

Expected Community and Participant Benefits

FOR THE COMMUNITY

- ◆ ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION SAVING APPROXIMATELY \$15,500.00 PER YEAR PER OFFENDER (COUNTY JAIL)
- ◆ PARTICIPANT MAINTENANCE OF GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT, FURTHERANCE OF EDUCATION, AND PAYMENT OF TAXES
- ◆ REDUCTION OF RECIDIVISM
- ◆ REUNIFICATION OF QUALIFIED FAMILIES
- ◆ PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY SAFETY THROUGH ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OFFENDER

FOR THE PARTICIPANT

- ◆ PREPARING AND ASSISTING THE PARTICIPANT TO LEAD A DRUG FREE LIFESTYLE
- ◆ PARTICIPANTS WOULD RECEIVE A SUSPENDED JAIL SENTENCE IF THE PROGRAM IS COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY
- ◆ ASSISTING PARTICIPANTS WITH EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE
- ◆ PROVIDING A POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE AND SUPPORT TEAM FOR SUCCESS IN ACCOMPLISHING GOALS OF THE PROGRAM TO DEVELOP SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND RESPONSIBILITY

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31ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT ADULT DRUG COURT PROGRAM

“To Promote Health, Safety, and Welfare of the community and participants by reducing the number of drug related offenses by reducing the number of drug related re-offenders through supervision, treatment, and education.”



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INTRODUCTION

The 31st Judicial District Drug Court Program is designed to promote self-sufficiency and personal responsibility through treatment and education. The Program serves as an alternative to incarceration and traditional prosecution to offenders with substance abuse problems. The Program strives to reduce recidivism and to be a means to save tax dollars on expensive incarceration costs while providing an individual the tools needed to become a productive citizen in the community. The Program treats non violent offenders through intensive supervision, increased court appearances in front of the Drug Court Judge, treatment, support groups, and assistance with employment and educational opportunities. The offender must be a willing participant in the program. The Drug Court Team will guide the participant through the program but in the end the participant has the final responsibility to be motivated and committed to change their lifestyle to become Drug-Free.

“THIS PROJECT IS FUNDED UNDER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS.”

THE PROGRAM

- To promote public safety by providing intensive treatment services to non violent substance abuse offenders
- To provide participants with intensive supervision, judicial monitoring, and frequent drug and alcohol testing.
- Reduce recidivism as defined by re-arrest and reconvictions for participants
- To assist non-violent substance abusing offenders with developing skills to transition back into mainstream society.
- To monitor and collect court costs, fees, and child support for all participants.
- To increase awareness, education, and linkages in the community

ELIGIBILITY

- Non Violent Offender (current charge or previous)
- Must be charged with a drug offense or drug related offense
- Must be a resident of Warren or Van Buren counties
- Willing to participate and abide by program rules and treatment requirements (18 months minimum)
- Must be 18 years of age and have no hold or pending charge in another jurisdiction

PHASES OF TREATMENT

The 31st Judicial District Drug Court Program consists of three (3) phases. Each phase consists of enhanced judicial supervision, Drug Court Team supervision, treatment, drug screens, self support programs (AA/NA, journal entries), education and employment monitoring, and payment of fees, costs, restitution, etc. The program is a minimum of 18 months and participants will graduate to a new phase by compliance and may stay in a particular phase longer for non-compliance or failure to meet terms in the client contract.