

Orange County Probation Department

Balanced Approach



The Orange County Probation Department has adopted ***The Balanced Approach*** for community protection that equally addresses *Offender Accountability*, *Offender Competency*, and *Community Security*. The equilateral triangle above serves as a model of this approach and denotes the equal emphasis given to all three elements.

Offender Accountability – Whenever an offense occurs, an obligation by the offender occurs. Offenders are held accountable for their crimes through court orders that require restitution to their victims and reparation to the community.

Offender Competency – Offenders who come under our jurisdiction should leave the Probation system more capable of living productively and responsibly in the community. Probation addresses the problems that contributed to the offenders' illegal activities and provides the tools they need to become law-abiding citizens.

Community Security – The public has a right to a safe and secure community. Probation monitors offenders living in the community, enforces court orders and rules of probation, and works cooperatively with other law enforcement agencies to provide crime prevention services.