

Welcome to Drug Court. As a person whose major problems stem from substance abuse, this program is especially designed for you. As you enter this voluntary, intensely supervised treatment program, you need to be motivated to work toward changing your lifestyle and becoming free of alcohol and chemical addiction. This program is accessible regardless of your race, religion, sex, ethnic origin, sexual preference, marital status, or age.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Drug Court is a court-managed, drug intervention treatment program designed to provide a cost-effective alternative to traditional criminal case processing. It may be offered if you are charged with either felony Possession of a Controlled Substance or Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance. If you are eligible and choose to participate in this program, you must be willing to commit to the entire program. The program may be successfully completed within two (2) years. At any time during your participation, you could be terminated from the program and sentenced by a District Court Judge for noncompliance with rules and treatment plans.

COSTS AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

You will be required to pay a cost of \$125.00 for participation in the Drug Court.

Any Drug Court participant with court-related financial obligations, i.e., child support, restitution, fines, victim's compensation fund, fees, court costs, will make court approved payments on a regular schedule and provide staff with documentation of the payments.

PROGRAM PLANS

Based upon your needs, an Individualized Program Plan will be developed. The plan will outline goals you must achieve prior to advancing to the next phase. There are three phases of the program.

Completion of each phase is based on your performance. The Drug Court Judge will promote or demote you according to your individual progress with recommendations from the Drug Court staff.

SUPERVISION

Supervision of participants consists of face-to-face meetings at least on a weekly basis, as well as the participant's residence. Unannounced site visits to the participant's place of employment and residence will also be conducted by the Probation officer.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT COMPONENT

Part of your Drug Court participation will consist of required substance abuse treatment. The treatment you receive will be based on your assessment and input from other members of the Drug Court staff.

The type of treatment you receive will be based on your needs. It may consist of outpatient treatment. If you receive outpatient treatment you will be required to attend Group Counseling, Individual Counseling, and/or Family Counseling.

12-STEP SUPPORT GROUPS

Involvement in 12-step support groups is vital to your recovery. Attendance at these groups is mandatory and will be documented. The fellowships will help you see how others with similar problems are recovering from their addictions. You will observe that changing to a drug-free lifestyle is a positive and exciting experience. Very few alcoholics and addicts maintain recovery without a support system.

SANCTIONS

Each Drug Court Participant must abide by the conditions of the Drug Court. Sanctions may be imposed for various infractions of the rules. Sanctions may include but are not limited to incarceration or termination from the program

HOUSING

You will be required to maintain court-approved stable housing in Bannock County. The Judge may require you to move from your current residence into a suitable housing situation.

Participants will be permitted to move within Bannock County while in the program; however, staff must approve of the change.

EMPLOYMENT

The Judge may require you to obtain and maintain full-time employment throughout your involvement in the program.

Participants will be permitted to change jobs while in the program; however, staff must approve of the change.

VOCATIONAL/JOB TRAINING COMPONENT

Participants with less than a high school degree or GED and those who are employed or underemployed will be expected to work on developing their skills.

RANDOM DRUG SCREENS

Random drug screens will play a significant role in your recovery. It is your responsibility to make sure that you understand and comply with the stated guidelines. If you do not feel that you fully understand, it is your responsibility to ask for clarification.

PROGRAM HOURS

The Drug Court sessions will be every Tuesday evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise scheduled. The hours of operation for Drug Court support staff are generally Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with evening and weekend group sessions. However, the offices are generally closed for the following holidays:

- ❖ New Year's Day
- ❖ Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- ❖ President's Day
- ❖ Memorial Day
- ❖ Independence Day
- ❖ Labor Day
- ❖ Columbus Day
- ❖ Veteran's Day
- ❖ Thanksgiving Day
- ❖ Christmas Day

If you have questions regarding our Drug Courts, please feel free to contact:

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Bannock County Public Defender
(208) 236-7043

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Road to Recovery Treatment Provider
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If you have been charged with an offense in Bannock County and you meet the Drug Court criteria, you may be eligible to participate in the Drug Court program. At the time of your first court appearance, the arraignment, court personnel will direct you to schedule an appointment with your attorney or public defender. If you are representing yourself you will be directed to meet with the Drug Court Coordinator. **Please make sure to schedule your appointment immediately after you have been arraigned!**

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State of Idaho**

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