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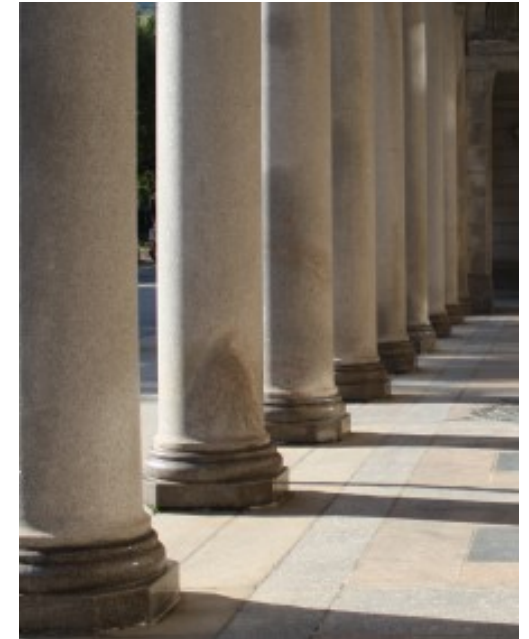
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Mission Statement

Our Mission is to improve the quality of life for individuals who have been ravaged by the negative impact of drugs. This can be achieved through substance abuse treatment, social services, and justice interventions.

The **Adult Drug Court Program** helps reduce the incidence of substance abuse among participants and decreases their involvement in the criminal justice system.

Team

- § Judicial Officer
- § Prosecutor
- § Public Defender
- § Program Manager
- § Case Manager
- § Deputy Clerk
- § Probation Officer

Program Features

- § Post Plea, Post Adjudication Model
- § Intensive Judicial Supervision
- § Engage in appropriate level of substance abuse treatment (outpatient, IOP, residential or detox)
- § Weekly Random Drug Screens
- § Treatment Options
- § Participant Accountability
- § Incentives
- § Sanctions

Goals

- § To **improve public safety**.
- § To **reduce recidivism** rates among Participants.
- § To increase the participant's **accountability**, particularly in relation to victims and the community.
- § To build a **stronger family** unit when appropriate.
- § To **increase collaboration** among the criminal justice system, substance abuse treatment providers, educational systems, and ancillary services.
- § To have participants become **responsible and productive** community members.

Eligibility Requirements

- § Charged with an alcohol or other drug (AOD) offense or charged with another nonviolent offense but with a history of AOD use or abuse.
- § Exhibits a history of AOD use, dependency, or abuse.
- § No pending charge involving a felony crime of violence.
- § No pending charge involving the delivery of a controlled substance or possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance.
- § Indicate willingness to enter a plea of nolo contendere (no contest).

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I apply to the Adult Drug Court Program?

Any time after the arraignment of an eligible individual by submitting a referral form to drugcourt@courts.ri.gov.

Once the referral form is received and staff confirms the individual is legally eligible to participate in the program, staff will reach out to your attorney and a court date will be assigned.

What happens if I violate the terms of the program?

You will be given an opportunity to be heard by the court concerning the nature of the violation as well as any mitigating information. The court will then make a decision concerning your continued participation in the program and whether any additional conditions need to be imposed. For extreme and repeated violations, you may be terminated from the program resulting in the imposition of the previously agreed upon sentence.

What are the benefits of participating in the program?

- § Resolve your case with dismissed charges.
- § Obtain sobriety.
- § Connect to services.
- § Engage in treatment as an alternative to jail.

Referral forms can be downloaded from
www.courts.ri.gov.