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A new probation program in Hawaii beats the statistics

Prior to judge Steven Alm Hawaii had guidelines for breaking probation but they were never actually given. Judge Alm thought otherwise and put a new program in place. He wanted punishment for the choices to not do probation. The program that he had put in place was the hope model and unlike other programs this was working. This program was then implemented into 17 other states. Daily phone calls were made in order to keep offenders accountable. It was simple, if you don't want to be in jail follow the probation information. This seems to relate to ISP which is described in the text. "Because ISP targets offenders who are subject to incarceration, they should help alleviate crowding; because they involve strict supervision, they respond to community pressures to control offenders."(page 241).

Debtor's Prisons: Life Inside America's For-Profit Justice System

In 1991, Georgia was the first state to pass a law authorizing private companies to take over probation services. Private probation companies collect debts owed to municipal courts. This was not very beneficial for anyone because it left them with nothing. A really important part from the video said "it is incredibly expensive to be poor in this country" and this sums up the companies. People would do anything possible to make payments.

Probation Kiosk

These kiosks are meant to help reduce the workload of probation officers. They allow offenders to report to the system to reduce workload on probation officers. The kiosks do the job that they were intended to do. 91% of probationers report to the kiosk on time. This type of reporting seemed to be useful so that probation officers were able to help other people that especially needed the attention.

Meant to Keep Youth's Out of Detention, Probation Often Leads Them There

I was not allowed to access this on e360 or the website that it had come from.

Probation vs. Parole

Prison is an institution for the incarceration of people convicted of serious crimes, usually felonies. Jail is a facility authorized to hold pretrial detainees and sentenced misdemeanants for periods longer than 48 hours. The video describes the differences between prisons and jails. In a different week of lessons we had watched this video and it tells how long people stay at each facility.