



## MISSION STATEMENT

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office will advance an effective, ethical, and racially equitable system of justice that protects the community, restores victims of crime, and honors the rights of the accused. We are a learning organization that believes in reduced incarceration and punishment except in circumstances in which it is proportional, in the community's interest, and serves a rehabilitative or restorative purpose.

[Home](#)[Library](#)[Links](#)[Bureaus](#)[Training](#)[Human Resources](#)[About Us](#)[Help](#)[Feedback](#)[Recent](#)[The Inside Story - Archive](#)

Pre-Filing Diversion



In October, I unveiled the Pre-Filing Diversion Program as a new way to redirect low-level, nonviolent offenders out of the criminal justice system.

The program offers monitoring, treatment, counseling, education and other services to qualified and suitable offenders while ensuring that victims receive restitution for their financial losses.

Offenders, who must volunteer for the program, get a chance to alter their path in life. If they successfully complete the program, they will avoid criminal charges that could hinder productive members of society.

The program aims to lower recidivism rates through rehabilitative services rather than incarceration. This also will save taxpayers money.

Experienced prosecutors will screen cases for referral to the Pre-Filing Diversion Program in lieu of filing misdemeanor or low-level nonviolent felony charges, such as trespassing vehicle without an owner's consent. Offenders facing allegations of domestic violence, child abuse or elder abuse are ineligible for the diversion. The program replaces LADA's LADAP Program.

In the Pre-Filing Diversion Program, hearing officers establish the terms for each offender that address the concerns of the parties and account for public safety. In addition to treatment, participants also may be required to complete community service hours and comply with stay-away conditions.

Offenders who fail to complete the program will be charged with crimes based on the original alleged offenses.

[You may read the Special Directive here.](#)

*District Attorney  
Jackie Lacey*

Version: 1.0

Created at 12/14/2017 12:36 PM by [Annabelle Dacones-Zrostlik](#)

Last modified at 1/3/2018 9:37 AM by Workflow on behalf of [Annabelle Dacones-Zrostlik](#)