

SANDOVAL COUNTY ADULT DRUG COURT

Why am I here?

I AM HERE because I admitted to or have pending a felony charge.

I AM HERE because I have a problem with drugs and/or alcohol.

I AM HERE because someone cares about me.

I AM HERE because I have been given an opportunity to change my life.

How does drug court work?

Drug Court is a program that consists of regular drug testing, counseling sessions, and court appearances in order to teach the skills to maintain a sober lifestyle and support the participant in the process.

The Drug Court Program is divided into 4 phases and an Aftercare Phase. The participant will graduate after maintaining sobriety and successful completion of all phases.

There is a daily call in system to schedule drug tests. You may be drug tested by any member of the team at any time during the program.

Unsuccessful discharge from the Drug Court Program will be referred back to your presiding District Court Judge for further prosecution or probation violation.

REWARDS/SANCTIONS

Increased sanctions are received for rule infractions. This includes: attendance at a Drug Court session, attendance at AA or NA sessions, referral to family counseling, referral for further evaluation, residential treatment, community service, mandatory court attendance after a "dirty" drug test and between one (1) and thirty (30) days in the Sandoval County Detention Center.

Rewards are given when participants advance to the next phase in the program, demonstrate leadership and/or graduate. Rewards will be determined according to budget availability.

GENERAL DRUG COURT RULES for PARTICIPANTS

- **NO** drug use.
- If given a **CURFEW**, it is your responsibility to know it and follow it.
- **NO** weapons.
- You must maintain full time employment and bring in weekly proof of where you have applied for employment or be attending school full time.
- Prescription & over-the-counter medication **MUST** be approved by the Sandoval County Adult Drug Court.
- Be **ON TIME** for appointments and court.
- X No **HATS** or **SUNGLASSES** allowed indoors.

- X **FLUSHING** detected by drug testing lab is treated as a dirty drug screen.
- X A missed drug screen is a **POSITIVE** drug screen. Any tampering with a drug test is a positive drug screen.
- X If a Adult Drug Court representative visits your home and leaves a card, call to arrange a drug test ASAP.
- X **FAILURE TO APPEAR** for Drug Court could result in termination from the program and a possible warrant for your arrest.

COUNSELING RULES

- Attendance is **MANDATORY**.
- If you are more than 15 minutes late for a session, you will be considered a **NO SHOW**.
- Treat others with **RESPECT** and you may be assured that others will respect you too.
- Discuss **ANYTHING**, especially relapse with your counselor.
- All counseling is confidential.

COURT RULES

- Dress respectfully for the court. You may be **SENT HOME** otherwise. Please wear a collared shirt/tie and tuck it in.
- **LISTEN** when the judge is speaking. You will be given a chance to speak.
- Court begins at 8:00 am.
- No **FOOD, DRINK** or **GUM** in the courtroom.
- Address the Judge as "Your Honor" and speak respectfully to the court.
- Existing **BODY PIERCING** and **TATTOOS** must be **COVERED**.
- **REMEMBER**, you are under oath.

Failure to follow rules may result in a fine or jail time up to 30 days.

Who is involved in Drug Court?

Adult Probation/Parole Officer - *This is the person who is responsible for supervising your case for the Department of Corrections if you are under Probation Supervision. You may meet with them at least once a month. Address any probation questions to this person.*

Bernalillo PPD 771-6400

Rio Rancho PPD 896-5060

Counselor - *Assigned to you at either FBHA or La Buena Vida. You will meet with this person and work on your sobriety. Communicate with them about progression to the next phase.*

Presbyterian Medical Services

896-0928

OR

Forensic Behavioral Health Associates

888-5499

Public Defender - *This person is available at every Drug Court session to protect your rights and answer questions. He is the person who will explain the program to the family at orientation.*

Art Hernandez, Public Defender

Drug Court Judge - *This person presides over Drug Court . They review my progress, talk to my counselor, talk to the Drug Court Officers and impose sanctions and give rewards based upon my performance.*

Honorable George P. Eichwald

Drug Court Coordinator - *This person is responsible for the administration of the program. She coordinates all sanctions, outside functions, drug testing, monitors.*

Karen McCutcheon: Office: 771-7174 or Cell: 401-8526

Drug Court Probation Officer-This person is responsible for the supervision of you case in drug court. He will ensure your compliance with all drug court rules and regulations, including but not limited to your attendance at counseling and drug testing. You will meet with him as often as required. He will answer any questions you have about Drug Court.

Albert Kwan: Office: 771-7179 or Cell: 264-9771

The above people and others in the community make up the Drug Court Team. This team is responsible for monitoring my progress and supporting me while I am in the Drug Court Program. The team also votes on what rewards and sanctions I will be given during my participation in this program.

PHASE 1

1. A minimum of 2 weekly drug screens; Call the Drug Court Office testing line at 771-7179 ext. 2 Monday through Friday morning for the random drug test information. You must report for mandatory drug testing if your Phase is called.
2. A minimum of two weekly treatment sessions (Individual & Group or any other counseling recommended)
3. Attend Case Review with the Drug Court Judge weekly, every Wednesday at the Sandoval County District Courthouse (1500 Idalia Rd. Bldg. A)

Phase 1 is completed when you progress in counseling and fulfill all phase requirements. If I stay in phase 1 longer than twenty weeks I may be terminated from the program for non-compliance. A minimum of twelve weeks is needed in Phase 1.

PHASE 2

1. A minimum of 2 weekly drug screens; Call the Drug Court Office testing line at 771/7179 ext. 2 Monday through Friday morning for the random drug test information. You must report for mandatory drug testing if your Phase is called.
2. A minimum of two weekly treatment sessions
3. Case review with the Drug Court Judge bi-weekly.
4. Full-time job, school, or a combination, OR 15 hours per week of community service work
5. One weekly self help group (NA, CA, AA) meeting.

Phase 2 is completed when you progress in counseling and fulfill all phase requirements. Phase 2 is a minimum of twelve (12) weeks.

PHASE 3

1. A minimum of 2 weekly drug screens; Call the Drug Court Office testing line at 771/7179 ext. 2 Monday through Friday morning for the random drug test information. You must report for mandatory drug testing if your Phase is called.
2. A minimum of one weekly treatment sessions as ordered
3. Case review with the Drug Court Judge once a month
4. Full-time job, school, or a combination, OR 30 hours per week of community service work
5. One weekly self help group (NA, CA, AA) and have a sponsor.

You move past Phase 3 when you have a verified sponsor with your counselor and fulfill all phase requirements. Phase 3 is a minimum of twelve (12) weeks.

PHASE 4

1. A minimum of 1 drug screen weekly
2. One weekly group session or any other counseling recommended
3. One weekly self help group (NA, CA, AA) and have a sponsor.
4. Case review with the Drug Court Judge monthly
5. Full-time job, school, or a combination, OR 30 hours per week of community service work

Phase 4 is a minimum of twelve (12) weeks. You move past Phase 4 when you fulfill all phase requirements.

Aftercare

1. Weekly Check In with the Drug Court Office
2. Full-time job, school, or a combination, OR 15 hours per week of community service work
3. Random drug screens
4. One weekly self help group (NA, CA, AA) and have a sponsor.
5. Individual Treatment Plan
6. One last case review with the Judge

Aftercare is a minimum of four (4) weeks. You move past Aftercare when you fulfill all phase requirements.

If client tests positive and admits to using the substance, he/she will be detained immediately. A remand order signed by the Drug Court Judge will be given to the Sandoval County Sheriff's Office and the participant will be transported to Sandoval County Detention Center to commence the sanction immediately. If the participant denies drug use, the urine specimen will be sent to the laboratory for confirmation. If the drug screen proves positive, the participant will receive double the original sanction and be responsible for paying the cost for the confirmation. If money is owed for the confirmation, the participant will not progress in the phase.

*****NOTE: YOU MUST COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS EACH WEEK IN ORDER TO ADVANCE TO THE NEXT WEEK IN EACH PHASE*****

*****Note: YOU WILL NOT EARN THE WEEK IF YOU TEST POSITIVE ON A DRUG TEST OR IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED A SANCTION (JAIL OR COMMUNITY SERVICE).**

WHAT IF?

I FEEL LIKE USING DRUGS...I should call the 24 hour hotline at Presbyterian Medical Services (1-877-929-9797) or FBHA (888-5499) and get a sponsor the next chance I get.

I USE DRUGS...Inform someone on the Drug Court Team, talk about it in counseling, and receive your sanction.

I GO TO TREATMENT... there is a possibility I can return to Drug Court.

I AM TERMINATED...You will be referred back to your presiding Court Judge for further prosecution.

I GET A TICKET...That is between you, the Municipal Judge and your insurance company. But it's always good to be open and honest.

I CAN'T GET A RIDE TO COUNSELING notify your counselor immediately and reschedule. For Drug Court, JUST GET HERE!

If I BREAK THE LAW... It is your obligation to inform your Probation Officer and the Drug Court Probation Officer. It WILL be a violation of probation.

I MUST LEAVE TOWN FOR A FEW DAYS...No traveling out of area is permitted except on an extreme family emergency and one must receive PRIOR authorization from the Drug Court Administrator (867-6909) and your probation/parole officer if applicable, and make arrangements to be drug tested before 9:00 am. upon return.

I have read and understand the Drug Court rules, and agree to abide by them:

Signature of Drug Court Participant

Date

Signature of Drug Court Representative

Date