

## JUVENILE TREATMENT COURT

The Juvenile Treatment Court Program of Marion County deals with varying degrees of substance misuse 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, every month, for the duration of the program. This must be paid prior to completion of the Treatment Court.

The program will address substance misuse, via 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 Treatment Court Judge will have oversight of the participant's progress. The 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, treatment court staff, and treatment team monitor the participation and movement through each phase of the program.

### Incentives, Sanctions & Therapeutic Adjustments:

Participants in the program can expect to receive incentives to reward progress, sanctions to address violations of the treatment court rules and regulations, and therapeutic adjustments to augment treatment needs. 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 change in level of care or medication etc. If terminated, the case will then be returned to the regular juvenile court docket for sentencing on the participant's original charge (s).

*For more information contact:*

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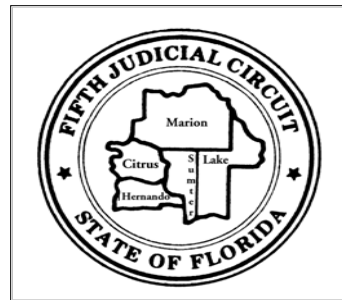
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If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this program, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court 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 Problem Solving Courts**



### **Honorable Stacy Youmans Treatment Court Judge**

PHASE I  
REQUIREMENTS

(Minimum of 6 weeks)

- Court appearances are a minimum of once a month. Attendance will be required of the youth and parent (s) as directed.
- Participant must be in treatment and attending all sessions as recommended by the treatment provider.
- Random & frequent drug screens. The participant must come in for drug screens when called in by the drug screen line. The drug screen test line must be called daily including weekends and holidays.
- Weekly meetings, with coordinator and parent's participation, are essential.
- The participant must comply with referrals/services/classes throughout the program as recommended by the coordinator or treatment provider.
- Travel out of the county will require a travel permit from the program coordinator and may be denied based on youth's progress.
- Parents may be required to participate in the meetings as requested by the treatment court coordinator.
- Start a journal or other assignments to be continued throughout program. This will be determined by the treatment court coordinator.

PHASE II  
REQUIREMENTS

(Minimum of 7 weeks)

- Court appearances are a minimum of once a month. Attendance will be required of the youth and parent (s) as directed.
- Attend and participate in Individual/group/family sessions as recommended by the treatment provider.
- Random & frequent drug screens. The participant will be required to come in for drug screens when called in by the drug screen line. The drug screen test line must be called 7 days a week including weekends and holidays.
- Weekly meetings, with coordinator and parent's participation, are essential.
- An educational/vocational plan may be required in this phase.
- Travel out of the county during this phase will require a travel permit from the treatment court coordinator and may be denied based on youth's progress.
- Parents may be required to participate in the meetings as requested by the treatment court coordinator.
- Journal & phase workbooks will be required throughout program. This will be determined by the treatment court coordinator.

PHASE III  
REQUIREMENTS

(Minimum of 7 weeks)

- Court appearances are a minimum of once a month. Attendance will be required of the youth and parent (s) as directed.
- Random & frequent drug screens. The participant will be required to come in for drug screens when called in by the drug screen line. The drug screen test line must be called 7 days a week including weekends and holidays.
- Weekly meetings, with coordinator and parent's participation, are essential.
- Travel out of the county during this phase will require a travel permit from the program coordinator and may be denied based on youth's progress.
- Parents may be required to participate in the meetings as requested by the treatment court coordinator.
- The treatment provider will assist the participant with focusing on their relapse prevention and aftercare plan.
- Complete Career Interest Projects and other requirements of the program.