP affect me?

- The SIP program is for people who abuse alcohol and/or other drugs. If you get into SIP, you will be in a 24 month program that will help you with your alcohol and/or other drug problems.
- You will spend about one year in a state prison.
- If you finish the program, you are done with your state sentence and will be released.
- **Parole will not decide when you will be released from prison.**
- **When you finish the program, you will not be under state parole supervision.**
- Many offenders who finish the SIP program become responsible citizens in the community.

Can I get into SIP?

- Only some offenders can be in the SIP program. To get into SIP:
 - You were using alcohol and/or other drugs when you were arrested.
 - You cannot be a violent person.
 - You should have a minimum sentence of 30 months or more.
 - You did not use a deadly weapon or firearm in your crime.
 - You did not hurt, assault, or harass someone else.
 - Your crime did not involve certain sexual acts or children.
 - You cannot be trying to file an appeal.
 - You cannot have any other cases, detainers, or probation/parole violations.

What do I have to do if I am in the program?

- If you get into SIP, you will spend:
 - At least seven months in a state prison. During this time, you will spend four months in a program to help your alcohol and/or other drug problems.
 - At least eight months in alcohol and/or other drug programs outside of prison.
 - Some time in a Community Corrections Center, Community Contract Facility, or an approved home.

How do I get into the program?

- Talk to your counselor about whether you can be in the program.
- If your counselor thinks you can be in the program, the DOC will ask your judge and district attorney to re-sentence you to SIP.
- If your judge or district attorney says “no” to your request, you cannot be in the program.

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