

NEW HORIZONS



OGLE COUNTY DRUG COURT

Effective August 1, 2009

INTRODUCTION

The Ogle County Drug Court began August 1, 2009, as an effort by the court system to offer intensive services to non-violent adult felons who have been identified as having significant substance abuse problems. The following rules and policies will assist you in completing treatment, probation, and Drug Court successfully. We hope this manual will answer many of the questions you have about Drug Court participation.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Ogle County Drug Court is to reduce the cost of substance-related crime, while holding offenders accountable for their behavior and preventing recidivism, by effectively addressing substance-related crime in Ogle County through the education and intensive individualized treatment of offenders, thereby enabling them to become productive, responsible citizens.

DRUG COURT TEAM MEMBERS

Presiding Judge, Honorable Kathleen Kauffmann

Ben Roe, State's Attorney

Greg Beitel, Sheriff

Eric Morrow, Public Defender

Greg Martin, Director of Court Services

Brigette Beckman, BA, CADC, Probation Officer

Brenda Palmieri, BS, CADC, Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.

Jack King, Evaluator, NIU



STRUCTURE OF DRUG COURT

Drug Court is a minimum eighteen (18) month commitment. This length of time can be extended if the following phases are not completed on time.

3 mos. - 1st Phase

4 mos. - 2nd Phase

5 mos. - 3rd Phase

6 mos. - 4th Phase

Phase I: (3 mos.)

Attend Drug Court one (1) time weekly

Attend all treatment as ordered

Report to probation a minimum of four (4) times per month

Attend three (3) support groups per week

Approved living situation or plan

Drug testing as required

30 days sober

Primary treatment must be completed at this phase.

Phase II: (4 mos.)

Attend Drug Court every other week

Continue with treatment as directed

Must be attending GED program, seeking employment, or enrolled school

Report to probation a minimum of three (3) times per month

Attend three (3) support groups per week (1 group per week can be pro-social organized activity)

Approved living situation or plan

Drug testing as required

Check on getting driver's Illinois Driver's License

Obtain a sponsor/mentor/positive adult role model

90 days clean

Phase III: (5 mos.)

Attend Drug Court once every four (4) weeks

Continue treatment as directed

Obtain GED

Secure steady employment

Attend two (2) support groups per week

Drug testing as required

Report to probation a minimum of three (3) times per month

Maintain weekly contact with sponsor

6 months total sobriety

Phase IV: (6 mos.)

Attend Drug Court once every eight (8) weeks

Continue treatment as directed

Report to probation two (2) times per month

Random drug screens

Attend one (1) support group per week

Maintain full-time employment

Must pay all court fees in full to be discharged from Drug Court

Maintain one (1) year sobriety

TREATMENT

It is the opinion of the Drug Court team that completing treatment is your number one priority. You will be instructed to contact out treatment provider(s) to schedule an intake appointment immediately. Your level of treatment will be determined by your assessment results. Once assessment is completed, you will be required to begin treatment immediately.

COURT APPEARANCES

During the first phase, you will be attending court weekly. You will be expected to be in court on time, dressed appropriately, and to be clean and sober. Appropriate dress is as follows:

- No tank tops, muscle shirts, crop tops, starter jackets, shirts with obscene words or pictures, (including alcohol/drug themes).
- No sagging pants, (below the waistline).
- No hats, caps, or bandannas.
- No gang attire of any kind.
- Cell phones or pagers must be turned off.

Finally, intoxilyzers or drug screens may be required. If you are under the influence, this could lead to an immediate sanction.



DRUG SCREENS/BREATHALYZERS

Each Drug Court participant will be assigned a color code. You will need to call the Probation Office each day between the hours of 8:30 am to 10:30am. The phone number you will need to call is (815) 732-3201, ext. 410. If your code is announced you must report to the Probation Office within 24 hours.

The following will be considered violations of the drug screening protocol:

- Not keeping your appointment
- A positive drug screen
- A dilute specimen
- An altered specimen
- Any type of tampering, (i.e.: bringing someone else's urine)

Intoxilyzers will be used as needed.

Finally, you may be required to submit to either an intoxilyzer test or a urine screen during a home visit check.

\$ FEES \$

Drug Court clients will be expected to keep current with their fees. This will include treatment costs, probation service fees, restitution, and any other costs associated with this court.

INCENTIVES AND SANCTIONS

Throughout the Drug Court process you will receive incentives or sanctions. As you meet goals or expectations, you will be rewarded in various ways. However, if you **DO NOT** meet expectations, you will receive a sanction. The type of sanction will depend on the violation.

The following is a list of the incentives and sanctions offered by our Drug Court:

Incentives:

- Praise/acknowledgment from the Court
- Less frequent court appearances
- Quicker court appearances (A - list)
- Gift cards
- Membership to health club
- Certificate at each phase completed
- Cake at one (1) year sobriety
- GRADUATION

Sanctions:

- Three (3) page paper on a subject determined by the Court
- Sitting in court for a half or a full day
- Increased supervision
- Community Service Work
- Must pay for positive drug tests
- G.P.S. or Electronic Monitoring, (self-pay)
- Return to lower phase
- Jail

TERMINATION FROM DRUG COURT

After entering our Drug Court you can face immediate termination for the following behaviors:

- Commission of a Forcible Felony
- Commission of any sex offense
- Being on warrant status for a significant time period
- Choosing to move outside of Ogle County
- At the recommendation of the Drug Court team



DRUG COURT GRADUATION

This is the day you, your family, and the Drug Court team have been waiting for. To accomplish this you must:

- Complete all treatment recommendations
- Have twelve (12) months drug free
- Be gainfully employed or enrolled in school
- Actively involved in recovery activities or other positive outlets
- Be in a stable living situation
- All Drug Court costs must be paid

As this is a huge accomplishment, a graduation ceremony will be scheduled. This will be your day to celebrate and be honored.


