

Drug Court Treatment Program BASIC INFORMATION

The Drug Court Treatment Program (DCTP) is a deferred prosecution program. Eligibility requirements include: Dane County residency at the time of the referral, minimum age of 18 years old, no pending violent misdemeanors, no violent felony convictions, a willingness to address their substance abuse or dependency, no indication of a presence of a weapon during commission of the present offense, no previous participation in DCTP, and must be referred on felony case. DCTP does not accept referrals for misdemeanor cases unless there is a companion felony case being referred to DCTP also. The District Attorney specifies the length of time the participant will be required to participate in the program and the outcome (disposition) with successful completion of the program.

The goal of the program is to assist participants to establish and maintain abstinence from alcohol and controlled substances. The **treatment track** is provided for individuals who experience problems as a result of alcohol and/or controlled substance use and or abuse. There are three separate phases to the program for treatment track participants.

I. Court Component- all participants are expected and required to attend court review sessions when their case is scheduled. At the court review hearing, each participant's case scheduled for that day will be heard. One by one participants come before the judge and discuss their case. Participants are expected to remain in the courtroom and listen to all of the review hearings scheduled for that day. After all of the review hearings are completed, the collective group is dismissed from court by the judge. This process usually takes 2 hours to 2 and half hours. The Drug Court Treatment reviews are usually scheduled Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

On the **plea date only**, participants are required to attend the court at 11:00 a.m. only. After the court reviews are completed, new pleas are then entered. Participants who are represented by an attorney must have their attorney present on the day of the plea hearing. Participants sign a contract on the day the plea is entered in court. The contract will specify the length of time the participant will be in the program, the outcome of the case if the participant successfully completes the program and other important rules and requirements of the program. The date an individual enters their plea in the Drug Court Treatment Program is the beginning date of their entry into the program.

Court review hearings are based on client's compliance with program expectations. Initially they return the first week after their plea date for their first review hearing and then if in compliance, review hearings are then every other week. If a participant is doing well for an extended period of time, court review hearings may be lengthened to every three weeks and finally, once every four weeks. If problems arise in a case, the court will schedule court review hearings on a weekly basis.

TREATMENT TRACK

II Treatment Component -1 participants enrolled in the Treatment Track must meet specific program requirements. Those requirements could include any or all of the following: weekly individual sessions with an AODA therapist; weekly group attendance; completion of an intensive out-patient treatment program; attendance in aftercare meetings and residential treatment. In some cases, where other needs are presented,

he/she may be required to complete other programming (i.e.: parenting class, anger management class, etc.)

III Case Management Component - participants enrolled in the Treatment Track are required to have near daily contact with the case management office during the first few months they are in the program. Participants must sign in daily and if requested, submit to urinalysis. They must meet with their case manager a minimum of once a week for counseling. Urinalysis are taken on a frequent, random basis. After the first three months, the check-in schedule may be reduced depending on the participant's progress in treatment.

MALES-Non Minority

Case management is provided by:
Attic Correctional Services
1709 S. Park St., Suite #1313
Madison, WI
Phone: 255-0307

Males-Minority (African American)
Genesis Development Corporation
West Beltline Hwy., Suite 139
Madison, WI 53713

FEMALES

Case management is provided by:
ARC Program
2614 Damon Rd.
Madison, WI 53713
Phone: 283-6433

SCREENING

After a case is referred to Drug Court Treatment Program, the individual will be screened by the Drug Court Coordinator, located in the City-County Building, Alternatives to Incarceration Program, Suite 210. The screening interview lasts approximately one hour. During the screening interview, the individual will be required to provide basic information about themselves, their juvenile history, adult arrests and convictions. They will also complete some other paperwork needed prior to assessment. This is an opportunity for the client to evaluate to whether he/she can commit to and is interested in pursuing drug court. Following the screening and prior to the assessment clients are required to observe a drug court session. No DCTP services/treatment is provided at this time. It is strongly encouraged that client's seek other treatment/services as there may be a wait list for DCTP to commence.

ASSESSMENT

Upon completion of the observation appointment, the individual will be referred to the Mental Health Center of Dane County for a comprehensive AODA assessment. The assessments completed by the Mental Health Center of Dane County last three hours. They are conducted at the Clinical Assessment Unit located at 710 John Nolen Drive, 2nd Floor, Madison, WI 53713 ; Telephone number is 280-2652.

Upon completion of the assessment, individuals will be advised of the type of treatment they will be required to complete if they enter the Drug Court Treatment Program. If the individual is deemed inappropriate for the treatment track, their case is automatically referred back to the criminal branch for prosecution. If found appropriate for DCTP, The completed assessment is forwarded to the court. The court will schedule a plea hearing date for official entry into the Drug Court Treatment Program, contingent on the defendant being found appropriate for drug court. The clients should be available to start drug court once an opening for a plea hearing is available.

FEES

To help cover the costs of the program, a service fee of \$50.00 will be charged to participants. All participants are required to pay the extra fee in order to advance from Phase 2 to Phase 3. You will not graduate if this fee is not collected. Payment options are available.