

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Centre County Drug Court is to assist participants in effectively managing their substance use disorder through a program that emphasizes accountability, treatment, and recovery support. The ultimate goal of the program is to reduce recidivism, enhance community safety, and improve the lives of participants.

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BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

- Provides for Increased Accountability
- Reduces Recidivism
- Increases Community Safety
- Provides offenders with the tools to attain and maintain sobriety
- Helps to prevent drug overdose deaths among participants
- Returns participants to the community as productive members of society

CONTACT INFORMATION

Additional information about the Drug Court Program can be obtained from the following offices:

*Centre County Probation Department
(814) 355-6771*

*Centre County Drug and Alcohol Office
(814) 355-6744*

*Centre County Criminal Justice Planning
(814) 355-6794, menu option 6*

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

*Centre County District Attorney's Office
(814) 355-6735*

*Centre County Public Defender
(814) 355-6798*

*Centre County Court Administrator
(814) 355-6727*

*Centre County Correctional Facility
(814) 355-6794*

Centre County Drug Court Program



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DRUG COURT INFORMATION

The Centre County Adult Drug Court is a specialty treatment court targeting non-violent individuals having criminal offenses that are drug related and/or driven by substance use disorders. The Adult Drug Court is a non-adversarial court addressing the specific treatment and ancillary needs of individuals placed in the program while at the same time holding participants accountable for their actions. It is a post-plea, post adjudication program targeting offenders facing revocation of their Probation, Intermediate Punishment, or Parole sentence.

The Centre County Drug Court Program has two tracks. The first is an Intermediate Punishment Track for individuals who may be incarcerated and facing revocation of their Probation or a previous sentence of Intermediate Punishment and who are IP eligible. The second is a Reentry Track for individuals who are currently incarcerated and are facing revocation of their parole, and who have a minimum of 18 months remaining on their original sentence.

Participants in each phase are required to appear before the Drug Court Judge every other week, participate in an individually tailored treatment plan, take part in 12 step or other recovery support services, meet with their Drug Court Probation Officer as directed, and undergo random drug testing.

DRUG COURT REQUIREMENTS

DRUG COURT PHASES

The Drug Court Program consists of five phases that participants must progress through, with the last phase being a Graduate Phase/Aftercare. Each of the first four phases is a minimum of three months in length, though the length of time in each phase could be longer depending on the participant's ability to successfully achieve program goals and remain drug free.

Following successful completion of Phase IV participants will graduate and move into the Graduate Phase/Aftercare, which is the final phase of the Drug Court Program. Graduate Phase/Aftercare will last until the end date of the participant's sentence or up to a maximum of 6 months, whichever comes first. Overall length of the program will range from 18-21 months for most participants.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Potential candidates for the Drug Court Program are non-violent offenders facing revocation of their Probation, Intermediate Punishment, or Parole. If the alleged violation includes substance use and the potential candidate meets other eligibility criteria he/she would be given the opportunity to be considered for the Drug Court Program as an alternative to other revocation penalties. Entry into the Drug Court is voluntary and individuals wishing to be considered will be required to complete and submit a Drug Court Request Form and application to the Specialty Court Coordinator.

THE DRUG COURT TEAM

- ◇ Judge
- ◇ Assistant District Attorney
- ◇ Defense Attorney
- ◇ Specialty Court Coordinator
- ◇ Drug Court Probation Officer
- ◇ Treatment Representative
- ◇ Drug Court Case Manager
- ◇ Law Enforcement Representative
- ◇ Community Liaison Person
- ◇ Evaluator

Drug Court Participants are required to attend Drug Court every other week, actively participate in treatment, and undergo random drug testing. No exceptions.

Drug Court applications are available at the following locations:

Centre County Probation Department
Centre County District Attorney Office
Court Administrator's Office
Magisterial District Court Offices
Centre County Correctional Facility