



THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MICHIGAN

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ADULT DRUG COURT

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Third Circuit Adult Drug Court aims to address the needs of non-violent felony offenders who are addicted to drugs and/or alcohol by offering a sentencing alternative to jail or prison.

The Adult Drug Court is a comprehensive program of intensive judicial supervision, including frequent and random drug testing, graduated incentives and sanctions, which seeks to aide in the rehabilitation and recovery of participants by utilizing community resources to provide analyses, treatment and education with the goal of reducing recidivist behavior.

The program provides direction and leadership for participants whose prior substance abuse has resulted in their criminality. Collaborative relationships with community partners combined with criminal justice supervision have been proven to curtail and eliminate drug abuse and criminality.

Participants appear before Supervising Drug Court Judges at regular status hearings while undergoing appropriate substance abuse treatment. Incentives for participants who comply with program requirements may include but are not limited to: reduced reporting requirements, recognition by the Court, expungement of conviction in appropriate first offense cases; reduction to lesser included felony or misdemeanor charge and a non prison or non jail sentence.

Sanctions for those participants who fail to comply may include: increased drug testing; increased reporting; community service; fines, warrants, specialized classes; NA/AA meetings; and/or time in jail.

LOWER SGL PROGRAM

The Adult Drug Court Program also offers an alternative program for offenders with lower (0-3, 0-6, 0-9) sentence guideline scores to receive the benefits of participation in the Adult Drug Court. As in the regular Adult Drug Court program, the probation term for individuals assigned to this program will be a period of one to two years.

- I. Treatment will be offered by the Bureau of Substance Abuse (for city of Detroit residents) or SEMCA (for out Wayne county residents).
- II. Incentives for participating in this program may include expungement of conviction in appropriate first offense cases; reduction to lesser included felony or misdemeanor charge, if the current case is the first offense. If it is not the first offense, the situation will be evaluated by the prosecutor to determine what consideration, may be given to the offender.

An offender's mental health status will be considered once accepted into the program, and if necessary, referral for mental health treatment will be made.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Seriously addicted offenders -

Addiction to narcotics or alcohol seriously impedes ability to function as a responsible adult.

2. Non-violent offenders -

Current offense or probation violation does not involve death or serious bodily injury. Mandatory exclusions include dangerous weapons offenses, sex crimes, prior assaultive convictions, and Assault with intent to do Great Bodily Harm (AGBH) or higher offenses.

3. Lower Sentence Guideline Program - Controlled substance and property offenses (sentence guidelines of 0-3 or 0-9) Offenders found guilty of retail fraud and similar crimes who have substance abuse issues

4. Prison or Jail Bound Offenders - Prison or jail bound offenders and probation/parole violators **are** acceptable. Straddle cell offenders are required.

5. **Other Exclusions** - First time controlled substance offenders (SGL 0-3) should initially be referred to the prosecutor's office for consideration in a diversion programs.

REFERRAL PROCESS

1. To determine eligibility, contact one of the Adult Drug Court Case Managers, or the Adult Drug Court Coordinator.
2. The candidate completes an application and is pre-screened via an interview by the Adult Drug Court Case Manager.
3. A pre-admission assessment appointment is scheduled through one of two Coordinating Agencies, depending upon where the candidate resides.

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