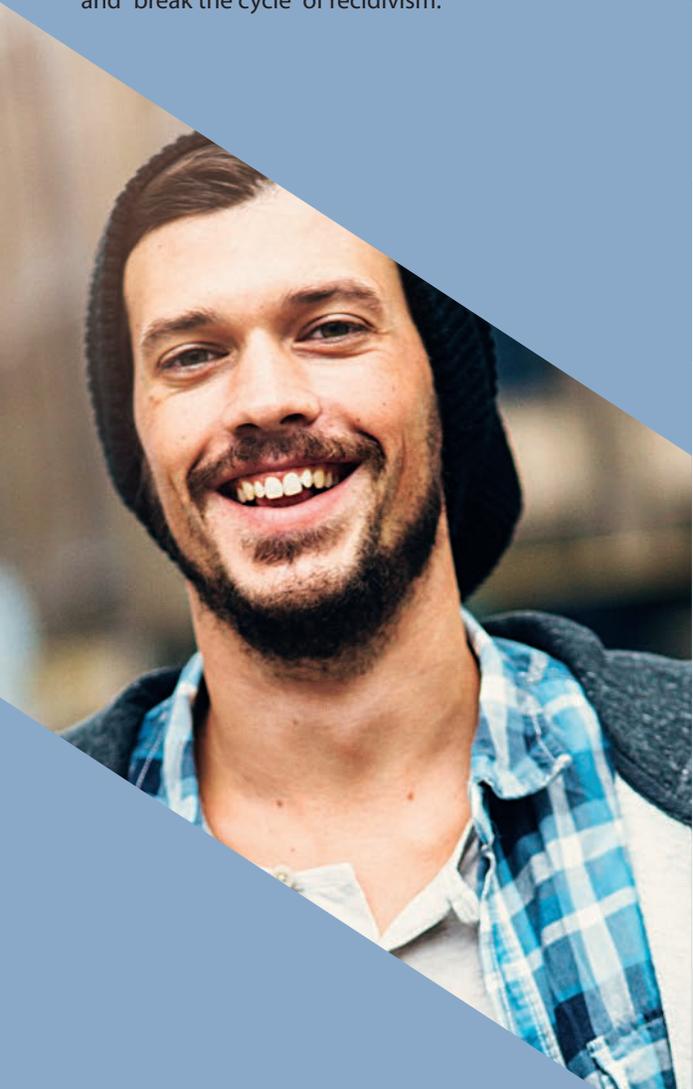


MISSION

The DTC Court strives to provide an opportunity to nonviolent offenders who suffer from substance abuse, to receive comprehensive quality treatment and support services including assistance with employment, educational programs, housing, and benefits. The goal of the DTC is to assist in the recovery from addiction and to rehabilitate participants in order that they may become productive, self-sustaining members of society and “break the cycle” of recidivism.



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ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT

Every individual who is considering DTC shall receive a clinical assessment to determine the severity of substance abuse and the appropriate level of treatment. Participants will receive an individualized treatment plan which can range from outpatient to residential care depending on one's needs. All individuals will have the support of a Clinical Case Coordinator to assist in recovery. In addition, all participants will have access to a Case Manager that can assist in the provision of support services including information and placement for job training and placement; educational programs; housing; and health benefits. A Licensed Social Worker is also available to provide referral for those suffering with mental health problems.



ELIGIBILITY

Referrals to DTC may be made by the OSA, OPD, Defense Attorney, the Division of Parole and Probation, and the Court. Referrals should be made to the DTC Assistant State's Attorney and DTC Public Defender as well as the DTC Coordinator. To be eligible, an individual must meet the following criteria:

- ✓ **Be 18 years of age or older**
- ✓ **Show symptoms of serious and chronic substance abuse**
- ✓ **Have no open cases that cannot be resolved by the plea into DTC**
- ✓ **Have no conviction of a crime of violence unless the conviction occurred and the sentence was completed at least 5 years before the date of entry into the DTC.**

Individuals may be accepted into DTC who are on parole if the Parole Board agrees to hold the parole in abeyance while the individual participates in DTC.

Individuals who have previously participated or graduated from a DTC will be considered for admission if that person currently meets the eligibility criteria.

REQUIREMENTS

All participants must:

- 1 Enter into a Guilty Plea for an appropriate suspended sentence and two years of supervised probation by a Probation Agent at least once a month.**
- 2 Abide by all special conditions of probations, an individualized treatment and supervision plan for drug treatment, counseling, and other reasonable services as needed.**
- 3 Submit to urine testing, including random urinalysis.**
- 4 Appear in Drug Treatment Court for a progress review at least once a month**

GRADUATION

DTC Participants are eligible for successful completion or graduation from DTC if they have successfully participated in the program for a minimum of 18 months and have been in compliance with all conditions of probation for one year.

