



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

In order to determine the appropriate level of supervision for clients assigned to the DWI Court Program caseloads, several factors are taken into consideration such as living conditions, support system, input from the treatment providers and community supervision officers, as well as readiness for treatment. A Sanctions Grid and an Incentives Grid will be used to guide community supervision officers and the courts in making decisions when a client has violated conditions of supervision or has progressed well.

Within 30 days of placement in the DWI Court Program:

- ◆ Clients will complete a substance abuse evaluation, which assesses level of dependency, documents diagnosis and provides case management guidelines.
- ◆ Supervision officers will identify and refer the client to community based services for substance abuse treatment, education, housing and mental health services, if needed.
- ◆ Ability to pay for treatment will be determined.
- ◆ Client fees to participate in the program will be based on poverty level guidelines.

Once the client's risk/needs are identified through Intake and Assessment, s/he is assigned to one of the following phases of supervision and will be required to:

Phase I (minimum of 8 weeks)

- ◆ Attend a minimum of 12 hours of group substance abuse counseling and one hour of individual counseling per month
- ◆ Submit to random tests for drugs and alcohol, including use of technology to monitor use 24/7
- ◆ Appear in court twice monthly
- ◆ Attend 12 step meetings and secure a sponsor
- ◆ Have ignition interlock device installed, in accordance with the law.

Phase II (minimum of 12 weeks)

- ◆ Successfully complete the DWI Offender course as required by law
- ◆ Submit to random tests for drugs and alcohol
- ◆ Appear in court twice monthly
- ◆ Attend 12 step meetings
- ◆ Attend a minimum of five hours of substance abuse group counseling per week
- ◆ Participate in any additional non-substance abuse treatment, based on assessment of risk/needs



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Phase III (minimum of 24 weeks)

- ◆ Submit to random tests for drugs and alcohol
- ◆ Appear in court once a month
- ◆ Attend 12 Step meetings
- ◆ Attend a minimum of two hours of substance abuse group counseling per week
- ◆ Participate in any additional non-substance abuse treatment, based on assessment of risk/need

Phase IV (minimum of 12 months)

- ◆ Participate in aftercare and supportive services

Clients may be moved up a phase or down a phase at anytime by the Court, based on risk/needs and performance in the program.

The officers assigned to the DWI Court and to the DWI Court Program Caseloads are responsible for monitoring and documenting a client's adherence to substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment (if indicated), including testing for substance abuse utilizing the breathalyzer, urinalysis and various other alternatives. They will receive training to identify substance abuse symptoms, identify mental health problems, conduct assessments, collaborate with treatment providers, closely monitor compliance or lack of compliance with treatment requirements, and document progress in aftercare. This enables supervising officers to effectively identify when a client is in crisis or possibly beginning to relapse.