



“If you can get in this program, definitely do if you are serious about getting clean and being forced to take the resources that are available. It will change your life.”

– Drug Court Participant

“No matter what put in 100%, because it’s worth it”

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Additional Information and Referrals

dgcoks.gov/drugcourt

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Douglas County Drug Court *Judge Mark Simpson*

The Douglas County Drug Court was established in January 2020 as a four-phase program for adults who have been arrested or charged with a non-violent felony offense and are having difficulty staying substance-free.

The Drug Court is a collaboration among the Court, Douglas County District Attorney’s Office, Criminal Justice Services, Defense Attorneys, Local Law Enforcement, DCCCA and other community-based treatment providers.

Prospective program participants should consult with their Attorneys, who in turn will contact the District Attorney’s Office.



Douglas County Drug Court

“Drug Court has helped me take control of my life, helping me to put strong focus and intense preparation into the man I strive to become.”

– Drug Court Participant

Structure/ Model

- Drug Court will accept referrals after the filing of criminal charges.
- Participants are required to:
 1. Tell the truth.
 2. Enter a guilty plea and agree to postpone sentencing.
 3. Not use, possess, distribute, or sell any drugs or alcohol.
 4. Follow a treatment plan.
 5. Submit to regular drug testing.
 6. Comply with all court ordered conditions.
 7. Obey the terms of supervision.
 8. Attend regular court appearances.
- After the participant successfully completes the program, the court will allow the guilty plea to be withdrawn and the criminal charges to be dismissed.

I hope you're ready to drastically change your life for the better.”

– Drug Court Participant

Eligibility

- Resident of Douglas County, Kansas, who is 18 years of age or older.
- Score high risk/high needs on standardized assessment tool.
- Admit to substance use and agree to achieve and maintain sobriety.
- Agree to engage in required substance abuse treatment.
- Felony charges pending or on felony probation with a pending probation violation.
- Have no serious or persistent mental illness which prohibits participation in substance abuse treatment or program requirements.
- Agree to participate in Drug Court and follow program requirements.
- Approval of the Drug Court Judge and the District Attorney.

Exclusions

1. Current Case involves a sex crimes or use of firearm.
2. District Attorney office finds defendant to be a public safety risk.
3. The case involves a Driving Under the Influence charge.
4. Defendant is larger dealer or distributor of drugs.
5. The Drug Court Team determines that the defendant is not amendable to the program.

“It's allowed me to overcome challenges that would have normally landed me back to being incarcerated.”

– Drug Court Participant

Drug Court Mission

The Douglas County Drug Court seeks to enhance public safety by reducing recidivism of individuals with a substance use disorder involved in the criminal justice system by offering community treatment services and a therapeutic court setting. Drug Court provides the opportunity to develop a structured, law abiding and recovery supportive lifestyle.

Goals

- Reduce recidivism among Drug Court participants.
- Promote and enhance public safety.
- Provide accountability and alternatives to incarceration for those with substance use disorders.
- Engage the community in the recovery process through education and awareness of the addiction cycle.

By working together, the Team provides the participants with long-term treatment; judicial oversight; consistent, supportive supervision; objective measures of abstinence; and recovery skills necessary to maintain a substance-free lifestyle. The Team hopes to provide an alternative to incarceration that positively affects the participants and strengthens their family and the community.