

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CREDO47 DIVERSION

REFERRAL INSTRUCTIONS

Program Description:

CREDO47 is a diversion program that links individuals with substance use and mental health problems to treatment and provides assistance with housing, jobs, education, and other resources.

If accepted into the program and engaged in treatment, one may be able to get their criminal case dismissed.

In order to qualify for screening, one must:

1. Have a substance use or mental health problem
2. Be willing to participate in treatment
3. Have a case or citation in pre-filing or pre-arraignment status*

*Diversion eligibility is determined by the District Attorney's Office on a case-by-case basis. Not all cases will qualify. See CREDO47 Diversion Standard Operating Procedures for ineligible offenses.

Referral Process:

- *For clients requesting Public Defender:*
 - ☐ Client/referring party completes CREDO-47 referral form
 - ☐ Client completes Public Defender Application (Financial Declaration)
 - ☐ Client provides copy of citation when available
 - ☐ Email three above documents to: PDSBMAIL@publicdefendersb.org with
Email subject line: "CREDO-47 [CLIENT NAME]"
- *For clients with private counsel or conflict counsel:*
 - ☐ Client & attorney complete CREDO-47 referral form
 - ☐ Client & attorney complete Universal Release of Information
 - ☐ Client provides copy of citation when available
 - ☐ Email three above documents to: Dr. Serena Cyr at scyr@sbcbswell.org with
Email subject line: "CREDO-47 [CLIENT NAME]"

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