

PIERCE COUNTY DRUG COURT



PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK

WELCOME

The Drug Court is an intervention program for adults who have pled guilty to a crime related to their drug or alcohol addiction. It is a cooperative effort between the criminal justice system and the treatment community. By working together, we want to support and help you maintain a life in recovery. To do this, the Court rewards you for good behavior and positive progress and imposes consequences for failing to comply with expectations. The goal of Drug Court is to increase your success in treatment and reduce the chances that you will commit a new crime in the future. The Drug Court Team will work with you to make sure you understand what is expected of you.

THE DRUG COURT TEAM

The Drug Court Judge will make all decisions regarding your participation in the Drug Court Program with input from the Drug Court Team. In addition to the Judge, the Drug Court Team consists of the following members:

Drug Court Coordinator
Public Defender
District Attorney
Treatment Provider
Department of Corrections
Sheriff's Department

DRUG COURT TEAM STAFFING

Before each Drug Court hearing, the Drug Court Team will meet to discuss the participants. The Coordinator will provide the Drug Court Team with a progress report for each participant. The progress report shows participation and cooperation in the treatment program, attendance at groups and meetings, employment, drug testing results and other information about your progress. The Team will ask questions and discuss any achievements you have made and any problems you may be having.

DRUG COURT HEARINGS

The Drug Court session immediately follows the Team Staffing. During Drug Court the Judge meets with each participant individually. The Judge will discuss your week with you, give praise and rewards for positive progress, hand out any sanctions and go over any new requirements or expectations. You will be required to appear in Drug Court on a regular basis. How frequently you must appear depends upon the phase of Drug Court you are in. You will appear frequently in the beginning and gain the privilege of less frequent appearances as you progress through the program. Failure to attend a drug court hearing will result in a warrant being issued for your arrest and detention in jail until you can appear before the court.

PHASES OF DRUG COURT

PHASE ONE (minimum 90 days)

- Attend weekly Drug Court session
- Complete all assignments
- Attend all sessions, classes and support groups
- Be current with a treatment program
- Comply with any requirements of the Department of Correction
- Obtain a sponsor in the first 30 days
- Be up to date on Drug Court Fee payments
- Sponsor must attend at least one Drug Court session or provide written support for phase advancement
- Minimum of 30 days of negative drug tests and be in compliance with program for 30 days before advancement
- Any other conditions determined by the team

PHASE TWO (minimum 120 days)

- Attend Drug Court sessions every other week or as directed
- Complete all assignments
- Attend all sessions, classes and support groups
- Comply with your treatment program
- Have regular contact with a sponsor
- Sponsor must provide verbal or written recommendation for phase advancement
- Follow all rules of supervision
- Be up to date on Drug Court fee payments and develop a plan to pay all fines and court costs
- A minimum of 30 days of negative drug tests and be in compliance with the program for 30 days before advancement

PHASE THREE (minimum 180 days)

- Attend monthly Drug Court session or as directed
- Complete all assignments
- Attend all sessions, classes and support groups
- Pay all fees and fines
- Complete treatment program
- Have regular contact with a sponsor
- Sponsor must provide verbal or written recommendation for graduation
- Follow all rules of supervision
- A minimum of 30 days of negative drug tests and be in compliance with the program for 30 before graduation

Your Drug Court participation will last at least 13-18 months.

Jail time of more than 14 consecutive days or inpatient or residential treatment longer than 10 consecutive days does not count towards phase advancement. This includes time served as a condition of probation.

Time in custody spent on electronic home monitoring does count towards phase advancement.

TREATMENT

An alcohol and drug assessment will be completed before you start drug court to determine your treatment needs. During your time in Drug Court you will be expected to follow through with the treatment plan which is developed. The team will communicate with your treatment provider to make sure your treatment needs are being met. If there is a need for an increase in treatment, you will be expected to comply with all recommendations.

CHEMICAL TESTING

You will be tested throughout your participation in the Drug Court Program for controlled substances and alcohol as well as other mood altering substances. Testing may include samples of your urine, blood, breath, hair, saliva and skin. You will be required to follow all the requirements of the Participant Drug Testing Agreement including:

- Being placed on a random testing schedule which requires you to call in daily to see if you need to test.
- Promptly complying with every request to test. If you miss a test, it will count as a dirty test.
- Having all of your testing directly observed.
- Being honest if you know you will test positive. If you have a positive test and you have not discussed your use with a drug court team member before taking the test, this is considered dishonesty about use and immediate sanctions will be applied.
- Not tampering with any testing procedure. If you tamper with a test, this could be grounds for termination.

Chemical testing lets the Drug Court know whether or not you are able to remain sober. If you are unable to stop using it means that the team should consider whether your treatment needs are being met. If you continue to use, you are not gaining the benefits of recovery. If you are honest with the Team about your use, the Team will work with you to address your treatment needs rather than applying sanctions.

CONFIDENTIALITY

You will be required to sign releases of information authorizing the disclosure of health, medical, mental health, AODA, criminal, employment, and educational records for the

purpose of screening you for Drug Court and to allow the Drug Court and your treatment providers to exchange information regarding your progress. You will be required to update these releases as necessary.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUPS

You will be required to attend community support groups while in Drug Court. Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous are examples of community support groups. The goal is for you to build a sober support network which will remain in place once you have graduated from Drug Court. Attendance is verified by a signature from the individual chairing the meeting. You will be required to get a sponsor and maintain frequent contact with that sponsor.

EMPLOYMENT

You will be required to maintain employment while you are in Drug Court. If you are unemployed upon starting Drug Court, you will be required to apply for jobs and do community service to fulfill these hours until you get a job.

SUPERVISION

You will be expected to comply with all directions of your supervising agent during your time in Drug Court. Violations of your supervision will be considered as a part of your progress in Drug Court.

DRUG COURT SUPPORT GROUP

Drug Court participants meet weekly with the Coordinator and other participants throughout their time in Drug Court. This is an opportunity for participants to share their experiences with each other and to share information with the coordinator.

DRUG COURT FEES

You will be required to pay a drug court fee of \$750. The fee is divided into three amounts which must be paid before you may advance to the next phase.

OTHER PROGRAMS

The Drug Court Team may find other programs which are important for your success in Drug Court including budgeting classes, victim empathy seminars and criminal thinking interventions. You must complete any programs that are ordered by the Drug Court Judge.

TERMINATION

Any member of the Drug Court team can ask for your termination from Drug Court if they believe that you should no longer be allowed to complete the program. Some reasons why termination might be considered:

- Not following the rules.
- Arrest or conviction on new criminal charges.
- Failures to appear for court, treatment, support groups or other programming.
- Any other grounds that the Treatment Court Team finds sufficient for termination.

GRADUATION

Upon your successful completion of a treatment program and the phases of Drug Court, you will graduate. Graduation is recognized as a very important event. Your loved ones will be invited to join you at a special ceremony as the Drug Court Team congratulates you for successfully completing the Drug Court Program and achieving your goal to establish a sober life in recovery.

CONCLUSION

The goal of the Drug Court Program is to help you achieve a life free of dependence on mind-altering substances. The Judge and the Drug Court Team are here to guide and assist you but the final responsibility is yours. To succeed, you must be willing to work with the Drug Court Team to make the changes necessary to maintain a healthy life in recovery.

Pierce County Drug Court Sanctions Options

<p>Missed 12 Step Meetings, including no signature</p>	<p>Phase 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make up meetings• Write a paper• Go to meeting you have never been to before• 7 meetings/7 days• Chair a meeting• Go back in Phase <p>Phase 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make up meetings• Write a paper• Go to meeting you have never been to before• 7 meetings/7 days• 30 meetings/30 days• Chair a meeting• Go back in phase• Curfew• Journal keeping• Peer review <p>Phase 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make up meetings• Write a paper• Go to meeting you have never been to before• 7 meetings/7 days• 30 meetings/30 days• 60 meetings/60 days• 90 meetings/90 days• Chair a meeting• Go back in phase• Increase court appearances• Jail• Curfew• Journal keeping• Peer review
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<p style="text-align: center;">Missed Test</p>	<p>Phase 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add up to 30 days to phase • Increase frequency of drug tests • Write a paper on responsibility • Community service hours • Curfew <p>Phase 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add up to 60 days to phase • Weekly attendance to court • Increase frequency of drug tests • Pay for increased testing • Write a paper on responsibility • Community service hours • Curfew <p>Phase 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add up to 90 days to phase • Weekly attendance to court • Increase frequency of drug tests • Jail • Write a paper on responsibility • Community Service Hours • Curfew • Pay for increased testing
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<p>Missed Counseling/Probation Appointment/Coordinator Appointment</p>	<p>Phase 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay no show fee • Letter of apology • Stay after court to write a 1 page paper on responsibility • Community service hours • Extend phase by 1 week
<p>Missed Counseling/Probation Appointment/Coordinator Appointment</p>	<p>Phase 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay no show fee • Letter of apology • Stay after court to write a 1 page paper on responsibility • Community service hours • Extend phase by 2 weeks • Pay a \$25 donation to drug court for incentives <p>Phase 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay no show fee • Letter of apology • Stay after court to write a 1 page paper on responsibility • Community service hours • Extend phase by up to 30 days • Present to court/group on the importance of (pick a topic) • Pay \$25 donation to drug court for incentives

<p>Failure to do an ordered Sanction</p>	<p>Phase 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community service hours • 24 hours jail • Write a paper • Admonishment from Judge • Curfew • Extend phase by 1 week <p>Phase 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community service hours • 48 hours jail • Write a paper • Admonishment from Judge • Curfew • Extend phase by 2 weeks <p>Phase 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community service hours • 72 hours jail • Write a paper • Admonishment from Judge • Curfew • Extend phase by up to 30 days • Move back a phase
<p>Dilution of Test</p>	<p>Phase1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal warning • Extend phase by up to 30 days • Write a paper on honesty <p>Phase 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jail Until clean test and/or 24 hours • Increase testing • Pay For increased testing • Extend phase by up to 60 days • Write a paper on honesty • Possible termination from program <p>Phase 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jail • Increased testing • Pay for increased testing • Move back in phase • Possible termination from program • Court review

<p>Taking Unauthorized Medication</p>	<p>Phase 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean date adjusted • Extend phase by up to 30 days • Reevaluation of treatment • Increase testing • Pay for increased testing • Community service hours • Jail <p>Phase 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean date adjusted • Extend phase by up to 60 days • Reevaluation of treatment • Increase testing • Pay for Increased testing • Community service hours • Jail <p>Phase 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean date adjusted • Extend phase by up to 90 days • Reevaluation of treatment • Increase testing • Pay for increased testing • Community service hours • Jail • Presentation to drug court group on the effects of prescription drugs
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Falsification of Signature	Phase 1,2 and 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 days jail • Possible termination from program
Adulteration of Test	Phase 1,2 and 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jail • Possible termination from program

Pierce County Drug Court Incentives

Phase Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate • Gift Card
Getting a Job	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gift Card • Recovery Book
Sober Milestones 60/90/1yr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Chain • Recovery Book • Camel Pin and Poem
Treatment Completion Primary Aftercare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledgement/Praise • Mug • Key Chain • Gift Card
Any Other Opportunity to Reward Behavior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candy Bars • Verbal Praise • Extra name in wishing well • Grocery Voucher • Movie Pass • Money off Drug Court fee • Gift Cards • DVD's • Court Acknowledgement • Personalized Rewards Ex. Fishing License, exercise membership • Earn Sanction Reversal-(reduction in sanction)