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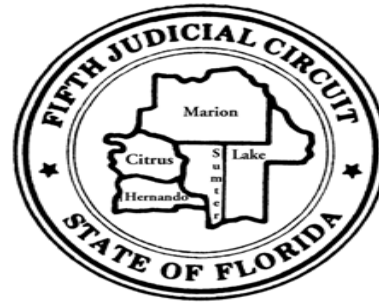
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**Sumter County Adult Felony  
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## **THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF ADULT FELONY DRUG COURT PROGRAM**



**The  
Honorable  
Paul L. Militello  
Drug Court Judge**

## **Sumter County Adult Drug Court**

The Sumter County Adult Drug Court Program is a court supervised intensive and highly structured program consisting of both comprehensive treatment and case management supervision for non-violent offenders.

The program includes, but is not limited to, regular court appearances, random drug screens, group/individual substance abuse counseling, Peer Support meetings. The length of this 3 phase program is normally 12 months.

If you meet the criteria to enter the Drug Court Program and your application has been approved by the State Attorney's Office, you will be noticed to appear before the Judge. If the Judge approves your entrance to the program, you will be required to enter a guilty plea to your charges and sign a **prosecution** agreement before entering the program. Your sentencing will be deferred for 12 months. Upon successful completion of the program the court will dismiss these charges against you.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Any first time offender or any person previously convicted of not more than one nonviolent misdemeanor, who is charged with a felony of the third degree, prostitution or second and third degree felonies involving purchase or possession of a controlled substance, solicitation for purchase of a controlled substance, or obtaining a prescription by fraud.

Persons who **are not eligible** include:

- Charged with a crime involving violence or weapons charge.
- Charged with a crime that includes sale or trafficking of a controlled substance.

## **The Program**

The participant will utilize a **three phase plan**. The court, drug court staff and treatment team monitors the participation and movement through Phases.

Participants in the Program can expect to receive incentives to reward progress and sanctions to address violations of the drug court rules, continuing drug use and other non-compliant behavior.

**Graduation from the program will result in the participants charge(s) being dismissed.**

**PHASE I\***  
**(Approximately 8 weeks)**

1. Intake, Orientation, and Introduction to the program
2. Review and sign Drug Court Program Plan with Drug Court Case Manager.
3. Obtain an appointment with an approved treatment provider within 15 days of 1st Drug Court hearing.
4. Develop an Individual Treatment Plan with treatment provider who will establish and recommend level of care required.
5. Daily “color” line calls.
6. Random drug screens.
7. Twice a month Court Appearances or as instructed by the court or drug court team.
8. Weekly Group or other counseling as recommended by treatment provider.
9. Individual Counseling sessions as recommended by the counselor.
10. Attend regular meetings with Drug Court Case Manager.
11. Obtain and maintain full time employment or provide proof of job search.
12. Attend at least four (4) Peer Support Meetings per week and submit proof of attendance each week.
13. Find a Peer Support home group.
14. Work on getting a sponsor and start working the 12 step or other abstinence program.
15. No alcohol or drug use.
16. Follow all Drug Court Rules and Guidelines.

**PHASE II\***  
**(Approximately 22 weeks)**

1. Ongoing review and updating of treatment plan with treatment provider and level of care needed.
2. No alcohol or drug use.
3. Twice a month Court Appearances or as instructed by the court or drug court team.
4. Daily “color” line calls.
5. Random drug screens.
6. Weekly Group or other counseling as recommended by treatment provider.
7. Individual Counseling sessions as recommended by the counselor.
8. Attend regular meetings with case manager or counselor.
9. Maintain consistent full time employment, school, vocational training or performance of community service hours.
10. Attend at least three (3) Peer Support meetings per week with proof of attendance submitted each week.
11. Actively work on employment and/or education goals.
12. Assure compliance with any sanctions or community service hours as directed by the Judge or drug court staff.
13. Follow all Drug Court Rules and Guidelines.
14. Continue working with a sponsor.

**PHASE III\***  
**(Approximately 22 weeks)**

1. Ongoing review and fulfillment of treatment plan goals with treatment provider and level of care needed.
2. Initiate and complete a relapse prevention/aftercare plan with treatment provider and/or sponsor.
3. Drug and alcohol free lifestyle.
4. Monthly Court Appearances or as instructed by the court or staff.
5. Daily “color” line calls.
6. Random drug screens.
7. Group, Individual or other counseling as recommended by treatment provider.
8. Attend regular meetings with case manager or counselor.
9. Maintain consistent full time employment, school or vocational training.
10. Attend at least two (2) Peer Support meetings per week with proof of attendance.
11. Focus on employment and/or education goals.
12. Make all scheduled drug court payments as instructed by the Judge or other drug court staff.
13. Assure compliance with any sanctions or community service hours as directed by the Judge or drug court staff.
14. Follow all Drug Court Rules and Guidelines.
15. Complete Exit Survey and discuss plan after discharge from Drug Court.
16. Assure that all payments required to treatment providers, sanction fees, drug screen fees etc. have been fulfilled

**PHASE ADVANCEMENT\***

Is contingent on participants meeting the requirements and obligations of each phase.

**Incentives / Sanctions**

Incentives may include but not be limited to: Drug Court team recognition; Court recognition; Recommendations for earlier movement in a phase; Certificates; Phase movement; Lesser travel restrictions; Fewer drug screens and/or counseling sessions for a limited period of time.

Sanctions may include but not be limited to: Additional individual conferences with the Coordinator and/or Administrative Manager; More frequent drug screens; Other assignments; Increased Peer Support meetings; Incarceration at the Sumter County Jail; Restriction on travel requests; extended time in a Phase; Other court imposed sanctions or being terminated from the Adult Felony Drug Court. If terminated, the case will then be returned to the regular adult court docket for sentencing on the participant’s original charge(s).

**\* Any variation or changes of the requirements within each phase may be made at the discretion of the Drug Court Judge or team or as required by statute or guidelines.**

**PROGRAM COST**

There is no cost from the Drug Court itself, however, participants will be expected to pay for the required random drug screens will be expected to pay for treatment which may be based on ability to pay.