

GREEN COUNTY ADULT DRUG COURT PROGRAM PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK

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Mission Statement

The Green County Adult Drug Court works to **enhance public safety** by **reducing recidivism**, and **improving the individual quality of life** in our community. Drug Court will offer an **intensive treatment alternative** to individuals whose crimes are linked to drug abuse and dependence; along with **strict accountability, supervision, and judicial oversight**.

WELCOME

The Green County Adult Drug Court is an *intensive treatment alternative* for adults who have been charged with a crime that is linked to a substance use disorder. The Drug Court is a cooperative effort between the criminal justice system and the treatment community. ***Our goal is to support and help you maintain a life in recovery from addiction and crime.*** In order to do this, the Court *rewards you for good behavior* and positive progress and *imposes consequences for failing to comply with expectations*. The Drug Court Team will work with you to make sure you understand what is expected of you.

The Drug Court Team

The Drug Court Judge will make all decisions regarding your participation in the Drug Court Program with input from the Drug Court Team. In addition to the Judge, the Drug Court Team consists of the following members:

Drug Court Coordinator/Case Manager
Public Defender
Human Services Department
District Attorney
Drug Court Counselor
Department of Corrections
Law Enforcement

Drug Court Team Staffing

Prior to each Drug Court hearing, the Drug Court Team will meet to discuss your progress along with the progress of each participant in the Drug Court. During Drug Court, the Judge will talk with you individually about your week, give you praise and reward for positive progress, hand out sanctions and go over any new requirements or expectations, and take an interest in learning what it is you need in your personal process in recovery. ***You will be required to appear in Drug Court on a regular basis.*** The frequency of your appearances will depend on what phase you are in. You will appear weekly in the beginning of your program and gain the privilege of less frequent appearances as you progress through the phases. ***Failure to attend a drug court hearing will result in a warrant being issued for your arrest and detention in jail until you can appear before the court.***

Court Rules

The Green County Adult Drug Court has *strict rules for court room behavior and attire*. As a participant of the Drug Court *you will be expected to comply* with these rules at all times.

Courtroom Attire:

1. Participants must wear appropriate courtroom approved clothing while in the courtroom. You may be asked to change your clothes if staff notices you to be wearing inappropriate clothing. Please dress in clean and conservative clothing.
2. Clothing bearing drug or alcohol related themes, promoting or advertising alcohol or drug use are prohibited. This includes clothing advertising bars or substance use activities of any kind.
3. Please consult with the Drug Court Coordinator if you have questions concerning what clothing is appropriate to wear while participating in the program.

Courtroom Rules:

1. Timeliness is a virtue – be on time. You must be in the courtroom when court is called to session.
2. Please sit in the assigned seating area. Look for signs that indicate which area to which you are assigned.
3. Make sure we know you are in court; check-in with the drug court coordinator quickly and briefly. If you have questions for the coordinator and/or updates, please limit your information using a “need to know” approach to allow other participants time to check-in.
4. Cellular telephones are distracting; make sure they are turned off. If your cell phone rings during court, it will be taken away and given back to you at the end of court. The same will apply if caught texting or browsing the internet.
5. Using portable electronics and sleeping in court are prohibited.
6. No food or beverage in the courtroom unless provided by the Drug Court Team or with the permission of the team. No chewing gum allowed.
7. Refrain from having random side conversations. Excessive or continued talking is unacceptable.

8. You are expected to remain in the courtroom during drug court proceedings.

9. Children may be allowed in court, *if necessary*; however, they must be under direct supervision and not distracting to other participants. Do not bring children with an expectation that you will be allowed to leave early or leave the courtroom during Drug Court proceedings, *you will not*. Keep in mind that you may be given a sanction that does not allow you to take the child/children home after court.

Phases

The Drug Court has *five specific phases* that make up our program. During your first case management session of each phase, you will complete a phase orientation and sign a phase contract. You will also be expected to complete an application for phase advancement and a graduation application. Each phase has a minimum number of days that you can expect to spend participating along with specific goals that will need to be accomplished in addition to your treatment and case plan.

It is expected that you meet with your counselor and case manager when you transition from one phase to the next in order to solidify your responsibilities during that phase with regard to treatment and case management goals.

Phase 1: Acute Stabilization 60-day minimum

Participant responsibility:

- Court Weekly
- 3 groups/1 individual session per week
- Engaged with treatment (no unexcused absences, completing assignments and actively participating)
- Comply with probation requirements and weekly visits
- Case plan and treatment plan complete with input from participant
- Random drug tests no less than twice per week, call in to Call2Test daily
- Address housing issues if any
- Identify primary care physician and obtain medical assessment if appropriate
- Start changing people, places and things
- 9 pm – 5 am curfew, unless job prevents that, in which case, treatment staff are informed of work hours and any changes that occur
- **Minimum 21 consecutive clean days**

Team responsibility:

- Weekly staffing
- Sanctions and incentives
- AODA treatment three times per week
- Individual psychotherapy once per week
- Drug court orientation and weekly case management sessions (more if needed)
- Random drug testing performed by jail staff and results reported weekly to team – report results of confirmation of positive tests if sent in
- Law enforcement home visits upon request
- Probation visits

Advancement Criteria: 60 days in program, 21 consecutive clean days, compliant with treatment and random drug screens. No major sanctions. Application before the court/team.

Phase 2: Clinical Stabilization 60 – 90-day minimum

Participant responsibility:

- Court weekly
- Engaged in treatment, 3 groups/1 individual session per week
- Comply with probation requirements and weekly visits
- Random drug tests no less than twice per week, call in to Call2Test daily
- Address financial issues, including employment
- Address any medical issues
- Demonstrate changing people places and things
- Compliant with treatment plan and case management plan
- Continue to change people places and things
- Identify community support (12-step, SMART, church, or other)
- 10 pm – 5 am curfew, unless job prevents that, in which case, treatment staff are informed of work hours and any changes that occur
- **Minimum 42 consecutive clean days**

Team responsibility:

- Weekly staffing
- Sanctions and incentives
- AODA treatment three times per week
- Individual psychotherapy once per week – ongoing clinical assessment
- Weekly case management sessions (more or less as needed)
- Random drug testing performed by jail staff and results reported weekly to team – report results of confirmation of positive tests if sent in
- Law enforcement home visits upon request
- Probation visits

Advancement Criteria: 60-90 days in phase, depending on compliance (no major sanctions) 41 consecutive clean days, compliant with treatment and random drug screens. Application before the court/team.

Phase 3: Pro-Social Habilitation 60 – 90-day minimum

Participant responsibility:

- Court every two weeks
- Engaged in treatment, 2 groups/1 individual session per week
- Comply with supervision requirements and visits every two weeks
- Random drug tests no less than twice per week, call in to Call2Test daily
- Address financial issues, including employment, housing, etc.
- Address any medical issues
- Demonstrate changing people places and things
- Compliant with treatment plan and case management plan
- Active community support (12-step, SMART, church, or other) sponsor/mentor
- Establish pro-social activity
- 11 pm – 5 am curfew, unless job prevents that, in which case, treatment staff are informed of work hours and any changes that occur
- **Minimum 60 consecutive clean days**

Team responsibility:

- Weekly staffing
- Sanctions and incentives
- AODA treatment twice per week
- Individual psychotherapy every week – ongoing clinical assessment
- Case management sessions as needed
- Random drug testing performed by jail staff and results reported weekly to team – report results of confirmation of positive tests if sent in
- Law enforcement home visits upon request
- Probation visits

Advancement Criteria: 60-90 days in phase, depending on compliance (no major sanctions) 60 consecutive clean days, compliant with treatment and random drug screens. Application before the court/team.

Phase 4: Adaptive Habilitation 60 – 90-day minimum

Participant responsibility:

- Court every three weeks
- Engaged in treatment 1 group per week/ individual twice per month
- Comply with supervision requirements and visits every three weeks
- Random drug tests no less than twice per week, call in to Call2Test daily
- Address financial issues, including employment, housing
- Address any medical issues
- Demonstrate healthy relationships with people places and things
- Compliant with treatment plan and case management plan
- Active community support (12-step, SMART, church, or other) sponsor/mentor
- Continue with pro-social activities
- Midnight – 5 am curfew, unless job prevents that, in which case, treatment staff are informed of work hours and any changes that occur
- **Minimum 75 consecutive clean days**

Team responsibility:

- Weekly staffing
- Sanctions and incentives
- AODA group if needed
- Individual psychotherapy twice per month – ongoing clinical assessment
- Case management sessions as needed
- Random drug testing performed by jail staff and results reported weekly to team – report results of confirmation of positive tests if sent in
- Law enforcement home visits upon request
- Probation visits

Advancement Criteria: 60-90 days in phase, depending on compliance (no major sanctions) 75 consecutive clean days, compliant with treatment and random drug screens. Application before the court/team.

Phase 5: Continuing Care 90-day minimum

Participant responsibility:

- Court every once per month

- Comply with supervision requirements and visits every four weeks
- Random drug tests no less than twice per week, call in to Call2Test daily
- Stable financial issues, including employment, housing, education
- Demonstrate responsibility regarding medical issues
- Demonstrate and increase healthy relationships with people places and things
- Compliant with treatment plan and case management plan
- Active community support (12-step, SMART, church, or other) sponsor/mentor
- Continue with pro-social activities
- No curfew
- **Minimum 90 consecutive clean days**

Team responsibility:

- Weekly staffing
- Sanctions and incentives
- Individual psychotherapy once per month
- Case management sessions as needed
- Random drug testing performed by jail staff and results reported weekly to team – report results of confirmation of positive tests if sent in
- Law enforcement home visits upon request
- Probation visits

Graduation Criteria: 90 days in phase, depending on compliance (no major sanctions) 90 consecutive clean days, compliant with treatment and random drug screens. All drug court fees paid in full. Application before the court/team.

Treatment

The Drug Court uses a ***community-based approach to treatment***. Upon entry into the Drug Court, you will be required to complete a ***comprehensive substance use and mental health assessment*** to determine your treatment needs. During your time in Drug Court, ***you will be expected*** to follow through with the treatment plan and treatment recommendations of your Drug Court Counselor. ***The team will communicate*** with your Drug Court Counselor to make sure that your treatment needs are being met. If there is a need for an increase in treatment, ***you will be expected to comply*** with all recommendations.

Confidentiality

You will be ***required to sign releases of information*** authorizing the disclosure of health, medical, mental health, AODA, criminal, employment, and educational records for the purpose of screening you for Drug Court and to allow the Drug Court to Team to exchange information regarding your progress. You will be required to update these releases as necessary.

Community SupportGroups

As you progress through the phase system ***you will be required to attend community support groups in the community***. Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous are examples of community support groups. There are other alternatives as well. The goal is for you to build a sober support network, which will remain in place once you have graduated from Drug Court. ***During phase 5*** of the Drug Court, you will ***be required to attend the Alumni Group***, which is another example of a sober support network of Drug Court graduates who will also provide that support after you leave Drug Court.

Employment

You will be ***required to obtain and maintain employment*** while in Drug Court. If you are unemployed upon starting Drug Court, at some point as you work through the phases you will be ***required to apply for jobs and do community service to fulfill these hours until you get a job.*** Employment is an important piece of recovery and will be promoted; however, in some cases hours spent advancing your education will also be accepted to fulfill the hour requirements in each phase.

Supervision

You will be ***expected to comply with all directions of your supervising agent*** during your time in Drug Court. Compliance of all rules of supervision and any violations will be considered when evaluating your progress in Drug Court.

DrugCourtCaseManagement

As a Drug Court participant you will be ***expected to meet with your case manager/coordinator*** throughout your time in Drug Court. You will be expected to meet with your case manager as required in the phase outline; however, your case manager may request to meet with you more frequently if needed. If your case manager feels this is necessary, you will be expected to comply.

DrugCourtFees

You will be ***required to pay a drug court fee of \$40 upon admission and \$10 per week.*** The fee can be paid in monthly installments; however, you will be required to have all fees paid prior to applying for graduation.

DrugTesting

You will be tested throughout your participation in the Drug Court Program for controlled substances and alcohol as well as other mood altering substances. ***Testing may include samples of your urine and breath.*** You will be required to follow rules concerning drug testing including:

- Being placed on a random testing schedule which ***requires you to call in daily*** to see if you need to test. ***Missing a call will result in sanctions.***
- ***Promptly complying with every request to test.*** If you miss a test, sanctions can be imposed.

- *A missed test is considered a positive test.*
- Having all of your *testing directly observed.*
- *Being honest* if you know you will test positive. **If you have a positive test and you have not discussed your use with a Drug Court team member before taking the test, this is considered dishonesty about use and an immediate sanction will be imposed.**
- *Not tampering with any testing procedure.* If you tamper with a test, this *could* be grounds for termination.

Chemical testing lets the Drug Court know whether you are able to remain abstinent. If you are unable to stop using it means that the team should consider whether your treatment needs are being met. If you continue to use, you are not gaining the benefits of recovery and therefore not gaining the benefits of the Drug Court Program. If you are *honest* with the Team about your use, the Team will work with you to address your treatment needs rather than applying sanctions.

“All participants involved with Drug Court are informed about drug testing policies and procedures as well as other issues that may surface during the program. Staff explains the drug testing procedure to participants upon entry to the program. Participants will sign an agreement to comply with the Drug Court testing requirements, including direct observation of the sample submission and reporting of results to the Drug Court team. The Drug Court team determines therapeutic sanctions for positive drug tests.

Drug testing occurs through the Sheriff’s Department and program staff utilizing MedTox/LabCorp supplies. Participants are assigned a unique PIN number using Call2Test, which is used to randomize the testing days throughout the program. Participants are required to call or log in to the testing line daily and report for testing if required. All Drug Court participants are given a customized urinalysis that tests for popular substances, substances of choice, and alcohol through breath tests.

Participants choosing to enter the Drug Court must agree to cease the use of all mood-altering chemicals that would render a positive urinalysis including, but not limited to: narcotics, tranquilizers, sedatives, stimulants, opiates, and/or opiate-based medications. **If during the course of participation, it becomes necessary for a participant to take prescription medication, prior approval must be sought using appropriate medical documentation and a decision will be made by the Drug Court team using all supporting evidence.** The prescribing physician or psychiatrist may be asked to provide medical justification to the team as part of their decision-making process.” (Green County Drug Court Policy and Procedure Manual)

Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT) is a widely used and beneficial tool to addiction recovery. MAT and other therapy-assisted medications like those used for mental health treatment will be approved and can be used by participants; however, these medications must be prescribed, taken appropriately, and strictly monitored throughout the duration of programming. Your counselor and/or case manager will discuss these options with you and help facilitate such treatment if you desire. **Do not initiate MAT without notifying drug court team members unless you have been using MAT prior to admission.** If this is the case, proper consents for release of information are required for your prescriber.

OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS AND FOODS TO AVOID WHILE BEING URINE/BREATH/SCRAM TESTED

It is the participant's responsibility to limit exposure to the below list of products. It is the participant's responsibility to read labels or inquire of a pharmacist or assigned case manager before using/consuming the following products. Use of the products detailed below will NOT be allowed as an excuse for a positive drug, breathalyzer or SCRAM test. When in doubt, do not use or consume:

- 1. Cough and Other Liquid Medications:** Alcohol containing cough/cold syrups such as Nyquil. Other cough syrup brands containing ethyl alcohol. All prescription and over-the-counter medications must be reviewed with your case manager before use. Non-alcohol containing cough/cold remedies are readily available at most pharmacies and major retail stores.
- 2. Non-Alcoholic Beer/Wine:** Although legally considered non-alcoholic, NA beers (Sharps, O'Doul's, etc.) contain a residual amount of alcohol that may result in a positive test result for alcohol, if consumed.
- 3. Food and Other Ingestible Products:** There are numerous other consumable products that contain ethyl alcohol. Flavoring extracts such as vanilla or almond extract, and liquid herbal extracts (such as Ginkgo Biloba), could result in a positive screen for alcohol or its breakdown products. Food cooked with wine and flambé dishes (alcohol poured over a food and ignited such as cherries jubilee, baked Alaska) must be avoided.
- 4. Mouthwash and Breath Strips:** Most mouthwashes (Listermint, Cepacol, etc.) and other breath cleansing products contain ethyl alcohol. The use of mouthwashes containing ethyl alcohol may produce a positive test result. Non-alcohol breath fresheners are readily available and are an acceptable alternative.
- 5. Hygiene Products:** After shaves, colognes, hairsprays, mousse, astringents, bug sprays (Off) and some body washes contain ethyl alcohol. While it is unlikely that limited use of these products would result in a positive test for alcohol, excessive, unnecessary or repeated use of these products could affect test results. Participants must use these products sparingly to avoid reaching detection levels.
- 6. Solvents and Lacquers:** Many solvents, lacquers and surface preparation products contain ethyl alcohol. Both excessive inhalation of vapors, and topical exposure to such products, can potentially cause a positive test result for alcohol. Frequency of use and duration of exposure to such products must be kept to a minimum. There are alternatives to nearly any item containing ethyl alcohol. A positive test result will not be excused by reference to use of an alcohol-based solvent. If a participant is employed where contact with such products cannot be avoided, this must be discussed with the case manager.
- 7. Poppy Seeds:** It is possible to test positive for opiates after having consumed poppy seeds. Poppy seeds contain trace amounts of opium, which like heroin, is derived from

the poppy plant. Research measuring the amount of seeds necessary to produce a positive result is varied. To avoid this issue, **participants must avoid consuming poppy seeds**. If a participant insists a positive result is due to poppy seeds, that person will be required to produce another urine sample the next day.

SECOND HAND MARIJUANA SMOKE

A positive test result due to the passive inhalation of second-hand marijuana smoke is not feasible given the conditions necessary to produce the 50 ng/ml level at which the Green County Drug Court Program tests. In various studies on passive inhalation, positive results have occurred where individuals were exposed to the smoke of 4-16 marijuana cigarettes in an extremely small, sealed, unventilated area for one hour a day over the course of several days. The conditions were extremely uncomfortable, causing watering of the eyes and irritation to the mucous membrane of the nose and throat. The few positive test results were detected at the 20 ng/ml level which is the most sensitive testing level.

The only study where the results were detectable at the 50 or 100 ng/ml level were a product of hour long exposure in the above sealed conditions to 16 cigarettes over 6 consecutive days. It is highly unlikely that the extreme conditions necessary to produce ANY positive test (even at the lowest 20 ng/ml level) could be encountered in a real-life situation without, at least, the tacit consent of the participant. *Accordingly, it is the participant's responsibility to remove him/herself from that situation.*

PHYSICIAN DISCLOSURE/PRESCRIPTION DRUG POLICY

Drug court participants are required to notify any medical practitioner whom they have visited for medical treatment of the following information:

- I am a participant in the Green County Drug Court program.
- I am required to disclose that I have an addiction to chemical substances.
- Unless absolutely medically necessary in the treatment of an illness or injury, I am NOT to be prescribed a medication containing a narcotic/addictive drug or any other type of medication they may interfere with the treatment of my addiction.
- I must request that my practitioner write on my medical file that I am a participant in the Drug Court, sign and date the file.
- I must request a copy of this entry from my practitioner and will present it to my case manager at my next scheduled contact.

Failure to comply with this policy may result in application of a sanction and/or termination from the Drug Court Program.

Drug Court Sanction Matrix

****Treatment responses will be used to address specific behaviors and are not sanctions****

| <u>Intensity</u> | <u>Violation</u> | <u>Sanctions</u> |
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| <p>Low</p> <p>Early in the program</p> <p>Infrequent violation</p> <p>Lengthy period of compliance before violation</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missed appointment • Missed UA • Failure to complete pro-socials • Inappropriate behaviors • Missed check-in • Late court • Late/missed meeting, therapy, etc. • Incomplete assignment • Not reporting police contact • Dishonesty • Missed medication count • Noncompliance with treatment recommendations • Noncompliance with community supervision rules • Continued use • Curfew violations | <p>Verbal warning</p> <p>Written/verbal apology</p> <p>Written assignment</p> <p>Community service</p> <p>Jail</p> |
| <p>Medium</p> <p>Multiple violations/ Pattern of violations</p> <p>More serious violations regardless of length of time in program</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missed appointment • Missed UA • Failure to complete pro-socials • Inappropriate behaviors • Missed check-in • Late court • Late/missed meeting, therapy, etc. • Incomplete assignment • Not reporting police contact • Dishonesty • New criminal charges • Inappropriate contact with other participants • Failure to report prescribed medications • Missed medication count • Failure to complete sanction • Being in an establishment where the primary purpose is the sale or consumption of alcohol • Noncompliance with treatment recommendations • Noncompliance with community supervision rules • Continued use | <p>Community service</p> <p>Jail</p> <p>Saturday reporting and/or day reporting</p> <p>Additional court appearances</p> <p>Phase demotion or extension</p> <p>Increased community restrictions</p> <p>Possible termination</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curfew violations | |
| <p>High</p> <p>Continued violations</p> <p>Increased severity of violations regardless of time in program</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missed appointment • Missed UA • Failure to complete pro-socials • Inappropriate behaviors • Missed check-in • Late court • Late/missed meeting, therapy, etc. • Incomplete assignment • Not reporting police contact • Dishonesty • UA tampering • New criminal charges • Absconding (week or more) • Diverting sanctions • Violent or threatening behavior • Evidence indicating participant is involved with drug activity dealing, assaultive behavior, or driving while under the influence of any mood altering chemicals including alcohol • Failure to report prescribed medications • Missed medication count • Failure to complete sanction • Noncompliance with treatment recommendations • Noncompliance with community supervision rules • Continued use | <p>Saturday reporting and/or day reporting</p> <p>Phase demotion or extension</p> <p>Extended time in program</p> <p>Team roundtable</p> <p>Increased community restrictions</p> <p>Electronic surveillance</p> <p>Jail</p> <p>Termination</p> |

| Overriding Factors | |
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| Mitigating/Stabilizing Factors | Aggravating/Destabilizing Factors |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment stability • Residential stability • Presence of positive support network • Enrolled in educational programming • Positive adjustment while in Drug Court • Accepting full responsibility for actions • Awareness of proximal and distal goals, what is realistic for the participant to accomplish at that time | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violation is directly related to current offense • Continues pattern of previous criminal behavior • Unstable home situation • Inability of participant to support self • Evidence of escalating mental health symptoms, or drug/alcohol addiction • Chronic pattern of violations • Pre-contemplating stage not improving • Lack of any appropriate program in recommended response level • Escalating pattern of negative choices/behaviors • Critical threat to community safety |

Drug Court Incentives Matrix

| Low | Medium | High |
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| Verbal Praise | Reduced supervision requirements | Supervised day trips |
| Small tangible rewards | Less frequent probation appointments | Movie outings |
| Health foods (e.g. tea, protein bars, fruit, trail mix) | Less frequent status hearings | Intramural sports |
| Coffee mugs | Enhanced Drug Court Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment as in program peer mentor • Assistant to group leader • Self-help group facilitator • All-Star or Deans List | Travel privileges |
| Stickers | Fishbowl drawings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rewards from a fishbowl that may earn tangible or non-tangible incentives of varying magnitude • <i>E.g. haircut, gas card, gift certificate.</i> | Weekend passes out of county |
| Birthday or holiday cards | Posted Accomplishments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pro-sobriety artwork or writing essays displayed in Court room, treatment program, or probation office • Photos of participants receiving GEDs or other awards • Letters of commendation from Employers or Teachers | Phone check-ins |
| Books or children's books | Written Commendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letters of attainment from the Judge • Progress reports or report cards from treatment providers, | Ambassadorships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represents the Drug Court to outside agencies, such as church groups, legislators, and/or the media. |

| | Probation Agents, or Case Manager | |
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| Toiletries | Supervised Social Gatherings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sober dances • Picnics • Picture day/family day (food and games provided to invited family members and friends). | Commencement ceremony |
| Frames and certificates | Symbolic Rewards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sobriety chips • Sobriety key chains • Sobriety marbles • Sobriety tokens Copy of addiction readings such as the AA 'big book' | Flowers and/or framed diplomas |
| Picture album | | Picture taken with the Judge and Staff |
| Serenity stones | | Delivering thankfulness speeches |
| Recognition in Court <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handshake from Judge • Round of applause in Court • Certificate of accomplishment for achieving a clinically important milestone | | Hearing speeches from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local or national speakers or Politian(s) |
| | | Words of redemption and congratulations from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arresting Police Officer |

Termination

Any member of the Drug Court team can request your termination from Drug Court if they believe that you should no longer be allowed to complete the program; however, the team will discuss the request and the Judge will make the final decision. Some reasons why termination might be considered:

- Not following the rules.
- Arrest or conviction on new criminal charges.
- Failure to appear for court, treatment, support groups or other programming.
- Any other grounds that the Drug Court Team finds sufficient and after all other appropriate sanctions have been tried and failed.

Graduation

Graduation is recognized as a very important event in your life. Your loved ones will be invited to join you at a ceremony as the Drug Court Team congratulates you for successfully completing the Drug Court Program and achieving your goal to establish a sober life in recovery. ***Graduation will require:***

- ***Minimum of 90 days sober immediately prior to graduation.***
- ***Application and approval of the Drug Court Team.***
- ***Completion of all phase requirements and case plan goals.***
- ***Active enrollment or work towards a Diploma or GED, if applicable.***
- ***Employed, actively seeking employment, or active engagement in post-secondary education. In some cases, this may include care of your own child under the age of 2.***
- ***Active participation in a recovery support group and Alumni group.***
- ***Safe and stable living environment.***
- ***Payment of program fees and other financial obligations, if applicable.***

Conclusion

The goal of the Drug Court Program is to help you achieve a life free of substance abuse and/or dependence and criminal activity. The Judge and Drug Court Team are here to guide and assist you but the final responsibility is yours. ***To succeed, you must be willing to work*** with the Drug Court Team to ***make the changes necessary*** to maintain your new life in recovery.

Recovery is a lifestyle and will need ***dedication and hard work*** long beyond your stay in Drug Court. ***Drug court is a building block, an intervention that will teach you the skills necessary for living a recovery based life.***
