

## Program Description

The Rockdale County DUI Court Supervised Treatment Program supports offenders' placement and participation in alcohol treatment services. We recognize that alcohol abuse and dependence are, respectively, a treatable behavior and condition and recovery is more attainable through a treatment process than personal effort alone. We also recognize that, left untreated, alcohol abuse / dependence affects not only the abuser/dependent person, but the community as a whole. Therefore, the court requires that all offenders meeting certain legal criteria be considered for participation in DUI Court, and, if eligible, be offered admission into our program. Should the person choose participation, they will be court-ordered to comply with all of the terms and conditions for participation in the program.

## Criteria for Participation

To participate, one must:

- Be 17 years of age or older
- Live in Rockdale or contiguous counties in Georgia
- Have been charged with a 2<sup>nd</sup> in 5 years, or a 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> lifetime DUI
- Not have been convicted of a violent felony
- Not have more than two violent misdemeanor convictions within ten years
- Not have a current charge with an accompanying felony

All interested individuals meeting these criteria as determined by the court and approved by the District Attorney will be referred for a clinical screening at GRN Community Service Board. If found appropriate, the case will be discussed at the next status review meeting, and a final admission decision will be made at that time.

## Benefits for the Participant

- Intensive and comprehensive intervention and treatment for the participant's alcohol use disorder
- Reduced probability of another DUI
- Less time in jail, and more time in the community with family and friends
- Facilitation of license reinstatement, if eligible
- Assistance with employment, if needed
- An improved quality of life

## Meet the DUI Court Team

**The Judge** presides over court sessions, and communicates incentives and sanctions based on the participant's performance.

**The Prosecutor** recommends and supports the participant's entry into the program.

**The Defense Counsel** ensures the protection of the participant's rights.

**The Law Enforcement Officer** works with the participant in the community to ensure that he or she maintains compliance with the program.

**The Probation Officer** monitors the participant's progress, to help ensure that all court requirements are met.

**The Treatment Provider** teaches new ways of thinking and behaving, which helps the participant understand the benefits of a sober life.

**The Coordinator** orients the participant to program, determines if her or she is appropriate for the program, and is the point of contact for any questions that the participant has.

All members of the team meet on a weekly basis to discuss the participant's progress.

## Program Information

The program is a minimum of twelve months in duration. The participant moves through three distinct phases and an aftercare component. The requirements of the phases are as follows:

### Phase I (approximately 30-60 days)

- Attend DUI School and Clinical Evaluation
- Comply with treatment
- Comply with probation
- Attend court twice / month
- Maintain at least 30 consecutive days of abstinence
- Maintain **at least part time employment** or if unemployed, complete 20 hours / week community service work **and** 5 job applications / week
- Remain current on DUI Court fees
- Accumulate no sanctions for at least 30 days

### Phase II (approximately 120 days)

- Comply with treatment
- Comply with probation
- Attend court twice / month
- Maintain at least 60 consecutive days of abstinence
- Maintain **at least part time employment** or if unemployed, complete 20 hours / week community service work **and** 5 job applications / week
- Remain current on DUI Court fees
- Accumulate no sanctions for at least 60 days

### Phase III (approximately 180 days)

- Comply with treatment
- Comply with probation
- Attend court once / month
- Maintain at least 180 consecutive days of abstinence
- Maintain **at least part time employment** or if unemployed, complete 20 hours / week community service work **and** 5 job applications / week
- Remain current on DUI Court fees
- Accumulate no sanctions for at least 60 days

### Continuing Care (duration of time in program)

- Comply with treatment
- Comply with probation
- Attend court once / 3 months
- Maintain continual abstinence
- Maintain **at least part time employment** or if unemployed, completed 20 hours / week community service work **and** 5 job applications / week
- Remain current on DUI Court fees
- Accumulate no sanctions

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## Our Mission Statement

The mission of the Rockdale County DUI Court Supervised Treatment Program is to enhance public safety by breaking the cycle of addiction and the crimes that accompany it through a combination of individualized treatment, personal accountability, and intensive court supervision in order to return a productive, sober person to the community.



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