

Washington/Madison Counties
Drug Court/Veterans' Drug
Court/Work Court
Programs

ARREST

- Client/Defendant arrested for drug related or low risk felony offense.
- Bond is set and defendant is given an initial appearance in felony Circuit Court



ARRAIGNMENT

- Formal charges filed
- Public Defender's Office appointed or private counsel retained.
- Trial date set in 6-8 weeks.



CASE ASSIGNED TO ATTORNEYS

- Case file assigned to a Prosecuting Attorney for the State.
- Client's case assigned to a Public Defender Attorney, unless he/she has retained private counsel.

NEGOTIATIONS

- After careful negotiations between Prosecutor and Defense counsel, an agreement is reached to have the defendant assessed for Drug Court/Work Court.
- Factors considered include criminal history and severity of the charged offense.

ASSESSMENT

- Defendant's attorney obtains an assessment appointment to determine eligibility.
- Assessment at the Ozark Recovery Center in Springdale.
- Must bring \$75 and a photo ID

Screening determines whether:

- Appropriate for drug court - screening reveals that client has a drug/alcohol problem.
- Appropriate for work court - screening reveals that client has no drug/alcohol problem that has contributed to the criminal charges.
- Client not appropriate for either program - the case remains in felony circuit court for typical criminal disposition.

DRUG COURT DETERMINATION

- Client given a first appearance date in Washington/Madison County, Circuit Court, Division IV
- Staffing conducted the morning of court appearance – Prosecutor, Defense counsel, Treatment Center, Probation/Parole, Drug Court Case Coordinator, Work Court Program Representative, Judge Chadd Mason
- Appears in Court - given rules by the Judge
- Drug tested – if positive, court remands to Washington County Detention Center for at least seven days.
- Required to appear for orientation with Ozark Recovery Center
- Set up first appointment with Probation officer
- Given next court appearance date.

DRUG COURT – PHASE I – INTENSIVE PHASE

- Medical physical examination
- Mental health screening
- Must attend four group counseling sessions per week
- Must attend one individual counseling session per week
- Must provide at least 36 urine testing screens
- Must attend two outside meetings per week
- Must work with a sponsor
- Must work on CRC training
- Must complete 10 hours of community service.

DRUG COURT – PHASE II – ADAPTATION PHASE

- Must attend three group counseling sessions per week
- Must attend 1 individual counseling session every two weeks
- Must provide at least 25 urine screens
- Must attend 3 outside meetings per week
- Must work with a sponsor
- Must begin GED pre-testing
- 10 hours of community service

DRUG COURT – PHASE III – ASSIMILATION PHASE

- Must attend two group counseling sessions per week
- Must attend one individual counseling session per month
- Must provide at least 12 urine screens
- Must attend 4 outside meetings per week
- Must work with a sponsor
- Must work on obtaining GED test
- 10 hours of community service

DRUG COURT – PHASE IV – AFTERCARE

- Must attend one group counseling session per week
- Must attend one individual counseling session per month
- Must provide at least 12 urine screens
- Must attend 4 outside meetings per week
- Must work with a sponsor
- Must obtain GED
- 10 hours of community service
- Must have all fines, fees, and costs paid before able to graduate.

WORK COURT DETERMINATION

- Given a court date for first appearance in work court.
- Staffing the morning of court
- Appears in court - given rules by the Judge
- Drug tested - if positive, Court remands to the custody of the Washington County Detention Center for at least seven days.
- Set up first appointment with Probation officer
- Set up meeting with Tracey Risley with the Washington County Sheriff's Office to begin program with Workforce Services

WORK COURT – PHASE I

- Client is assessed fines, fees, costs, etc. comparable to those he/she would pay on any criminal case disposition in felony circuit court.
- Client referred for entry into the CRC Program.
- Client schedules pre-testing
- Referred to Adult Education based on scores of pre-test
- Referred for GED testing if appropriate
- Client given CRC test and awarded appropriate certificate

CRC CERTIFICATE AWARDED

- Client receives Career Readiness Certificate
- Entered into electronic database where employers can search for appropriate candidates for job placement
- Client placed in employment position and wages are assigned towards Phase I obligations at \$7.25 per hour.
- Once all Phase I financial obligations are met, either through CRC program payment or personal funds of participant, client moves to next phase.

WORK COURT – PHASE II

- Participant is ordered to complete a certain number of community service hours.
- The amount is agreed upon prior to entry into the program by the Prosecutor and the Defense Attorney.
- These community service hours are the “punitive” aspect of the program and are the client’s debt to society owed due to his alleged criminal conduct.
- All fines, costs, fees, etc. must be paid and all community service hours complete before the participant is allowed to graduate from the program.

REWARDS/BENEFITS

- Early dismissal from court.
- Fewer court appearances
- Verbal praise from Judge
- Travel passes
- Bus passes
- Credit weeks
- Drug free living
- Job placement

SANCTIONS

- Admonishment from Judge
- Verbal warnings
- More frequent drug testing
- Increased counseling
- Increased supervision
- Setbacks
- Residential Drug Treatment
- Community Service
- Washington County Jail
- Termination
- Prison

COMPLETION

- Drug Court/Veterans' Drug Court
 - Client is drug free
 - Client is gainfully employed
 - Charges are dismissed
 - NO FELONY CRIMINAL RECORD
- Work Court
 - Client is gainfully employed
 - Client is drug free
 - Charges are dismissed
 - NO FELONY CRIMINAL RECORD