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The Court Referral Office



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The Court Referral Program began in 1985 as a pilot program to assist judges in early identification and placement of DUI offenders as one method of reducing the devastating problem of drunk driving. Since the implantation of the Mandatory Treatment Act of 1990, Court Referral has provided service to defendants in a broader spectrum of cases related to alcohol and drug use or abuse.



The Court Referral Program exists to assist courts in the management of cases by networking all available state and community resources to promote the education and rehabilitation of court ordered defendants. The program encourages responsible behavior, positive decision making and the reduction of recidivism through the presentation of accurate information to defendants. The Court Referral Program has been demonstrated in several states and has been proven to be a successful program for Judges and defendants alike. The Court Referral Program consists of three levels; **Level I, Level II, Level III** and the **Youth and Juvenile Education Programs**.

The Court Referral Program consists of placement in an education and /or treatment program. The program also can refer defendants to Adult Basic Education Programs in an effort to enhance literacy skills and prepare defendants for their GED.

The Court Referral procedures start with an evaluation appointment to be made to the assigned Court Referral Office. There is a **\$75.00** evaluation fee due at the time of the appointment. There is a **\$30.00** monthly monitoring fee, along with a **\$20.00** fee per drug test. The CRO will develop a Case Management Plan on each defendant which contains specific goals for the individual.



Level I

Level I is a 12- hour educational course primarily for first time offenders and for defendants who are deemed non-problem substance abusers. Level I may also consist of random drug testing, three (3) months of monitoring and twelve (12) meetings such as NA or AA if deemed necessary. Level I class fees are **\$145.00** in addition to monitoring and drug testing.



Level II

Level II is a 24 hour educational course for defendants that need an advanced interactive curriculum which focuses on topics such as denial, proper decision making, recovery, relapse and alternatives to alcohol and drug abuse. This program consists of six (6) months of monitoring, random drug testing with a color-code assigned to each defendant and 12-step meetings such as NA or AA. Level II class fees are **\$295.00** in addition to the cost of the monitoring and drug testing fees.



Level III

Level III consists of an in-patient treatment program for defendants who indicate a definite dependency. A treatment assessment is completed and recommendations are made accordingly. The Level III is nine (9) to twenty-four (24) months of monitoring with random drug testing on a color code system as well as a 12-step NA or AA meeting. Fees for these services vary in addition to the cost of the monitoring and drug testing fees.



Any other pertinent information associated with Court Referral Program such as class, dates and locations will be discussed at the evaluation appointment.