

## ORANGE COUNTY COURT DIVERSION PROGRAM

The Orange County Court Diversion Program (OCCDP) is a community based, cost effective alternative to the criminal court system for eligible offenders referred by the State's Attorney. The State's Attorney dismisses the charges of participants who successfully complete Diversion.

A citizen Review Board, comprised of volunteers throughout Orange County, interviews each offender. The main criteria for acceptance into the program are an admission of wrongdoing and a willingness to take responsibility for the offense. Throughout the discussion, the client is made aware of the concerns and needs of both the victim and the community, and held responsible for amending the wrongdoing. Approx. 85% of the clients who participate in the Orange County Court Diversion program successfully complete the program. Those who fail have their cases returned to court for prosecution.

The Orange County Court Diversion program also administers Orange County's Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program for civil violations of underage drinking and minors in possession of marijuana.

A total of 177 clients were referred for services during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2016. Of this amount, 46 clients were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, and 131 clients were referred for a civil violation of underage drinking and/or possession of marijuana. With few exceptions, all cases involved offenses that occurred in Orange County. During FY16, OCCDP processed 13 cases in which the offender either resided in Fairlee, and/or the offense occurred in Fairlee. OCCDP's FY16 operating budget was \$106,766.00

For a number of years we have been proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. Fairlee appropriated \$ 200.00 for FY16 to support OCCDP. Our program is requesting the same appropriation request for FY17.

Thank you for your continued support. Questions and additional information concerning the program should be directed to David Savidge, Executive Director, Orange County Court Diversion, P.O. Box 58, Chelsea, VT 05038. (802-685-3172)

## Fairlee Town Administrator

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**From:** Town Clerk  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 02, 2016 4:16 PM  
**To:** Fairlee Town Administrator  
**Subject:** FW: 2017 town appropriation request  
**Attachments:** Report of Services 2016-Fairlee.doc

For you

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-----Original Message-----

From: OCCDP [mailto:occdp@sover.net]  
Sent: Saturday, October 15, 2016 9:54 AM  
To: Town Clerk <townclerk@fairleevt.org>  
Subject: 2017 town appropriation request

Hello Fairlee Town Clerk... The Orange County Court Diversion program is requesting that the Town of Fairlee appropriate \$200.00 for its program for 2017. This is the same amount that our program requested and was approved in 2016.

Attached is a copy of our 2016 Annual Report for inclusion in the Town Report.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email, and if there is any additional information needed regarding our 2017 appropriation request. Thank you.

David Savidge, Executive Director

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