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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 the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Marion County Judicial Center, 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475, Telephone (352)401-6710. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.



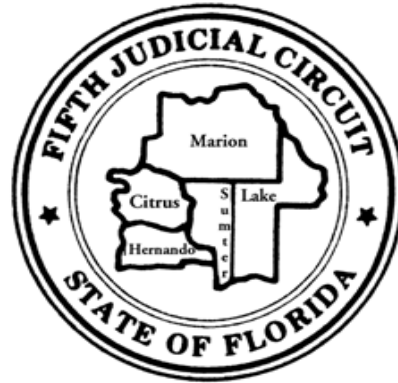
Marion County Adult Felony Drug Court

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MARION COUNTY DRUG COURTS

ADULT FELONY DRUG COURT PROGRAM



HON. GARY SANDERS
Drug Court Judge

Marion County Adult Felony Drug Court

The Marion County Adult Drug Court Program is a court supervised intensive and highly structured program consisting of both comprehensive out-patient 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 and frequent Peer Support meetings. The length of this IV-phase program is normally 13 to 17 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 Drug Court 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 18 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.

Those persons who **are NOT eligible** include:

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

The Program

The participant will utilize a **four-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.

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 Marion County Jail; Restriction on travel requests; Frozen 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).

Graduation from the program will result in the participant's charge(s) being dismissed.

PHASE I*
(Minimum of 16 weeks)

- 1) Orientation, Assessment and Introduction to Treatment.
- 2) Develop an Individual Treatment Plan (ITP).
- 3) No alcohol or drug use.
- 4) Daily "color" line calls.
- 5) Random drug screens.
- 6) Monthly Court Appearances or as instructed by the drug court team.
- 7) Minimum of one (1-3) Group or other counseling weekly.
- 8) Individual Counseling sessions as instructed by Treatment Provider.
- 9) Attend regular meetings with case manager or counselor.
- 10) Obtain full time employment or be involved in an academic/vocational training program and/or provide proof of ability to support oneself financially as determined by the drug court team.
- 11) Attend at least five (5) Peer Support meetings per week with verification of attendance.
- 12) Make all scheduled drug court payments as instructed by the Judge or drug court staff.
- 13) Community service hours as directed by the Judge or drug court staff.
- 14) Follow all Drug Court Rules and Guidelines.

PHASE II*
(Minimum of 16 weeks)

- 1) Ongoing review and updating of treatment plan.
- 2) No alcohol or drug use.
- 3) Monthly Court Appearances or as instructed by the drug court team.
- 4) Daily "color" line calls.
- 5) Less frequent random drug screens.
- 6) Minimum of one (1-2) Group or other counseling weekly.
- 7) Individual Counseling sessions as instructed by Treatment Provider.
- 8) Development of relapse plan.
- 9) Attend regular meetings with case manager or counselor.
- 10) Obtain/Maintain consistent full time employment, school or vocational training.
- 11) Attend at least four (4) Peer Support meetings per week with proof of attendance.
- 12) Obtain a Peer Support sponsor/mentor.
- 13) Focus on employment and/or education goals.
- 14) Make all scheduled drug court payments as instructed by the Judge or other drug court staff.
- 15) Other case management services as determined by the drug court team.
- 16) Community service hours as directed by the Judge or drug court staff.
- 17) Follow all Drug Court Rules and Guidelines.

PHASE III*
(Minimum of 16 weeks)

- 1) Ongoing review and updating of treatment plan.
- 2) Drug and alcohol free lifestyle.
- 3) Monthly Court Appearances or as instructed by the drug court team.
- 4) Daily "color" line calls.
- 5) Less frequent random drug screens.
- 5) Minimum of one (1-2) Group or other counseling weekly.
- 6) Individual Counseling sessions as instructed by the Treatment Provider
- 7) Attend regular meetings with case manager or counselor.
- 8) Maintain full time employment, school or vocational training.
- 9) Attend at least three (3) Peer Support meetings per week with proof of attendance.
- 10) Focus on employment and/or education goals.
- 11) Make all scheduled drug court payments as instructed by the Judge or other drug court staff.
- 12) Community service hours as directed by the Judge or drug court staff.
- 13) Other case management services as determined by the drug court team.
- 14) Follow all Drug Court Rules

*Any variation or changes of the requirements within each phase, (including financial) may be made at the discretion of the Judge, the Drug Court Team or as required by statute or guidelines.

PHASE IV*
(Minimum of 4 weeks)

- 1) Fulfill goals of treatment plan.
- 2) Drug and alcohol free lifestyle.
- 3) Develop an aftercare plan.
- 4) Monthly Court Appearances or as instructed by the drug court team.
- 5) Daily "color" line calls.
- 6) Less frequent random drug screens.
- 7) Minimum of one (1) hour Group counseling and/or Individual Counseling weekly or as directed by the Treatment Provider.
- 8) Attend regular meetings with case manager or counselor.
- 9) Maintain consistent full time employment or school, vocational training with proof provided monthly.
- 10) Attend at least two (2) Peer Support meetings per week with proof of attendance.
- 11) Community service hours as directed by the drug court team.
- 12) Be up to date with payments of fees.
- 13) Follow all Drug Court Rules.

PROGRAM COST

There is a \$35 application fee. If accepted, to the program the cost is \$135.00 monthly for the duration of the program which covers case management and drug screens. In addition, there will be a \$25.00 fee for each positive drug screen. The fees are to be in the form of money orders *made payable to Marion County BOCC* or with a credit or debit card.

Payment arrangements for treatment should be made directly with the treatment providers.