

Racine County Alcohol and Drug Treatment Court

The mission of this specialty court is to improve public safety by providing more intense supervision and service to convicted non-violent alcohol and/or drug offenders with a goal of increasing the quality of both personal and family life for Racine County residents/community.

Goals

1. To reduce recidivism and relapse to alcohol and drug use for offenders.
2. To improve the functioning of offenders with alcohol and drug use/abuse issues.
3. To improve utilization of community resources.

Structure

The Racine County Alcohol and Drug Treatment Court is for individuals in need of alcohol and drug treatment resulting from a conviction for drug possession or other alcohol/drug related offenses. Potential participants are identified and placed in the program as a condition of a court-imposed sentence resulting from a negotiated plea agreement.

Eligibility

- Individual is a Racine County resident.
- Assessed with alcohol and/or drug abuse or dependence.
- No prior convictions for violent and prior felony convictions involving weapons.

- Voluntarily agrees to abide by the Racine County Alcohol and Drug Treatment Court program rules.
- Adult (17 years, plus)
- Qualifying Offenses
 - Second offense simple THC or cocaine possession conviction, first-time felony possession offenders.
 - Person whose non-violent, minor offenses are a direct result of alcohol or drug abuse.

Disqualification

- Commission of a violent offense.
- Failure to attend scheduled Treatment Court hearings, as a result of incarceration.
- Abandonment of the Treatment Court Program.
- Evidence of alcohol and/or drug use, drug dealing, assaultive behavior or driving while under the influence of an intoxicant.
- Any grounds that the Treatment Court finds sufficient for disqualification.

Program Phases

Phase I: 3 to 4 months

- Mandatory urine drug screen or PBT (Portable Breath Test), weekly, (SCRAM may be added and tests may be reduced later in Phase I, if indicated).
- Cooperate and participate in all aspects of the treatment plan.
- Violation free for 30 consecutive days prior to advancement.

- Make regular payments toward fees and costs as determined by the court.
- Attend all Treatment Court appearances.
- Be involved in a self-help program and find a sponsor.
- Court appearances every 2 weeks.
- Weekly office visits with probation agent

Phase II: 4 to 5 months

- Mandatory urine drug screen or PBT, weekly, (SCRAM may be used).
- Cooperate and participate in all aspects of the treatment plan.
- Must be employed or involved in employment activities/education.
- Violation free for 60 consecutive days.
- Be involved in self-help group 3 times per week.
- Attend Treatment Court appearances once every 4 weeks.
- Be involved in a self-help program and have a sponsor.
- Make regular payments towards any fees and costs as determined by the court.

Phase III: 5 to 9 months

- Mandatory urine drug screen or PBT on a weekly basis, or as indicated.
- Cooperate and participate in all aspects of the treatment plan.
- Be employed.
- Violation free for 90 consecutive days.
- Attend Treatment Court appearances once every 6 weeks.
- Be involved in a self-help program and have a sponsor.
- Completed paying all fees and costs.

The Racine County Alcohol and Drug Treatment Court Program will take 18 months to complete. In some cases, longer for successful completion.

Incentives and Sanctions

Treatment Court supports lifestyle changes through Incentives and Sanctions to assist with removing barriers to successful change.

Treatment Protocol

Participant undergoes comprehensive assessment that includes social, criminal, AODA treatment, mental health history and a review of available records. The offender must then participate in alcohol/drug treatment as recommended. The participant's behavior is closely monitored (interviews, urine drug screens, alcohol breath tests) while he or she pursues positive endeavors, e.g. employment, remaining violation and substance abuse free.

Entry Process

Participants are referred from any Racine County Circuit Court. A prospective participant in the program, as part of a plea agreement, enters a plea in the Treatment Court. The candidate is prescreened. The participant is informed of the Treatment Court program phases, requirements and expectations. Finally, the sentence is imposed by the Treatment Court after the offender has been determined to be eligible.

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Racine County Alcohol and Drug Treatment Court Funding

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