

# Drug Courts Work!

“If you think you can do a thing,  
or think you can’t do a thing, you’re right.”  
-Henry Ford

## 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

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## 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

## **For More Information:**

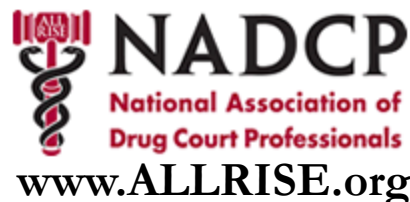
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### Seventh Circuit Information:

A Participant Handbook and Agreement for all counties within the Circuit can be found at [www.circuit7.org](http://www.circuit7.org) under the heading of Programs/Services and Drug Court/DUI Court.

Additional information can be found at:



## ST. JOHNS COUNTY ADULT DRUG COURT PROGRAM

Seventh Judicial Circuit  
of Florida

*“Visualizing  
a Brighter Future”*



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## What is the St Johns County 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

**PROBATION VIOLATION CASES ARE ELIGIBLE**

## 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!**

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the St. Johns County Drug Court is to protect society by identifying and treating addicted, non-violent substance abusing offenders in a more efficient and effective way in the criminal justice system. Through improved communication and collaboration among stakeholders, we intend to reduce alcohol and drug abuse in the community, lower recidivism rates, lessen the financial impact on society and help those so identified to lead productive lives as law abiding citizens.



**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.