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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.**

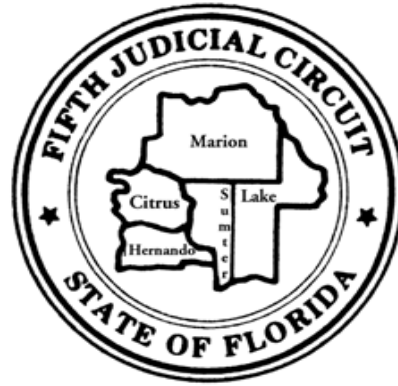


### Authority

The Marion County Felony Diversion Drug Court (FDDC) is established pursuant to Florida Statute 397.334 and 948.08(6).

## MARION COUNTY

# FELONY DIVERSION DRUG COURT PROGRAM



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## Marion County Felony Diversion Drug Court

The Marion County Felony Diversion Drug Court Program is a court supervised, pre-plea program consisting of both comprehensive substance use 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 12 to 18 months.

### Referrals:

Prospective participants are identified from reviewing the Marion County Sheriff's Office daily booking information; arraignment dockets; and referrals from judges and attorneys. If you meet the criteria to enter the Drug Court Program, you will be required to complete a Pre-Admission Period before entering the program. Your case will be rescheduled for an Admissions Hearing. Upon successful completion of the program the court will dismiss the related charges against you.

### Applications:

Prospective participants will be responsible for completing the application and agreement to participate in the Marion County Felony Diversion Drug Court (FDDC).

Applications may be picked up in Room 1-1062 on the 1st Floor of the Marion County Judicial Center.

### ELIGIBILITY

Any non-violent offender previously convicted of not more than two nonviolent felonies, 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, or other non-violent offense with the admission of a substance use problem.

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.
- Has more than two felony convictions.

### 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 & Therapeutic Adjustments:

As a participant progresses through the phases of the program, the presiding judge will use incentives to recognize participants' achievements. These may include, but are not limited to verbal recognition from the court; certificates, phase advancement.

If a participant is not following the program, or show greater need; the Judge may utilize sanctions or therapeutic adjustments as tools. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, community service, more frequent court hearings, sanction fees, additional drug screens, or essays. etc. Therapeutic adjustments may include but are not limited to: additional support group meetings, increased level of care or medication etc.

If terminated, the case will then be returned to the criminal docket and no longer eligible for Felony Diversion Drug Court.

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

**PHASE I\***  
**(Minimum of 2 months)**

- 1) Orientation, Assessment and Introduction to Treatment.
- 2) Develop an individualized Treatment Plan.
- 3) Substance Use Counseling sessions as recommended by Treatment Provider.
- 4) No alcohol or drug use.
- 5) Random and frequent drug screens.
- 6) Attend Court Appearances as instructed by the drug court team.
- 7) Attend regular meetings with case manager or counselor.
- 8) 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.
- 9) Attend at least four (4) Peer Support meetings per week with verification of attendance.
- 10) Make all scheduled drug court payments as instructed by the Judge or drug court staff.
- 11) Community service hours as directed by the Judge or drug court staff.
- 12) Follow all Drug Court Rules and Guidelines.

**PHASE II\***  
**(Minimum of 4 months)**

- 1) Ongoing review and updating of treatment plan.
- 2) Substance Use Counseling sessions as recommended by Treatment Provider.
- 3) No alcohol or drug use.
- 4) Attend Court Appearances as instructed by the drug court team.
- 5) Random and frequent drug screens.
- 6) Attend regular meetings with case manager or counselor.
- 7) Obtain/Maintain consistent full time employment, school or vocational training.
- 8) Attend at least four (4) Peer Support meetings per week with verification of attendance.
- 9) Obtain a Peer Support "Home Group" with regular 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) Other case management services as determined by the drug court team.
- 13) Community service hours as directed by the Judge or drug court staff.
- 14) Follow all Drug Court Rules and Guidelines.

**PHASE III\***  
**(Minimum of 4 months)**

- 1) Ongoing review and updating of treatment plan.
- 2) Substance Use Counseling sessions as recommended by Treatment Provider.
- 3) Development of relapse plan.
- 4) Drug and alcohol free lifestyle.
- 5) Attend Court Appearances as instructed by the drug court team.
- 6) Random and frequent drug screens.
- 7) Attend regular meetings with case manager or counselor.
- 8) Maintain full time employment, school or vocational training.
- 9) Attend at least four (4) Peer Support meetings per week with verification 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 2 months)**

- 1) Fulfill goals of treatment plan.
- 2) Drug and alcohol free lifestyle.
- 3) Develop an aftercare plan.
- 4) Attend Court Appearances as instructed by the drug court team.
- 5) Random and frequent drug screens.
- 6) Attend regular meetings with case manager or counselor.
- 7) Maintain consistent full time employment or school, vocational training with proof provided monthly.
- 8) Attend at least four (4) Peer Support meetings per week with verification of attendance.
- 9) Community service hours as directed by the Judge or drug court staff.
- 10) To have all fees paid in full
- 11) Follow all Drug Court Rules.

**PROGRAM COST**

There is no application fee. If accepted, to the program the cost is \$60.00 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.