

## What is POP?

The Pre-sentence Opportunity Program (POP) is a court diversion program that aims to direct people with a substance use problem into treatment.

If this is your situation, the POP program provides ongoing support and counselling via a Diversion Officer.

If you choose to participate in the POP program, the magistrate may take your involvement into consideration when you are sentenced.

## Useful Contacts:

### Alcohol and Drug Information Service (ADIS)

Phone: (08) 9442 5000

Country callers only: 1800 198 024

E-mail: [adis@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:adis@health.wa.gov.au)

### Parent Drug Information Service (PDIS)

Phone: (08) 9442 5050

Country callers only: 1800 653 203

There are other related Diversion programs available including:

- Young Persons Opportunity Program (YPOP)
- Supervised Treatment Intervention Regime (STIR)
- Indigenous Diversion Program (IDP)
- Perth Drug Court.

## Diversion Officer contact details:

### Appointment information

AGENCY/COUNSELLOR .....

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DATE/TIME .....

ADDRESS .....

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PHONE .....

### Next court appearance

DATE/TIME .....

COURT LOCATION .....

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# POP

Pre-sentence  
Opportunity Program

A free program  
to assist people  
who have a substance  
use problem and are  
attending court.

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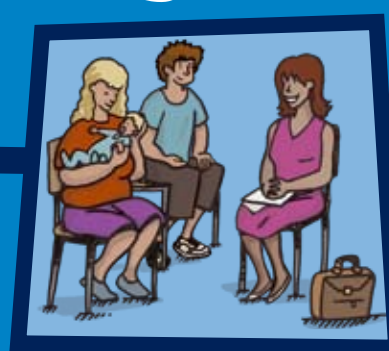
## 1 Referral



## 2 Assessment



## 3 Treatment



## 4 Sentencing



### Who is eligible?

Any person pleading guilty to an offence and who:

- has problems related to substance use and is prepared to access treatment
- has fairly stable living circumstances
- would normally expect to receive a fine or community based order on a plea of guilty
- has no serious offences, or offences in the district or supreme courts
- is on bail, or is eligible for bail.

Referral to POP is at the magistrate's discretion.

### What will I have to do if I go on the POP program?

You will have to be interviewed by a Diversion Officer.

You will have to attend a treatment agency during the adjourned period which is approximately 6–8 weeks.

### How does POP work?

#### 1 Referral

You can be referred for assessment by the magistrate, lawyer, police prosecutor, yourself, or someone else in the court.

#### 2 Assessment

A Diversion Officer will discuss your substance use and related issues with you. If you agree to undergo treatment, they will assess if the program is suitable for you.

The Diversion Officer gives the assessment to the magistrate for consideration. If the magistrate accepts this, you will be required to attend a treatment agency, and then come back to court in 6–8 weeks.

#### 3 Treatment

The Diversion Officer will refer you to an appropriate treatment agency.

At the treatment agency you may be offered counselling (either individual or as part of a group), detox, residential rehabilitation or other services.

You and the Diversion Officer maintain contact for the adjourned period.

#### 4 Sentencing

The treatment agency will give the Diversion Officer a report about your participation in the program

When you return to court, the report is provided to the magistrate for consideration at the time of sentencing.