

Adult Drug Court Program

What is Adult Drug Court?

Adult Drug Courts are judicially supervised court dockets that handle cases involving non-violent substance abusing offenders under the adult, juvenile and tribal justice systems. Drug Courts are problem solving courts that operate under a specialized model in which the judiciary, prosecution, defense bar, law enforcement, mental health, social service and treatment communities work together to help non-violent offenders find restoration in recovery and become productive members of their community.

Who is eligible for the program?

- You must be seventeen (17) years of age or older.
- Charged with a non-violent felony offense as defined in S.C. Code 16-1-60.
- Willingness to plead guilty to the offense.
- No felony charges pending in any other jurisdiction.
- No evidence of drug dealing.
- No record of convictions for violent or sexual offenses; not in possession of a firearm during the current or any previous offense.
- Voluntary participation.
- Substance abuse problem.

Requirements for Adult Drug Court Program

- Attend all court dates.
- Comply with all orders issued by the Judge.
- Attend all required meetings and appointments.
- Submit to random drug/alcohol testing.
- Complete substance abuse treatment.
- Obtain and/or maintain employment.
- Pay an application fee of \$140.00 to the Office of Solicitor - Twelfth Judicial Circuit.

Length of the Program

The length of the program is a minimum of 12 months. The participant must complete all four (4) phases of the program in order to graduate.

Criteria for Graduation from the Adult Drug Court Program

- Successful completion of all four (4) phases and program requirements.
- Unanimous recommendation from the Adult Drug Court Team and approval of the Judge.
- Payment of all fees and court ordered restitution.
- Demonstration that one is drug free and has had a substantial time of sobriety.

Want more information?

Contact the Adult Drug Court Coordinator, Scott Nutter, at (843) 679-7163.