CSI - Helping Offenders Give Back to the Community

The Chase Center Community Court is a collaborative effort between the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch and local authorities that addresses “quality of life” crimes that contribute to the deterioration of local neighborhoods. Committed to the concept of restorative justice, Community Court uses a combination of court-supervised community service and social services to promote responsibility among defendants for their actions while simultaneously offering a helping hand to address the social issues that may be contributing to their behavior.

Community Service Opportunities Include:

- Cleaning of streets, parks & vacant lots
- Removal of graffiti
- Snow removal from streets and walkways
- Janitorial activities
- Assistance with public events for government and non-profit agencies

“The members of Community Court are undeniably an asset. In the several occasions that we have requested their help, we have been impressed by the Community Court’s work ethic. We know that we can depend on Community Court whenever we need it.”

- Paul Scampolino
St. Vincent DePaul Mission

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Community Court provides service, accountability and support.

Meaningful Community Service

Community Court provides an opportunity for low-level offenders to repay the community in which they committed the crime through meaningful community service. Projects promote client motivation and independence while benefiting the local community.

Accountability

Effective reentry requires offenders to acknowledge their offense and understand their potential for positively impacting the communities in which they live. Community Court makes the offenders accountable to the criminal justice system and the community through the performance of service projects while providing opportunities for offenders to see themselves as contributing members of society. Thirty days after the client completes the program, the charges will be dropped from their criminal record.

Community Support

CSI’s Community Court works effectively with the community of Waterbury to help clean and support the city. Our service teams are also available to non-profit civic organizations, local charities and churches. The connections that are made through these collaborations benefit both the offenders and the community.

Chase Center Community Court is a partnership among the City of Waterbury, the State of Connecticut, and the residents of Waterbury.

About CSI

CSI is a nonprofit organization that promotes self-reliance, responsibility and accountability for at-risk and disadvantaged youth and adults. Since 1962, CSI has delivered supervision, treatment, and comprehensive, individual services to help our clients interact more effectively in their communities and become productive citizens.

Our Mission

To promote the independence, citizenry and well-being of individuals and families involved, or at risk of involvement, in the child welfare, juvenile justice and criminal justice systems.

“The Community Court crews continue to do a remarkable job in cleaning up our city in connection with our fight against litter and blight. The City of Waterbury is indeed fortunate to have such a valuable initiative in place.”

- Michael J. Jarjura

Mayor, City of Waterbury, CT