The Marion County Drug Courts do not discriminate against qualified applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, marital status, disability, veteran status or as otherwise prohibited by federal, state or local law.

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, the ADA please contact 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.

Contact Marion County Drug Court Juvenile Dependency Drug Court Program Dora Reep, Coordinator 110 NW First Avenue, Rm. 1-1027 Ocala, FL. 34475 Ph:352/401-6729, Cell: 352/789-9008 Fax: 352/401-6726 Email: Dreep@circuit5.org

Marion County Drug Court

JUVENILE DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT PROGRAM



THE HONORABLE S. SUE ROBBINS

Circuit Judge

MAGISTRATE BRENDA COLEMAN

Dependency Drug Court

Magistrate

Marion County Dependency Drug Court

The Marion County Dependency Drug Court is a partnership between the Courts, Department of Children and Families, Guardian Ad Litem Program, Kids Central. Inc., defense attorneys, and other social service programs. The Dependency Drug Court is designed to get involved in the lives of addicted parents with intensive substance abuse treatment, court monitoring, and other resources needed ensure permanent lifestyle to 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 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:

- 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 drug screens
- Increased attendance at treatment meetings;
- Community service hours;
- And/or restricted visitation/time sharing.
- Writing assignments

Phase I (Minimum of 8 weeks)

- 1. Court appearances as determined by the court.
- 2. A weekly minimum of two hours of substance abuse counseling.
- 3. Random drug screens.
- 4. A minimum of three peer support group meetings per week.
- 5. Comply with any additional treatment as recommended by the treatment provider/team.
- 6. Attend regular case management conferences as directed by the drug court staff.
- 7. Treatment is offered through Perspectives. It is covered under the Dependency Grant and free to the participants in the program. Some of the topics that are covered include:

Anger Management Parenting

Healthy Relationships

Life Skills

Trauma

Substance Abuse

Phase II (Minimum of 8 weeks)

- 1. Court appearances as determined by the court.
- 2. A weekly minimum of two hours of substance abuse counseling.
- 3. A minimum of three peer support group meetings per week.
- 4. Parent must obtain and maintain a sponsor.
- 5. Random drug screens.
- 6. Comply with any additional treatment as recommended by the treatment provider/team.
- 7. Comply with any additional treatment as recommended by the treatment provider.
- 8. Attend regular case management conferences as directed by the drug court staff.

Phase III (Minimum of 8 weeks)

- 1. Court appearances as determined by the court.
- 2. A weekly minimum of one hour of substance abuse counseling.
- 3. A minimum of three peer support group meetings per week.
- 4. Parent must obtain and maintain a sponsor.
- 5. Random drug screens.
- 6. Comply with any additional treatment as recommended by the treatment provider.
- 7. Attend regular case management conferences as directed with the drug court staff.
- 8. Strengthening parent's recovery tools.

Phase IV

- 1. Development of an aftercare plan.
- 2. Court appearances as needed.
- 3. A weekly minimum of one hour of substance abuse counseling
- 4. An individual relapse prevention plan to be developed with the treatment team..
- 5. Comply with any additional treatment as recommended by the treatment provider.
- 6.. A minimum of three peer support group meetings per week.
- 7. Random drug screens..
- 8. Attend regular case management conferences as directed by the drug court staff.

Graduation

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

Program Fees

The Program's fee for Drug Screens is \$40.00 per month while in the program. Payments are to be in the form of money orders made payable to **Marion County BOCC**.