Notes and Questions

Goals/objectives/services

* To promote public safety by reducing criminal activity caused by or related to substance abuse.
* To provide effective court supervision, including regular hearings that track progress of both sanctions and incentives.
* Participants receive frequent alcohol and drug screenings to assure compliance.
* To provide participants an individual treatment program tailored to their specific needs with a certified counselor.
* Frequent reviews by Judges and Staff.
* To connect clients to available community resources.

To afford first time felony offenders an opportunity to have the felony dropped.

For dependency cases reunification is advocated for those in compliance.

 For Juveniles, cases are diverted and probationers are supervised.

**For more information: talk to your Public Defender, Private Attorney or call the Drug Court Office:**

**Key West 305-292-3463**

**Marathon 305-289-2820**

**Plantation Key 305-853-7341**

 **16th Judicial Circuit Drug Court**

 

Our mission is to provide treatment that will REBUILD and RECLAIM lives that have become unmanageable, to RESTORE and STRENGTHEN families and communities, to PROMOTE and ENCOURAGE responsibility, accountability, and personal growth. We are committed to excellence in the delivery of care and services to our recovering clients and their families.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

Eligible participants will meet the following criteria:

* The defendant had a delinquent act, an adult arrest or dependency case in Monroe County or has a jurisdictional transfer from another county.
* The defendant is non- violent and charged with a felony, has a dependency case, or is involved in the Department of Juvenile Justice and is identified as having a substance abuse problem.
* The defendant would likely reoffend if not treated for the substance abuse problem.

### **Disqualification Criteria**

The following criteria disqualify an offender Court Program:

* Violent convictions or history of prior felony convictions.
* Receiving medical management of pain medication (not to include prescribed psychotropic medication) and are not willing to consider alternative treatments.

The dependency and criminal justice system have the unique ability to influence a person shortly after a significant event such as an arrest or dependency filing. In the Drug Court arena the Defense Council and the State Prosecutor use a non-adversarial approach while protecting the participant’s due process rights. Once the client is placed into Drug Court by one of the various Drug Court Judges the team focus is on the participant’s recovery and law abiding behavior.

The Monroe County Drug Court has been in continuous operation since 1993. Our Circuit has Juvenile, Dependency and Adult Diversion Drug Courts. Sites include Key West, Marathon and Plantation Key. We integrate substance abuse out-patient treatment licensed by the Department of Children and Families and due process in the Drug Court structure.

Substance abuse seldom exists in isolation from other serious problems. Trauma is often a common denominator for many substance abusers. Drug Court Treatment incorporates trauma informed care into the program.

Other interventions include mental health referrals, education and job assistance referrals, as well as referrals to address other issues that may contribute to Substance Abuse.

The 16th Judicial Circuit Drug Court is a 12 month program in duration per statue and consists of three phases.

**Phase 1** goals are to establish rapport, to identify individual’s specific needs, to promote adjustment to a drug free lifestyle, to facilitate orientation to the program, and to develop a comprehensive individualized treatment plan.

Group 1X weekly Individual Counseling 1 X weekly Urine Drops 3X weekly Twelve Step Meetings 3 X weekly Monthly Drug Court appearances

**Phase 2** goals are to increase the individual’s knowledge of substance abuse, to assist in achieving specific goals, to modify drug seeking behavior, to foster client involvement in AA/NA, and to assist the individual in internalizing the principals of living a drug free lifestyle.

 Group 1X weekly Individual Counseling 2 X a month Urine Drops 2X weekly Twelve Step Meetings 2-5 X weekly Monthly Drug Court appearances

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**Phase 3** goals are to develop an aftercare plan, to increase knowledge of the importance of living in balance, to identify their support network and create a relapse prevention plan which includes identifying triggers and high risk situations.

Group 1X weekly Individual Counseling 1 X monthly Urine Drops 2X random weekly Twelve Step Meetings 2 X weekly Monthly Drug Court appearances

The evidence based curriculum will include, but not be limited to, motivation for change to assess treatment readiness, addressing thinking errors, criminality and addiction, in conjunction with the 12-step philosophy, family systems and psychodynamic treatment models.

Our goal as the staff of the 16th Judicial Drug Court is to offer the tools to succeed, encouraging participants and their families to build a solid future.



All out-patient programs provided by the 16th Judicial Drug Court are licensed by the State of Florida Department of Children and Families.