

MISSION

The mission of the Worth County Adult Felony Drug Court Program is to enhance public safety by combining effective substance abuse treatment and intensive judicial supervision in a therapeutic court setting for non-violent substance abusing offenders, in order to assist the participant in choosing and developing a structured, disciplined, law abiding drug free way of life.

WHAT IS DRUG COURT?

The Worth County Adult Felony Drug Court was established in 2020 under the leadership of Chief Superior Court Judge William "Bill" Reinhardt to reduce substance abuse, related criminal activity and recidivism by providing quality, holistic substance abuse treatment and thereby creating a safer community environment as an alternative form for offender rehabilitation. The 18-month program provides offenders intensive outpatient chemical dependency treatment that is supervised by the judge.

DRUG COURT GOALS

- To assist drug court participants in becoming abstinent and maintaining sobriety.
- To minimize recidivism among drug court participants;
- To improve the quality of life of drug court participants and their families through vocational training and drug education;
- To improve public safety by reducing the crime rate in our community;
- To pay restitution to victim and/or community, if any;

The referral/candidate must obtain an alcohol/drug assessment prior to being considered for the program (at no charge to them), whether they are incarcerated or in the community.

AFTER READING THE INFORMATION IN THIS BROCHURE, INDICATE **YES**, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED AS A CANDIDATE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM, PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME BELOW AND RETURN THIS FORM BY FAX OR EMAIL TO:

DRUG COURT CASE MANAGER
Worth County Adult Felony Drug Court
P.O. BOX 1369
TIFTON, GA 31793
(229) 386-7879
(229) 386-7977 Fax
Tiftoncircuitnewlifecourts@gmail.com

☐ **YES**, I would like to be considered for Drug Court

Name (Please Print)

Street Address

City State Zip

Home Phone Alternate Phone

If you wish to be a considered as a candidate and are out on bond, please return form within 48 hours of being released on bond to the Drug Court Office or your attorney.

Assessments and Group Therapy will be held at:
Behavioral Health Services of South Georgia
334 Tifton-Eldorado Road
Tifton, GA 31794
(229) 391-2306

Public Defender Cases Contact:
(229)387-6488

HOW DO I BECOME A PARTICIPANT IN THE DRUG COURT PROGRAM?

Not everyone is eligible for Drug Court:

-**Submit** this completed brochure/referral form, providing our court with a good contact telephone number to reach you, by facsimile or by email to the Drug Court Coordinator, Cherysh Green-Caldwell. The following will occur:

-You will be given an application packet by the jail, your attorney, or the Drug Court office to be completed (in its entirety), reviewed with your attorney, and submitted to the Drug Court office.

-**Your criminal history** will be screened by the District Attorney's Office to determine eligibility.

-**Alcohol & Drug Assessment**, you will meet with our treatment provider for a clinical assessment.

-**All the above** will be reviewed by the Drug Court team at a Drug Court Staffing meeting and a decision will be made.

-**If you are accepted** into Drug Court, you will meet with the Coordinator to complete/review the Drug Court contract and legal paperwork for entry into the Drug Court Program. You will begin treatment immediately upon release from jail; (an OR Bond may be signed by the Judge if you do not have a hold [of pending charges] by another county).

GOAL OF THE PROGRAM

The goal of the Drug Court Program is to provide you with tools to remain clean and sober; the decision to utilize the tools taught in our program is up to you. The length of the program will be based on the choices you make, but you could complete the program as early as 18 months. The benefits of this program are priceless!

ELIGIBILITY

Persons arrested on felony charges must meet certain criteria to be eligible as a candidate for drug court. To be eligible, a defendant must have been arrested for drug or drug motivated offense; and admit to using drugs or alcohol.

Exclusionary Criteria:

Certain legal factors may exclude one from being eligible for the drug court program. These factors include:

- You have an offense that is a non-probation eligible offense.
- Your crime is a crime of violence.
- You have an intent to distribute charge.
- You deny use of or addiction to drugs.
- You do not demonstrate a willingness to participate in a treatment program.
- You have been convicted of a crime of violence in the past 10 years.****
- You have previously completed or have been discharged from a drug court program.
- You do not reside in Worth County.

** Team reviews all referrals submitted on a case by case basis for approval.*

WORTH COUNTY ADULT FELONY DRUG COURT TEAM

*Presiding Judge
Program Director
Treatment Specialists
Drug Court Case Manager
Clinical Case Manager
Prosecutors
Defense Council
Law Enforcement
Department of Community Supervision*

For more information, please contact:

Drug Court Case Manager

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Proudly serving Worth County!

Drug Courts have proven to reduce crime, reduce recidivism, save taxpayers money, reunite and restore families, assist a significance number of addicts to become productive taxpaying citizens, have drug free babies, and go on to mentor others in need of this important program.

DRUG COURTS SAVE LIVES!

"An innovative alternative for those individuals caught up in the cycle of re-arrests due to an addiction to drugs and alcohol."

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