

WHAT IS THE CLARK COUNTY DRUG COURT?

It is a court-supervised program to reduce substance abuse, criminal behavior and increase rehabilitation through intense court intervention and treatment. Frequent drug testing, drug treatment, sanctions and rewards are used to promote long-term sobriety, accountability and productive lifestyles.

HOW IS DRUG COURT DIFFERENT?

In drug court, the judge, prosecutor, defense attorneys, probation officers, police, and treatment providers are a team. The drug court team works together in a non-adversarial way to help you change your life and achieve personal and program goals. The team meets every week to review your progress based on shared information from treatment, probation, police, employers and others. During your weekly court hearing you receive sanctions or rewards based on your progress for that week.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

Current charges must be:

- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Prescription Fraud
- Other class C Felony property crimes
- Some Class B Felony property crimes (case by case basis)
- Probation Violations

You cannot:

- Be eligible for the prosecutor's Diversion Program
- Have a prior sex or violent crime conviction
- Currently be charged w/ a crime involving a Violation of Public Trust

- Be taking prescription pain narcotics
- Have a standard sentencing range over 24 months

You must:

- Pass a drug court background check
- Have a Clark County, Washington residence
- Volunteer for the program
- Admit to a drug/alcohol addiction and want treatment

If eligible and wish to participate you must plead guilty to the charges, sign a drug court contract, waiver of speedy sentencing and releases of information. Your case will not be dismissed even if you successfully complete the program. If ineligible your case will be handled in the traditional manner.

WHAT ARE THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

The Clark County Drug Court is tough! We will help you obtain the tools to succeed in becoming sober and productive. If you are considering drug court to get out of jail or to beat the system, you will not succeed. If you have an honest desire to rid your life of drugs this program is for you. The program lasts **at least one year**. Graduation usually takes about 15 months.

You are required to do the following:

- Attend court regularly to report on your progress
- Attend individual and/or group drug treatment
- Submit to multiple, random, supervised drug tests
- Agree to a curfew and curfew/home checks
- Attend support meetings (i.e. AA, NA, CA, GA etc)
- Check-in with a probation officer and case manager
- Attend other programs as determined by the drug court team
- Pay a drug court fee and normal court costs, fines and other financial obligations

Sanctions: If you do not comply with program rules, the judge will impose immediate sanctions. Some sanctions include reprimands, writing essays, court visits, increased support group meetings, community service, work crew, jail, and termination from the program. If terminated from drug court, you will be sentenced within your standard sentencing range.

Rewards: When you follow the drug court rules, the judge/team will reward you. Rewards include public recognition of your achievements, reduction of mandates, applause, sobriety coins & cups, and gifts. Graduation from drug court is a public celebration where you are recognized in a special ceremony.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

The cost of participation in drug court is \$600 plus standard fines and fees paid in a Judgment and Sentence Order. Restitution payments are expected while in drug court.

WHY PARTICIPATE IN DRUG COURT?

Drugs and alcohol wreck lives. For those who want to change their lives, drug court may be the answer. You will receive drug and alcohol treatment and education in life skills. You will build self-esteem, self-respect, and self-confidence. You will be able to think more clearly and feel healthier. When you graduate, you will have control of your life. You will have learned skills that will allow you to avoid criminal behavior and continue a drug-free life that is fulfilling and productive. You will have the support of the court system, the drug court team and the community because you have succeeded. You will be a productive member of society.

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