

## **After you have filed your Drug Court Application**

As soon as you leave court with your court order, YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY REPORT TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT to fill out paperwork, be assigned a Probation Officer, assigned a random color for drug testing and to begin pre-contemplative groups at the Probation Department.

If you are in custody, you are to fill out a request slip to be moved to the Recovery Pod and begin attending classes through the JUST program

The application phase for the Drug Court Program is a minimum of six weeks long. During this time you will meet with a Probation Officer for an initial screening and if you meet the criteria for addiction you will then meet with our Psychologist for an evaluation.

Please be aware you are NOT to consume any alcohol or illegal drugs while in the Application Phase of the program. We treat these phase as the same as being in drug court with a zero tolerance policy on any drugs and alcohol. Additionally, your Probation officer MUST approve all prescription and over the counter medications prior to you taking them.

## **Acceptance into the Drug Court Program**

Once you have been accepted into the program you will plead guilty to one or more of the pending charges and sign a Drug Court contract which outlines the expectations of your participation in the Drug Court Program. The contract will also outline the outcome of the pending charges upon your successful completion of the program. At this time you will enter the program which is a 3 phase program which is outlined below.

## **TREATMENT**

After you have undergone the screening and evaluation, the drug court team will discuss the recommended treatment plan and arrange treatment which may include long term residential, short term residential, Intensive outpatient therapy in addition to or followed up by a half-way house along with any and all continuing care requirements. Treatment is intended to help you begin the recovery process

## **Drug Testing**

You will be required to submit to random drug testing while you are in the drug court program. You will be assigned a color by your Probation Officer and will need to call the drug testing number (630) 407-TEST every day to see if your color has been called. When you call the hotline and your color is called you will need to report to the Probation Department during the specified hours and submit to a drug test that day.

If your color is called, you need to submit to a drug test at the end of the business day.

If you choose to test off site, it is YOUR responsibility to provide verification of the drug test to your Probation officer.

Failing to submit to drug testing is considered non-compliant and will result in a sanction being imposed. Tampering with a urine specimen could result in you being charged with a Class 4 felony.

Please remember to bring your photo ID in with you when submitting to a drug test.

## **The Drug Court Phases**

### **Phase 1 CHOICE**

All Drug Court Participants enter phase 1 after a Drug Court contract and plea agreement have been completed and filed in open court.

The Focus of this phase will be working toward a drug free life style while establishing a foundation for abstinence.

#### **The objectives during this phase include:**

- Signing up for insurance through the Affordable Care Act
- Abstinence and detoxification if applicable
- Admission into treatment
- Early recovery work
- Explore and begin to engage in a sober network
- Complete and implement a relapse prevention plan which include addressing criminal thinking, identifying people places and things that can be potential triggers, and develop strategies on how to respond to these triggers without relapsing

**The requirements during Phase I include:**

- Participants will be required to appear in court weekly, or as directed
- Meet with their Probation Officer a minimum of once a month if in residential treatment, twice a month if in outpatient treatment
- Submit to a minimum of two urine screens each week
- Participate in recommended treatment
- Begin working on your relapse prevention plan with your Probation Officer

To advance to Phase II you must meet all of the requirements of Phase 1 and submit an application of advancement which sets forth the achievements in Phase 1 and goals for Phase II. Your paperwork will be reviewed by the team taking into account any relapses or sanctions during the current phase and a decision will be made for phase advancement.

**Phase II Change**

All Phase II participants will be held to a higher level of expectations progress is based on how you deal with changes while in Recovery.

**The focus of Phase II is to:**

- Stabilize you in treatment
- Begin confronting underlying issues surrounding addiction and change behavior
- Goal setting for school, employment or vocational training
- Identifying and engaging a sober network including but not limited to 12 step programs churches, or other sober groups. This includes finding a sponsor, sobriety coach or mentor.

**The requirements during Phase II include:**

- Appear in court every 3-4 weeks or as directed
- Continued attendance in treatment and other ancillary treatment programs
- Complete/update relapse prevention plan with your Probation Officer
- Meet with a Probation Officer a minimum of 2x's per month
- Submit to a minimum of two urine screens each week or as directed by your P.O.
- Making monthly payments toward restitution, fine, costs and fees
- Attending a Cognitive Behavioral Group

To advance to Phase III you must meet all the requirements of Phase I and Phase II and submit a written application of advancement which outlines your achievements in Phase II and your goals for Phase III. Your paperwork will be reviewed by the team taking into account any relapses or sanctions during the current phase and a decision will be made for phase advancement.

### **Phase III Challenge**

All Phase III participants will be expected to meet the highest standard. Relapse will be treated in a stricter manner 1 dirty or missed urine screen in a thirty day period will result in a court imposed sanction.

### **The focus of Phase III includes:**

- Help you rise to the challenge of recovery as a way of life
- Promote continued challenges towards self-sufficiency while you reconnect with the community
- Work with your Probation officer to plan and complete a "Giving Back to the Community" service project
- Take responsibility for your actions

### **The Requirements during Phase III include:**

- Using Recovery Skills
- Review and update relapse prevention plan with your Probation Officer
- Enroll in school or obtain employment
- Continued development of daily coping skills
- Attending a Cognitive Behavioral Group
- Re-integration into your community
- Appear in court every 4-6 weeks as directed
- Meet with your Probation Officer once a month or as directed by your P.O.
- Random urine screens weekly
- Be fully engaged in a support network
- All restitution, fines, costs and fees have been paid in full



## **Graduation**

Now that you have made the Choices, made the Changes and met the Challenges you are ready for graduation.

Requirements:

- Complete all three phases of the program
- All required treatment completed successfully
- Fully engaged in a sober support network
- Complete a relapse prevention plan including people places and things that you have identified as triggers for relapse, address criminal behavior and thinking and have a detailed plan on how you will respond to these triggers without relapsing and without the support of the Drug Court team.

Drug Court graduations are held three times per year and are a way to share your experience in Drug Court with family and friends. It also allows the Drug Court team to acknowledge your accomplishments while in the program.

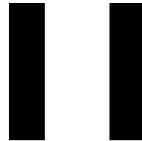


## **Responsibility and Accountability**

Responsibility and Accountability are two of the most important parts of Drug Court. You will be responsible to obey all the rules of drug Court. It is mandatory to meet with your counselor's in treatment, your probation officer, and to appear to court every time your case is on the call and you must be on time. There are no unexcused absences.

## **Honesty**

Honest is a major part of recovery. Anyone lying about any matter will be sanctioned. It is vital that you immediately report any use of alcohol and or drugs (including prescription and over the counter medications) to your probation officer. Waiting to report a relapse after a positive drug test does not constitute honesty, you must report the relapse to your Probation officer immediately.



## **Tips on how to succeed**

If you have difficulties remembering your appointments and court dates, use a calendar to write the appointments down.

Plan your schedule in advance for work, school and treatment.

If you are unable to make an appointment with your Probation officer or cannot appear on your designated Court Date; CALL BEFORE, not after the appointment or court call.

Plan ahead; if transportation is a problem make a backup plan to get you where you need to be. Failure to have adequate transportation is not an excuse.

Keep all of your paperwork, do not throw anything anyway.

Be HONEST, honesty is essential to recovery

## **Dress Code**

"Take Pride in who you are and where you are going"

Program participants will dress appropriately for court to show respect to Court Personnel and Fellow participants.

No tank tops, muscle shirts, crop-tops, or shirts with obscene words or pictures.

No clothes with language or pictures advocating tobacco, alcohol or drug use.

No hats, caps or bandanas

No sagging pants

No gang attire of any kind

### **Business Related Information:**

- The Drug Court Office located in the probation department in the annex of the court house is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday.
- Each time you report, you must verify your employment and residence
- It is your responsibility to contact your Probation Officer to reschedule an appointment
- If you call your probation officer and your P.O. is not available always leave your name and number, one message is sufficient. You are not to text or call your probation officer's cell phone outside the time of normal business hours 8:00 to 4:30 Monday thru Friday.
- You cannot change your residence without approval from your Probation Officer
- A Court Order is needed to leave the State.

### **Additional Expectations while in the Program**

- Totally abstain from the use of illegal drugs, alcohol, and any legal "date drug" (Spice, K-2, Black Mamba, and Bath Salts) and over the counter medications.
- Give your treating physicians/dentists the Doctor's Note and inform them you are an addict in Drug Court and may not take narcotic, addictive medications or medication containing alcohol unless it is the only medical option.
- You will not be in any establishment whose primary purpose is to sell alcohol.
- Do not associate with people who use or possess drugs or be in areas known to have drug activity.
- Do not possess any weapons while in the Drug Court program.
- Keep the Drug Court team, and treatment providers informed of your current address and phone number at all times.
- Dress appropriately for court and treatment sessions
- Do not bring any food or drink into the Court Room.
- Treatment takes priority over work. No one gets cured by going to work.
- Treat everyone with respect, the way you would want to be treated.