

Cumberland County STARS Adult Drug Treatment Court (DTC) Fact Sheet

ELIGIBILITY (program is a minimum of 12 months)

Participants must be:

- Resident of Cumberland County
- Charged with class G, H or I felonies (probation violations are eligible)
- Assessed as chemically dependent
- A resident of a suitable household or willing to reside in transitional housing
- Facing at least a 270 day minimum active sentence

INELIGIBILITY

The following factors deem an individual ineligible to participate in Drug Treatment Court:

- Known for primarily dealing in drugs
- Prior conviction or pending charges for trafficking or sale of controlled substance
- Prior convictions for violent felony offenses
- Firearm possession during arrest or the commission of offense
- Schizophrenia diagnosis
- Suspended sentence of less than 270 days
- Pending charge or conviction for habitual felon
- Participating in a methadone program, opiate maintenance, or taking prescribed narcotics
- Pending charges in Cumberland or any other county (may be eligible once disposed)

The elected District Attorney can waive any of the above criteria on a case-by-case basis.

REFERRAL PROCESS

Submit a referral form to Nicole Singletary, Program Coordinator, Room 240B of the Courthouse. To obtain a form, contact Nicole at 475-3243 or nsingletary@ci.fay.nc.us. Once the referral is received, a criminal record check is completed and candidate receives a substance abuse screening with TASC. An initial screening is then completed by DTC and all information is forwarded to the district attorney's office for review. Once approved, information is then presented to the drug court team for approval or denial.

PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

Attend court every other Tuesday at 3:00 pm

Attend substance abuse treatment (3 times a week for 12 weeks and every week thereafter)

Participate in other treatment responsibilities (obtain sponsor, etc)

Attend four community support meetings a week in phase 1 and 2/ three meetings a week in phase 3

Report to probation officer two to three times a week for drug screens

Report to program coordinator every Monday and call drug screen message line daily

Abide by 7:00 pm curfew in phase 1, 9:00 pm in phase 2, 10:00 pm in phase 3

Submit to random searches of home

Pay monthly supervision fee

Obtain employment or attend an educational program (GED, college classes)

Attend other classes as assigned (Anger Mgmt, Stress Mgmt, Money Mgmt, etc.)

Attend Cognitive Behavioral Intervention Course (12 weeks – once or twice a week)

Wear GPS monitoring unit

Remain on probation six months following graduation (attend alumni meetings, community support mtgs)

For more information, contact Nicole Singletary at 475-3243. Referral forms are located beside office door (room 240B in Courthouse).