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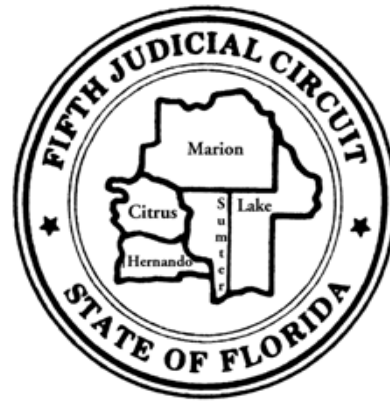
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Marion County Drug Court
Juvenile Dependency Drug Court
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MARION COUNTY JUVENILE DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT PROGRAM



**THE HONORABLE
GARY SANDERS**
Circuit Judge

BARBARA KISSNER
Dependency Drug Court
Magistrate

The Marion County Dependency Drug Court is a partnership between the Courts, Department of Children and Families, Guardian Ad Litem Program, Kids Central, Inc., The Centers, defense attorneys, and other social service programs. The Dependency Drug Court is designed to get involved in the lives of parents where drug use has been determined with court monitoring, and other resources needed to ensure permanent lifestyle change and hopefully assist in the reunification of parents with their children.

Eligibility

It has been alleged that you abandoned, abused, and/or neglected your child(ren) and that the use or abuse of illegal drugs, prescription drugs, and/or alcohol have been contributing factors. Therefore, it is in the best interest of you, your child(ren), and the State of Florida that you participate in the Dependency Drug Court Program.

The Program's Participation Agreement outlines additional details and is available for your review.

The program utilizes a three-phase plan. The Drug Court team monitors the participation and movement through phases. Partic-

ipants 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.

Incentives / Sanctions

Incentives may include but not be limited to:

- Decreased court appearances,
- Increased visitation/time sharing,
- Drug Court Team recognition,
- Lesser travel restrictions,
- Phase Movement.

Sanctions may include but not be limited to:

- Increased court appearances,
- Increased peer support meetings,
- Increased drug screens,
- Watching videos and writing essay,
- And/or restricted visitation/time sharing.

**Phase I
(8 weeks)**

1. Court appearances as determined by the court.
2. A weekly minimum of two hours of seminars.
3. Random drug screens.
4. A minimum of three Peer support group meetings per week.
5. Comply with any additional recommendations by the Dependency team.
6. Attend regular case management appointments as directed by the drug court staff.
7. Comply with case plan and any other stipulations given by the court.

Seminars Topics Include:

- ◆ Parenting
- ◆ Anger Management
- ◆ Healthy Relationships
- ◆ Life Skills (Includes Money Management)
- ◆ Substance Use and Relapse

**Phase II
(8 weeks)**

1. Court appearances as determined by the court.
2. A weekly minimum of two hours of seminars
3. Random drug screens.
4. A minimum of three Peer support group meetings per week.
5. Comply with any additional recommendations by the Dependency team.
6. Attend regular case management appointments as directed by the drug court staff.
7. Obtain a sponsor and get established in a home group and a support network.
8. Comply with case plan and any stipulations by the court.

Phase III

(8 weeks)

1. Court appearances as determined by the court.
2. A weekly minimum of two hours of seminars.
3. Random drug screens.
4. A minimum of three Peer support group meetings per week.
5. Comply with any additional recommendations by the Dependency team.
6. Attend regular case management appointments as directed by the drug court staff.
7. Strengthening parent's recovery tools.
8. Develop an after care plan.
9. Attend aftercare program if needed.
10. Comply with case plan and any other stipulations by the court.

In order to ease the burden of the

parents the Seminars, Drug Screens, and Case Management appointments will be held at the Marion County Courthouse on Wednesday mornings, the same day as court.

Participant may go to The Centers for individual therapy sessions if needed. Assessment will be done by a licensed clinician from The Centers. The parent(s) are responsible for paying the treatment provider.

Graduation

Upon successful completion of all required phases, there will be a graduation for the client that will include the Judge or General Magistrate, Drug Court Coordinator, case worker and other members of the Drug Court Team.

Program Fees

The fee for the program is \$40.00 per month. Payments must be in the form of a money order made payable to The Centers.