

**ESCAMBIA COUNTY, ALABAMA  
DRUG COURT**



**PARTICIPANT  
POLICY AND PROCEDURES  
HANDBOOK**

**DAY TREATMENT**  
Southwest Alabama Mental Health  
1321 McMillan Ave.  
Brewton, Al 36426

Monday	10:00-12:30
Tuesday	10:00-12:30
Thursday	10:00-12:30

**NIGHT TREATMENT**  
Southwest Alabama Mental Health

**Kathy Seller's class- Atmore Satellite office**

Monday	4:30-8:00
Tuesday	4:30-8:00
Thursday	4:30-8:00

**Robert Brewer's class-Brewton office**

Tuesday	6:00-8:30
Wednesday	6:00-8:30
Thursday	6:00-8:30

***Times, days and locations are subject to change. Participants will be notified in advance of any changes.***

**Location:** The Escambia County Drug Court is located in the courthouse in Brewton, Alabama.

**Court Sessions:** The Escambia County Drug Court is scheduled for review each Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. A participant in the drug court will appear for court as scheduled under the policy or as may be instructed by the Court. The Court will reserve the right to schedule any additional hearings or court appearances that may be necessary for the fulfillment of the judicial process.

**Drug Court Requirements:**

- \* You must be on time for court.
- \* You must dress appropriately for court. No head coverings, shorts, tank tops, halters, baggy pants or sunglasses (unless prescribed) are to be worn.
- \* No chewing gum.
- \* No cell phones or beepers are allowed in the courtroom.
- \* You will address the Court properly.
- \* A curfew will be imposed on all participants according to which phase you are in.
- \* You are not to violate any Federal, State or local laws.
- \* You may not possess or have under your control a firearm or ammunition, or any other deadly weapon.
- \* You are to avoid persons and places of questionable or harmful character.
- \* You must be gainfully employed, make progress towards obtaining a GED and obtain a driver's license and register to vote if otherwise eligible.
- \* You must obtain permission from the Court before traveling outside your local county. This permission is not needed if the reason for travel is employment.
- \* You may not change your home address or employment without the consent of the Court.
- \* Your person, home, vehicles or any other property under your control will be subject to search without warrant by the Case Manager or anyone appointed to do so by the Court.

**Clean Time:** You must remain drug and alcohol free for a minimum of six months immediately prior to graduation in order to complete the program. If a positive UA (urinalysis) is submitted at any time during Phase III, you will begin a new six month period of negative UA's.

**Employment:** It is a requirement of this Drug Court that you work unless you are disabled.

**Program Fees:** This is not a free program. You are obligated to pay \$50.00 per week for each week you are in the program. You will not be charged for time spent in jail or rehab.

**Restitution:** If you have been ordered by the Court to pay restitution on your case(s), it must be paid in full in order for you to complete the program.

If you fail to adhere to the above policies and procedures you may be subject to graduated sanctions imposed by the Court, including but not limited to the following:

- \* A verbal warning.
- \* Home confinement.
- \* Community Service.
- \* Jail confinement.
- \* Additional treatment sessions.
- \* Additional assignments.
- \* Curfews.
- \* Phase reduction.
- \* Termination from the program.

**Absences:** You will attend and be on time for court on each scheduled Friday. You will also attend and be on time for all scheduled treatment sessions. **THERE ARE NO EXCUSES!** If you fail to appear for a scheduled appearance, a court order may be issued to have you picked up and held in the detention center.

**Community Service:** You must complete 200 hours of community service before your scheduled completion date.

**Supervision:** Drug Court will maintain continuous supervision of you through the Case Manager and Field Monitor. The Field Monitor will conduct periodic visits to your home and place of employment. You cannot deny him/her access into your home. The Field Monitor can request a urinalysis test at his/her discretion.

**Drug and Alcohol Testing:** A random drug/alcohol test will be conducted before the beginning of each judicial review. This Drug Court utilizes a call-in color code testing procedure. You must call the pre-recorded message each day after 5:00 p.m. to verify which color is to be tested and submit a sample as instructed by the message on the machine. If you refuse to submit a sample for testing, it will be considered a positive and you will be sanctioned.

**Medication:** You will be given a “Do Not Take” medication list. You are responsible for what you take. Always ask before taking any medication you are not sure about.

## **TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

### **Phase I**

- \* You will attend group sessions for a minimum of three days per week.
- \* You will appear in court on a weekly basis.
- \* You will submit urine samples as required for color code.
- \* You will have a 10:00 p.m. curfew.
- \* You will remain in Phase I for a minimum of twelve weeks.
- \* You are required to become employed or enrolled in school if you are not disabled.
- \* You must be clean for a minimum of four weeks.

### **Phase II**

- \* You will attend group sessions a minimum of two days per week.
- \* You will attend weekly sessions of Life Skills Series for six weeks.
- \* You will appear in court on a bi-weekly basis.
- \* You will submit urine samples as required for color code.
- \* You will have an 11:00 p.m. curfew.
- \* You will remain in Phase II for a minimum of fourteen weeks.
- \* You are required to become employed or enrolled in school if you are not disabled.
- \* You must have tested for the GED, you must have a valid driver’s license and be registered to vote, where applicable.
- \* You must be clean for a minimum of six weeks.

### **Phase III**

- \* You will attend group sessions for a minimum of one day per week and attend one NA/AA meeting per week.
- \* You will appear in court on a monthly basis.
- \* You will submit urine samples as required for color code.
- \* You will have a 12:00 p.m. curfew.
- \* You will remain in Phase III for a minimum of six months.
- \* You are required to be employed or enrolled in school if you are not disabled.
- \* You must be clean for a minimum of six months.

### **Requirements for Completion of the Program:**

- \* All treatment work must be completed.
- \* All court ordered fees, fines and restitution must be paid.
- \* You must have a high school diploma or tested for the GED.
- \* You must obtain a driver’s license and voter’s registration if applicable.
- \* You must remain drug and alcohol free for a period of six months.
- \* You must be employed or a student.

***If a participant relapses within thirty days of a Phase Advancement, that participant will remain in the previous phase an additional four weeks.***