

JUVENILE DRUG COURT

The Juvenile Drug Court Program of Marion County deals with varying degrees of substance abuse among youthful offenders. The program is a minimum of 5 months in length. The exact length of the program is determined by the treatment needed, participation in treatment, compliance with the court orders, and the program guidelines. The cost is \$25 per month for the duration of the program.

The program will encompass and address substance abuse, education and treatment. The program is open to juvenile offenders from 13 to 17 years of age. An initial screening will be given to each participant and a treatment plan will be established. The Drug Court Judge will have oversight of the participant's progress. The Drug Court Judge will determine the frequency of court appearances during the program unless otherwise determined by the program staff. Participants will be required to find a treatment provider and have a scheduled assessment within the first 15 days of entering the program.

The participant will utilize a three phase plan. The court, drug court staff and treatment team monitors the participation and movement through each phase of the program. Participants in the program can expect to receive incentives to reward progress and sanctions to address violations of the drug court rules and regulations.

Incentives/Sanctions

Incentives may include but not be limited to: Drug Court Team recognition; recommendations for early movement in phase; certificates; less travel restrictions; and limited drug screens.

Sanctions may include but not be limited to: additional individual or family conferences; community service hours; more frequent drug screens; increased counseling sessions; essays; frozen time in phase; other court imposed sanctions; or being terminated from the Juvenile Drug Court Program. If terminated, the case will then be returned to the regular juvenile court docket for sentencing on the participant's original charge (s).

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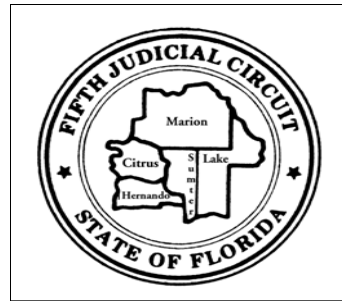
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If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this program, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Marion County Judicial Center; 110 NW First Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475, Telephone (352) 401-6710, if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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Marion County Court Alternatives



Honorable Gary Sanders
Drug Court Judge

PHASE I
REQUIREMENTS

(Approximately 7 weeks)

- Court appearances once a month. Attendance will be required of youth and parent (s) as directed.
- Individual/group/family sessions as recommended by provider.
- Random drug screens. The participant will be required to come in for drug screens when 'Phase 1' is called on the color line. The color line must be called 7 days a week including weekends and holidays.
- Weekly case management meetings
- The participant must comply with any additional referrals to outside agencies or services as recommended by the treatment provider.
- Travel out of the county during this phase will require a travel permit from the drug court case manager.
- Parents may be required to participate in the meetings as requested by the drug court case manager.
- Start a journal. The journal entries will be determined by the Drug Court Case Manager.
- Weekly progress reports.

PHASE II
REQUIREMENTS

(Approximately 7 weeks)

- Court appearances once a month. Attendance will be required of youth and parent (s) as directed.
- Individual/group/family sessions as recommended by provider.
- Random drug screens. The participant will be required to come in for drug screens when 'Phase II' is called on the color line. The color line must be called 7 days a week including weekends and holidays.
- Weekly case management meetings. Parents may be required to participate in the meetings as requested by the drug court case manager.
- If not in school, an educational/vocational plan may be developed in this phase.
- The participant must comply with any additional referrals to outside agencies or services as recommended by the treatment provider.
- Travel out of the county during this phase will require a travel permit from the drug court case manager.
- Continuation of Journal.
- Weekly progress reports.

PHASE III
REQUIREMENTS

(Approximately 6 weeks)

- Court appearances once a month. Attendance will be required of youth and parent (s) as directed.
- Individual/group/family sessions as recommended by provider.
- Random drug screens. The participant will be required to come in for drug screens when 'Phase III' is called on the color line. The color line must be called 7 days a week including weekends and holidays.
- Weekly case management meetings. Parents may be required to participate in the meetings as requested by the drug court case manager.
- The treatment provider will assist the participant with focusing on their relapse prevention and aftercare plan.
- Travel out of the county during this phase will require a travel permit from the drug court case manager.
- Continuation of Journal
- Weekly progress reports.