



Department of Community Justice Alternative Community Service (ACS) Program

Multnomah County Alternative Community Service (ACS) is a program utilized by the courts and by parole and probation as an alternative to jail. ACS assists with holding correction clients accountable while providing a safe environment to learn new skills, develop a positive work ethic and engage in restorative justice.

Benefits of DCJ Community Service to Clients:

- Work in a prosocial environment with highly training Community Works Leaders.
- Experience expectations similar to employment in a learning environment.
- Learn how to use a variety of tools and how to adhere to safety protocols.
- Learn to work in a team environment.

Benefits of Alternative Community Service to the Community:

- Alternative to incarceration, promoting healthier families and communities.
- Supports initiatives and non-profits and the community members who want to make their neighborhood a great place to live.
- Restorative justice principles positively impact water bureau sites.
- Clean water bureau sites benefit the community and City of Portland.
- ACS crews operate 7 days a week.

104 = days ACS crews worked per year at Portland Water Bureau sites.

438 = average number of hours worked per month at Portland Water Bureau sites