

St. Johns County Adult Drug Court Program
Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida
“Visualizing a Brighter Future”
St. Augustine 904-827-5620



What is the St Johns County Adult Drug Court?

The St. Johns County Drug Court is a Judicially-led program for non-violent addicted people with drug-related felony charges who reside in this County. The program involves regular court appearances before the Judge, substance abuse treatment counseling, frequent random drug testing and supervision by probation. Everyone works together in an effort to give the participant the best opportunity to succeed!

Entrance Criteria

When determining program eligibility, the Drug Court Team considers if a candidate is/has:

- 18 years or older
- Indications of substance abuse problem
- A non-violent drug related felony
- No violent criminal history
- Verifiable residence in St. Johns County
- No pending charges in other jurisdictions
- Approval by the State Attorney’s Office and Circuit Court Judge
- Mental capacity to benefit from program
- A candidate must agree to participate in the program

Program Outcomes:

- Non-violent offenders receive effective substance abuse treatment, usually in an outpatient setting.
- Community safety is enhanced when participants remain drug-free.
- Participants can remain employed, become employed or improve their education.
- Participants can avoid incarceration by entering the program.
- 82%* of participants that completed the program have remained free of new felony charges within three years of graduating the program.
- 85%* of participants that completed the program have remained free of new drug offense charges within three years of graduating the program.

** Statistics as of October 2015*

PROBATION VIOLATION CASES ARE ELIGIBLE!

Collaboration

Local entities involved in the Drug Court movement include the Judiciary, State Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, Clerk of the Court, Florida Department of Corrections Probation, St. Augustine Police Dept., St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, Court Administration, EPIC Behavioral Healthcare, Community Outreach Services, Salvation Army, Department of Children and Family Services, St. Johns County Schools and many others.

Accountability

Through the use of incentives and graduated sanctions, program participants are held to a high level of accountability. Policy makers, administration and team members participate in ongoing program evaluations in an effort to ensure that the program is effective.

SJC Adult Drug Court has Five Phases in 1 year

PHASE ONE (MINIMUM 2 MONTHS)

1 COURT APPEARANCE EACH WEEK
3 GROUP THERAPY SESSIONS PER WEEK
INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING
INTENSE SUPERVISION
RANDOM DRUG TESTS EACH WEEK

PHASE TWO (MINIMUM 4 MONTHS)

1 COURT APPEARANCE EVERY OTHER WEEK
3 GROUP THERAPY SESSIONS PER WEEK
INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING
MODERATE SUPERVISION
RANDOM DRUG TESTS EACH WEEK

PHASE THREE (MINIMUM 4 MONTHS)

1 COURT APPEARANCE EVERY THREE WEEKS
2 GROUP THERAPY SESSIONS PER WEEK
INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING
CONTINUING SUPERVISION
RANDOM DRUG TESTS EACH WEEK

PHASE FOUR (MINIMUM 2 MONTH)

1 COURT APPEARANCE EVERY MONTH
1 GROUP THERAPY SESSIONS PER WEEK
INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING
CONTINUING SUPERVISION
RANDOM DRUG TESTS EACH WEEK

PHASE FIVE (WAITING FOR GRADUATION!)

1 COURT APPEARANCE EVERY MONTH
CONTINUING SUPERVISION & TREATMENT
RANDOM DRUG TESTS

A SPECIAL GRADUATION CEREMONY!

Participant Benefits

- Good chance of living a drug free lifestyle with associated benefits
- Good chance of living a law abiding lifestyle
- Rebuild family & community ties
- Avoid lengthy incarceration in prison
- Possible Early termination from probation

Drug Courts Work!

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**The National Association of Drug Court Professionals
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