



Pennsylvania ARD Program

- **Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition.**
- ARD is considered a diversionary or "first time offender" program, designed to divert first time offenders from entering the criminal justice system. When a first time offender is accepted into the ARD program, the Commonwealth suspends the charges against the offender, but requires that certain court-ordered conditions are followed. Such conditions may included drug and alcohol counseling, community service, restitution, etc. Similar to a probationary program, the ARD program requires a period of supervision.
- Source: <http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/234/chapter3/chap3toc.html>