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### WHAT WE BUILD ON

Our actions are based on treating all clients with respect. We stand for resocialization in the case of crime and promote the assumption of responsibility to enable clients to lead a crime-free life.

## **ABOUT US**

The Bewährungs- und Gerichtshilfe Baden-Württemberg (BGBW) is a state-run institution under public law. The BGBW's tasks comprise probation assistance, court assistance and victim-offender mediation. It has its headquarters in Stuttgart. There are nine facilities across the state, as well as other outposts and communication stations. This ensures that clients receive support close to home.

Further information and contact details for contact partners can also be found on our website: www.bgbw.landbw.de



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## A Good Start After Release From Prison.



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The staff at Bewährungs- und Gerichtshilfe Baden-Württemberg (BGBW) will support you in your transition from prison to a crime-free life in freedom.

### ON PROBATION

The court may suspend the remainder of a prison sentence on probation. If necessary, the probation service will assist you during this time. Your probation officer has the task of supporting and supervising you.

You now have the chance to prove that you want to lead a crime-free life.

### REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

In this case, conditions and instructions can be issued, for example:

- Attend meetings at a counselling centre.
- Prove drug abstinence through screenings.
- Make appointments with a doctor, a psychotherapist or a forensic outpatient clinic.

### THE TRANSITION FROM PRISON TO FREEDOM

The probation service aims to contact you as soon as possible, at the latest one week after your release. After all, the first few weeks of freedom are the most challenging in terms of breaking new ground and remaining crime-free.

We will discuss with you the areas in which you want to develop further and what support you need.

# Probation means: Seize the opportunity!

### WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM PROBATION ASSISTANCE:

- Support in fulfilling court orders and instructions.
- Advice and assistance with personal, social and financial problems and in dealing with authorities.
- Information about offers of assistance and, if necessary, referral to counselling centres or therapy facilities.
- Confidentiality towards third parties.
- Support in dealing with your offence and its consequences.



#### WHAT WE ARE OBLIGED TO DO:

- Report to the court on the progress of your probation and supervision.
- Verify compliance with court orders and instructions.
- Testify in court if legal proceedings are brought against you for a new criminal offence.
- Notify authorities in individual cases.

### YOUR PROBATION IS SUCCESSFUL IF:

- You manage to remain unpunished.
- You comply with the court orders and instructions.
- You keep the appointments and agreements with your probation officer.

### YOUR PROBATION WILL BE JEOPARDIZED IF YOU:

- Commit a new offence.
- Do not meet the requirements and instructions.
- Do not attend the appointments with your probation officer.

In this case, the court can extend your probation period or revoke your probation. The revocation means your renewed imprisonment.

Use the probation period as an opportunity for a fresh start without crime.