

WHY DRUG COURT?

"Drug Court has helped me have a better understanding of my addiction and how to live each day clean and sober."

~ Juvenile Drug Court participant

"The Juvenile Drug Court Program has helped my daughter be more responsible and accountable."

~Parent of a Drug Court participant

"Drug Court is my favorite part of the Juvenile Court assignment. I really appreciate the fact that the program includes the minor's family in the recovery effort."

~ Teresa Estrada-Mullaney Juvenile Court Judge

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Alcoholics Anonymous

(805) 541-3211

Narcotics Anonymous

(805) 549-7730

Al-Anon

(888) 425-2666

National Institute on Drug Abuse

<http://www.nida.nih.gov/DrugPages/Stats.html>

National Drug Court Institute

<http://www.ndci.org>

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WHAT IS DRUG COURT?

The first Drug Court was established in Florida in 1989. Now there are nearly 1,200 Drug Courts in Operation. This includes 268 Juvenile Drug Courts! The Drug Court model provides mandatory treatment, intensive probation supervision, and regular appearances before the Juvenile Court Judge.

The Drug Court Team is dedicated to helping youth become drug and alcohol free. Working outside their traditional roles, the Team works together to develop a plan in the best interest of the juvenile and the community. The Drug Court Team includes:

- Juvenile Court Judge
- Probation Officers
- Treatment Specialists
- District Attorney
- Public Defender
- School Staff

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Drug Court is a year-long program with four phases including Aftercare. The Treatment Specialist works with each participant to develop an individualized treatment plan that will educate and promote a clean and sober lifestyle. The program may include Individual, Family, and Group counseling, and a Parent Support Group. In addition, referrals may be made to community resources such as A.A., N.A., Al-Anon and additional counseling. Probation Officers provide case-planning and increased supervision, including unannounced home visits and frequent and random drug and alcohol testing. They also receive weekly reports from the participants' schools. The participant and their parents are required to attend regular court appearances throughout the program. Accountability and treatment are the hallmarks of the Drug Court model.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR J.D.C.?

Most minors begin the program by being referred by their Probation Officer. Drug Court is looking for participants who:

- Are 13-17 years old
- Are a ward of the Juvenile Court
- Have no sustained felony sex offenses, felony violent offenses, or drug sales offenses
- Have a moderate to severe drug or alcohol problem

In addition, both the family and the child must be motivated to participate in the program and commit to the program requirements.

DRUG COURT WORKS!

Research shows Drug Courts reduce crime and drug use, save taxpayers money, and increase retention in treatment.