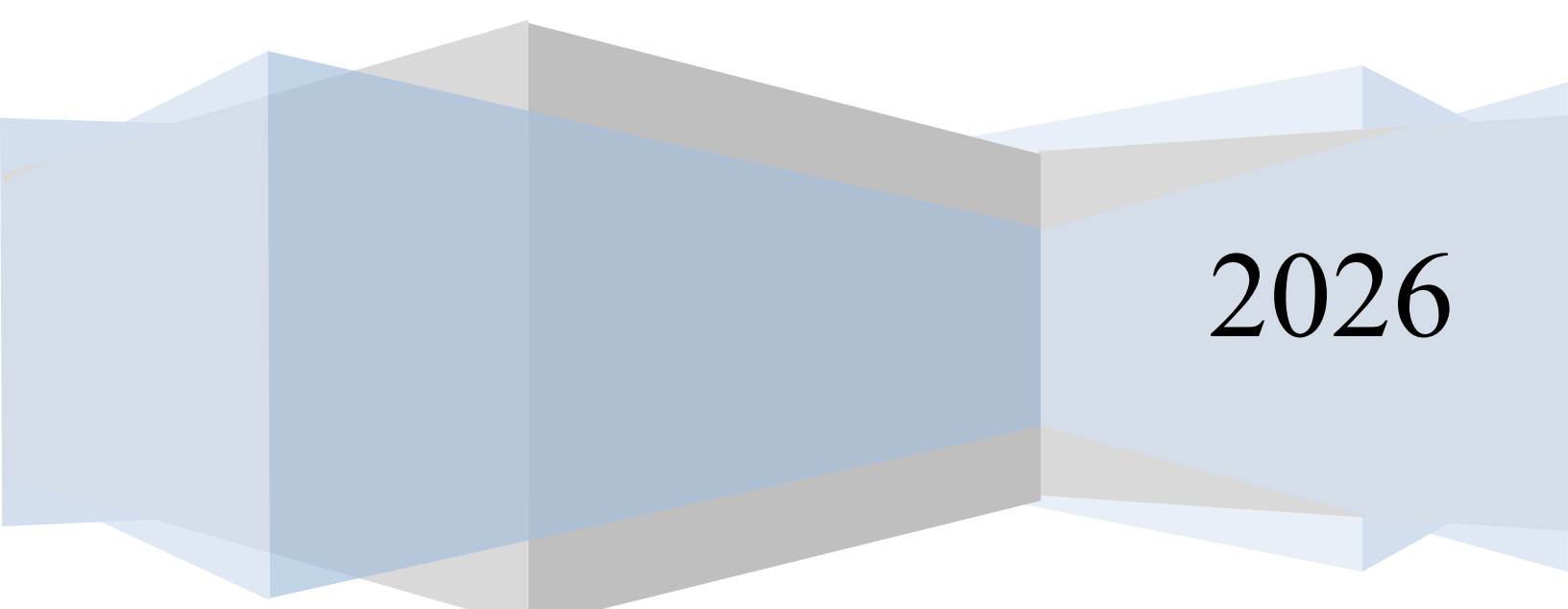


Participant's Handbook

Drug Court Program

Meigs County Common Pleas Court

Probation Department



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WELCOME

Welcome to the Meigs County Common Pleas Court Drug Court Program! You have been admitted into this program because it has been determined that you have experienced major problems stemming from your use of substances. This program is especially designed for you. It is a court managed alcohol and other drug intervention treatment and monitoring program which are designed to provide an alternative to traditional criminal case processing. The Judge has discretion to decide admission to the Drug Court Program in accordance with the written eligibility criteria for the Drug Court Program.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Meigs County Common Pleas Court Drug Court Program is designed as a minimum 12 month, four-phase program. Because the program involves intensive intervention, it is designed to meet the needs of each participant. How well you do in the program and how quickly you move from phase to phase, depends on you and your motivation to make positive changes in your life. Written legal and clinical eligibility and termination criteria do not create a right to participation in the Drug Court Program.

The Meigs County Common Pleas Court Drug Court Program is designed to assist substance use disorder-related offenders in achieving abstinence from alcohol and other drugs, while developing a crime-free lifestyle rooted in the principles of recovery. Judge Warner demands that all program participants, as well as adults on other phases of probation, become substance free. Becoming substance free allows participants to gain the necessary skills through education, work, and other life experiences to be successful in life and avoid a pattern of repeated criminality and incarceration.

During Phase One, and throughout the remaining phases, the Judge will conduct Case Reviews for all participants. As these reviews will include all current participants, you will be asked to preserve the confidentiality of each participant.

The Judge, through case reviews, will review your progress in the program. The Judge will ask your probation officer and case manager and any other relevant persons to provide them with reports on how you are progressing through the program. The Judge will also review employment/vocational reports regarding your attendance and attitude in that setting.

GOALS

Although the Drug Court Program Team will work with you on establishing and reaching individual goals, the following are goals for every program participant:

- To develop a non-criminal pattern of living
- To learn to be alcohol and other drug free
- To adjust to a drug-free lifestyle
- To learn better ways of coping with life
- To enhance employment skills through educational pursuits and/or vocational or alternative training
- To attend and become involved in community support groups, such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, etc.
- To increase your social skills, self-esteem, and self-motivation
- To learn the warning signs of relapse and develop and implement a relapse prevention plan.

Target Population

The program is designed to serve high risk/high need individuals who have significant substance use disorder problems. In order to be eligible to participate in the Meigs County Common Pleas Court Drug Court, the defendant must meet the following criteria.

- Meigs County resident.
- Age 18 or older.
- DSM-5-TR diagnosis moderate to severe substance use disorder.
- Score a medium to high risk on the ORAS assessment.
- Be a non-violent offender.
- Be amenable to the drug court program.
- Be charged with a felony offense of the 3rd, 4th, or 5th degree.

Ineligible

In addition, persons will not be considered appropriate if they face or have a history of the following offenses:

- Sex, dangerous weapons, or firearm offenses.
- Trafficking in drugs offense.
- Non-resident of Ohio

Written legal and clinical eligibility and termination criteria do not create a right to participation in the Drug Court Program. The Drug Court Judge shall have discretion to decide the admission into the Drug Court Program

Entry and Assessment

A. Initial Eligibility

Potential participants can be referred to the Drug Court program through various points of entry, to include:

- Prosecutor referral
- Attorney referral
- Judge referral
- Treatment providers
- Probation officers
- Self-referral

B. Referral/Identification Process

Referrals can be made at any phase of the case or court process, to include post-plea (Presentence Investigation), sentencing, while currently under court supervision/community control, or as a result of a community control violation. The referring entity contacts the Drug Court Coordinator who conducts an initial eligibility screening. If a participant is deemed eligible for participation, the formal screening and assessment process is initiated and promptly referred to the appropriate services. Defendants shall be placed under reporting supervision to monitor compliance with court requirements.

C. Formal Screening and Assessment

1. Ohio Risk Assessment System Tool: All participants referred to the Drug Court are screened using the validated Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS) either during the Presentence Investigation (PSI) or upon initiation of a Community Control sentence. A trained/certified individual conducts the extensive ORAS interview that evaluates participant history and needs across seven (7) functional domains:

- Criminal & Supervision History
- Educational, Employment and Finances
- Family and Social Support
- Neighborhood Challenges
- Substance use disorder
- Peer Associations
- Criminal Attitudes and Behavioral Concerns.

Based on the issues identified, officers then develop an individualized case plan that identifies goals and objectives for the participant's supervising officer and case manager. Participants who screen as high risk in the substance use disorder domain are immediately linked with an AOD

Provider for intensive substance use disorder interventions and a dependence evaluation (if not already completed).

2. Chemical dependency, mental health, and other programming assessments shall include available collateral information to ensure the accuracy of the assessment. The assessments must be completed by a treatment provider that is appropriately licensed and/or trained to deliver services according to DSM phases of Care.

D. Drug Court Team Staffing

The Drug Court Team will meet weekly to review the referral summaries and determine final admission for potential new candidates. The Drug Court Judge shall have discretion to decide the admission into the Drug Court Program. All Drug Court Team members shall serve minimum term of one (1) year to promote consistency, continuity, and the effective operation of the program.

E. Intake/Referral/Supervision

The defendant will be assigned one of the drug court probation officers for supervision. The defendant will have the rules and obligations explained to him/her. The probation officer will assist in setting up treatment appointments and obtaining quick entry into available group sessions. The defendant will be made aware of initial Drug Court appearance dates and all other obligations that are required for compliance with drug court. The Meigs County Common Pleas Court Probation Department will refer defendants to OHIO MHAS certified treatment providers. Defendants should be referred to treatment and entered into the Drug Court program within three weeks of drug court assessment order. The specialized docket will provide prompt access to a continuum of approved treatment and rehabilitation services.

F. Admission/Appearance in Drug Court

If the Drug Court team determines that a potential candidate is appropriate for admission to the Drug Court, the defendant will make an appearance before the Drug Court Judge. At this appearance, the following must be accomplished:

- Entry of Drug Court agreement signed by all involved.
- Review of basic program conditions

Treatment

The treatment protocol provides for intensive intervention for AOD and mental health defendants enrolled in the Meigs County Common Pleas Court Drug Court program. The treatment model is outpatient. However, when needed, defendants may be referred to and required to successfully complete a residential treatment program, as a treatment component of the Drug Court program. The program will also develop procedures for those who have co-occurring disorders where the AOD dependency masks the symptoms of the serious mental illness. Having a co-occurring mental health disorder will not disqualify any individual from participating in the Drug Court program.

Consistent with the Drug Court model, treatment begins with a thorough and complete assessment of the defendant's history and phase of involvement with alcohol or drugs. Based on this assessment, the assigned treatment provider will develop a treatment plan to include the following elements:

- Services that meet the individualized needs of each defendant;
- When possible, services will incorporate evidenced-based strategies;
- When possible, services are gender responsive;
- When possible, services are culturally appropriate;

All agencies that provide treatment or other programs to the Drug Court program will ensure that such is supplied by persons who are appropriately licensed and trained to deliver such services according to the standards of their profession.

PHASE DESCRIPTIONS & EXPECTATIONS

A participant's progress through the Drug Court phases is not based solely upon pre-set timelines. How well you do in the program and how quickly you move from phase to phase, depends on you and your motivation to make positive changes in your life.

Phase One: This phase is designed as an 8-week minimum phase and will consist of, but not be limited to, the following:

- Participant receives orientation to the drug court program.
- Participant is randomly selected by the OCSS program to be drug tested a minimum of two (2) times per week.
- Participant attends appointment with probation officer as instructed.
- Participant attends chemical dependency treatment sessions (individual and/or group) in accordance with their treatment plan.
- Participant is present for case reviews with the Judge (1) time per week.
- Participant complies with all court orders and terms of probation.
- Participant will attend minimum of one (1) sober support meeting per week.

To move from Phase One and into Phase Two of the program, a participant must complete the following minimum requirements:

- Compliance with meetings with probation officer.
- Compliance with consecutive negative drug screens and compliance with OCSS.
- Compliance with substance use disorder treatment.
- Compliance with case reviews with the Judge.
- Compliance with all court orders and terms of probation.
- Petition for graduation from Phase (1)

Phase Two: This phase is designed as a 12-week minimum phase and will consist of, but not be limited to, the following:

- Participant is randomly selected by the OCSS program to be drug tested a minimum of two (2) times every week.
- Participant attends appointment with probation officer as instructed.
- Participant attends chemical dependency treatment sessions (individual and/or group) in accordance with their treatment plan.
- Participant is present for case reviews with the Judge one (1) time per week until MRT is completed, then to be present for case review with the Judge one (1) time every two (2) weeks.
- Participant complies with all court orders and terms of probation.
- Participant will attend minimum of two (2) sober support meetings per week.
- Participant if ready will attend MRT group once a week.

To move from Phase Two and into Phase Three of the program, a participant must complete the following minimum requirements:

- Compliance with meetings with probation officer.
- Compliance with consecutive negative drug screens and compliance with OCSS.
- Compliance with substance use disorder treatment.
- Compliance with case reviews with the Judge.
- Compliance with all court orders and terms of probation.
- Compliance with sober support meetings.
- Petition for graduation from Phase (2)

Phase Three: This phase is designed to be a 16-week minimum phase and will consist of, but not be limited to the following:

- Participant is randomly selected by the OCSS program to be drug tested a minimum of one (1) time every week.
- Participant attends appointment with probation officer as instructed.
- Participant attends chemical dependency treatment sessions (individual and/or group) in accordance with their treatment plan.
- Participant is seen for case review with the Judge one (1) time every two (2) weeks.
- Participant complies with all court orders and terms of probation.
- Participant will attend minimum of three (3) sober support meetings per week.
- Participant will attend MRT group once a week.

To move from Phase Three into Phase Four of the program, a participant must complete the following minimum requirements:

- Compliance with meetings with probation officer.

- Compliance with consecutive negative drug screens and compliance with OCSS
- Compliance with substance use disorder treatment.
- Compliance with case reviews with the Judge.
- Compliance with all court orders and terms of probation.
- Compliance with sober support meetings.
- Compliance with MRT groups.
- Petition for graduation from Phase (3)

Phase Four: This 16-week minimum aftercare/monitoring phase will consist of, but is not limited to, the following:

- Participant is randomly selected by the OCSS program to be drug tested a minimum of one (1) every week.
- Participant attends appointment with probation officer as instructed.
- Participant attends chemical dependency treatment sessions (individual and/or group) in accordance with their treatment plan.
- Participant will attend minimum of three (3) sober support meetings per week if not employed. If participant is employed, then they may attend two (2) in-person and one (1) online sober support meeting per week.
- Participant will attend MRT group once a week.
- Participant is present for case review with the Judge one (1) time every month.
- Participant satisfactorily maintains employment/vocational goals.
- Participant complies with all court orders and terms of probation.

To complete Phase Four and graduate from the Meigs County Common Pleas Court Drug Court Program, a participant must complete the following minimum requirements:

- Compliance with meetings with probation officer.
- Compliance with consecutive negative drug screens and compliance with OCSS.
- Compliance with substance use disorder treatment.
- Compliance with case reviews with the Judge.
- Compliance with all court orders and terms of probation.
- Compliance with sober support meetings.
- Compliance with MRT groups.
- Petition for graduation from Drug Court

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Drug Court Judge

Will provide leadership to the drug court program, make final programmatic decisions and participate fully as a drug court team member. The judge presides over the proceedings and monitors the appropriate application of sanctions and incentives while maintaining the integrity of the court.

Drug Court Coordinator

Will provide oversight for the day-to-day operations of the drug court program. He or she will also monitor whether the program is meeting its short- and long-term objectives for the participants, community and local criminal justice system.

Drug Court Treatment Provider/Participant Support

Will identify and/or provide a continuum of care for the participants including detoxification, residential treatment, outpatient treatment, and intensive outpatient treatment and family counseling.

Case Management

Case management services are conducted by your Drug and Alcohol counseling services. Your case manager will oversee your entire case while you are in the program, as well as link you and your family members/significant others (when appropriate) to available community resources and services.

Monitoring Services

Monitoring services are conducted by the Meigs County Common Pleas Court Probation Department. These services may include the monitoring of compliance with various program components, as well as home, school, employment/vocational, and treatment visits.

Supervision Services Mandatory supervision services are conducted by your probation officer. These services include, but are not limited to, the following: drug testing, monitoring compliance with rules of probation, and monitoring of fines and restitution.

Support Groups

Involvement and participation in support groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Narcotics Anonymous (NA) and other successful community support programs is vital to your recovery. Attendance at these groups is mandatory and shall be documented. These fellowships will help you see how others with similar problems are recovering from their problems with alcohol and other drugs. You will observe that changing to a drug-free lifestyle is a positive and exciting experience.

Individual Counseling

These one-on-one sessions are held with a qualified chemical dependency counselor. These individual sessions are mandatory and conducted according to your needs. You will attend individual counseling in accordance with your treatment plan, which is developed by you and your counselor.

Group Counseling

Group counseling sessions are conducted by a qualified chemical dependency counselor. These sessions are mandatory and conducted according to your needs. You will attend group counseling in accordance with your treatment plan. When assigned to a group, you must be on time and may be considered absent when late.

Incarceration Jail or Work Release Center

You may be required to serve time in WRC or jail while participating in the program. Time in WRC or jail may be used as a sanction for various infractions of the rules, including but not limited to: positive drug screens; missed court, probation, case management or counseling sessions; and inappropriate behavior

Employment/Vocational

Throughout the Drug Court Program, you will be expected to make substantial progress in meeting your employment and/or vocational goals. At any point in the program, the Judge may sanction you for lack of progress in meeting your employment and/or vocational goals. The Judge will receive regular reports indicating your progress in this area.

Random Drug Screening

Random drug screening through urinalysis will be conducted throughout your participation in the program. The results of these drug screens will play a significant role in your recovery and completion of the program. Any positive drug screen may result in a sanction being administered by the Judge and/or your probation officer.

Case Review Hearing

Hearings will be held every Monday at 9:00am. Clients who are making phase transitions and/or achieved sobriety benchmarks are called at the beginning of the docket followed by the remaining case load in a random order. Clients are individually called up to the attorney seating area and are expected to discuss their progress with the judge. The judge administers appropriate sanctions and rewards and provides encouragement and support. Unexcused failure to appear at court hearings may result in the issuance of a bench warrant.

OCSS Program

Ohio Community Supervision System (OCSS) used by the probation department to manage the probation caseload. Within this system is a secure, automated call system that randomly selects participants for drug and alcohol testing and monitors program compliance with Internet-accessible reports. Daily calls to a toll-free telephone number connect participants to the automated call system. Participants are assigned a "calling window" and a "testing window" based upon their work schedule or other daily obligations.

A database records the time of all calls, confirms that the participant is aware that he / she must report for a drug or alcohol test, monitors the participant's compliance with required testing and reports results of tests. An end of day report is sent to the probation staff with information on Drug Court participants that have called in, or no call/no showed.

PARTICIPANT RULES

Any infraction of the program rules will be reviewed by the Judge, who may impose sanctions. The following are rules of the Drug Court Program:

- Appropriate clothing is expected at all times. Clothing bearing alcohol or other drug-related themes or promoting or advertising alcohol or other drug use is not allowed. No gang colors or gang clothing shall be worn by program participants.
- You must attend all scheduled court, probation, case management, treatment, and educational sessions, unless you obtain prior approval. You must arrive on time and not leave until the meeting or session is over. If you are late, you may not be allowed to attend the session and may be considered absent, which could result in sanctioning by the Judge.
- I understand that participating in Drug Court requires me to be drug free at all times. I will not possess drugs or drug paraphernalia. I will not associate with people who use or possess drugs, nor will I be present while drugs are being used by others.
- I understand that, during each of the phases, I must meet with my Probation Officer (P.O.) a specified number of times, unless otherwise ordered by the court.
- I understand that, during each of the phases, I must meet with my Case Manager a specified number of times, unless otherwise ordered by the court.
- I understand that I must meet with a substance use disorder treatment counselor and follow the recommendations of that counselor, unless otherwise ordered by the court.
- I understand I agree to be responsible for what goes into my body that may affect drug test results. Before taking medication of any kind, I will check with the pharmacist to ensure that it is non-narcotic, non-addictive and contains no alcohol.
- I understand that I have a right to an attorney during court proceedings which include sentencing and any violation which could lead to termination of participation in the Drug Court Program.

- I understand I have the right to request the attendance of defense counsel during the portion of a drug court team meeting concerning my participation.
- Your friends cannot accompany you to the courthouse. If you have prior approval to be in their company, and if they are providing transportation, they should simply drop you off and pick you up at the end of the session.
- You may not carry pagers or cellular phones to the Court, or other program-related offices.
- All participants must notify staff of any contact with law enforcement.
- While your case management sessions are confidential, your case manager complies with the laws of mandated reporting of child abuse or neglect, elder abuse or neglect, and situations involving homicide or suicide.
- You will be expected to maintain appropriate behavior at all times during program sessions and while in the courthouse.
- General rules of supervision of persons on felony probation are that the probationer shall have no contact or association with other person who have been convicted of a felony or felonies. All drug court participants have been convicted of felony offenses and will meet together in drug court and other meetings. Once oriented into the drug court, participants will often find themselves together in settings outside the drug court sessions, such group meetings, NA or AA meetings. Therefore, the Court specifically makes an exception to the general probation rule of no contact or association with other persons with felony convictions. This is because Drug Court participants may find that their greatest form of support, especially as they advance in drug court, is between meetings, group sessions and drug court is through communications with each other. In light of the need to support one another, the court shall permit active drug court participants and graduates of the drug court program to communicate by phone, text, social media, messaging or other written means, in order to provide one another support to maintain sobriety. The drug participants will continue to be in meetings and groups together and are to actively and fully participate in those sessions and meetings. The drug court participants may also plan additional appropriate activities to do together and in support of one another, such as meeting and going to dinner, to community events, or traveling to and from NA or AA meetings. This type of interaction will also be permitted when pre-cleared by the participants community control officer.
- The following actions will not be tolerated and may be cause for sanctioning by the Judge:
 - Violence or threats of any kind
 - Use and/or possession of alcohol, other drugs, or paraphernalia.
 - Belligerent behavior
 - Possession of any type of weapon
 - Inappropriate sexual behavior or harassment

Physician Disclosure Policy

Meigs County Common Pleas Court Drug Court participants are required to notify any medical practitioner whom they may visit or have visited for medical treatment of the following information:

- I am a participant in the Meigs County Common Pleas Court Drug Court Program.
- I am required to disclose that I have an addiction to chemical substances or a substance use disorder.

- Unless absolutely medically necessary in the treatment of an illness or injury, I am not to be prescribed a medication containing a (narcotic or addictive drug) or any other type of medication that may interfere with the treatment of my addiction.
- I must request that my practitioner make an entry in my medical file that I am participant in the drug court, sign and date the file.
- I must request a copy of this entry from my practitioner and will present it to my case manager at my next scheduled contact.

Failure to comply with this policy may result in the application of sanctions and/or termination from drug court.

Substance Use Disorder Monitoring

Participants will have an individualized drug and alcohol testing plan that is random, frequent, and observed. Testing will reduce as the participant changes phases of the program.

Testing will be administered by the Meigs County Common Pleas Court Probation Department. Primarily, alcohol screening will be completed using a portable breath testing unit. Urine or saliva drug testing will otherwise be used. Because selection for testing is done on a random basis, all participants must appear in the office ready to provide a breath, saliva and/or urine sample for testing. The choice of testing will be at the probation officer's discretion. The testing will be able to detect the primary drug used by the participant as well as any other potential drugs suspected or prevalent in the community.

Elements to guard against tampering include:

- Direct observation of urine sample collection;
- Verification of temperature and measurement of creatinine phases to determine water loading

I understand the following acts are to be treated as positive test and immediately sanctioned: Failing to submit to testing, submitting an adulterated sample, submitting the sample of another individual, diluting the sample. The court will receive immediate notification of all positive tests which shall be immediately sanctioned.

Creatinine

Every urine specimen which is sent to a lab for confirmation is tested at the laboratory for creatinine phase. Creatinine phases determine whether a participant has diluted a sample by, for example, consuming large amounts of water. If the creatinine phase is too low to permit an accurate analysis, the sample will be treated as being positive for presence of prohibited substances.

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

The Meigs County Common Pleas Court Drug Court program permits participants who, with professional medical advice, voluntarily elect to participate in Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) as part of their treatment protocol provided the therapy is available through state or federal public funding, Medicaid, private insurance or private pay.

. The Meigs County Common Pleas Court Drug Court does not provide direct medical treatment; however, the Court expects drug court participants who select MAT as part of their recovery protocol to adhere to the following treatment philosophy or be subject to discharge:

1. Select a court approved, credentialed addiction specialist, medical professional (e.g. ASAM or SAMHSA) or physician with advanced knowledge of recovery issues.
2. Demonstrate treatment engagement and program compliance to achieve the goals of sustainable recovery.

Participants on the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) must authorize communication between the Court and all medical professionals writing prescriptions for that client.

Sanctions and Incentives

In order to ensure participant accountability and encourage progress and compliance, Meigs County Common Pleas Court Drug Court will employ the use of immediate sanctions for any non-compliance and will provide incentives/rewards for compliance and progress toward program goals.

The drug court team will determine in weekly staffing, on a more probable than not basis, whether participants are in compliance or non-compliance. The team will determine, from all information available to or obtain by it, the appropriate incentives or interventions based upon consideration of the nature and degree of the defendant's compliance or non-compliance, the status of the defendant's recovery, the defendant's history of compliance and recovery and what will most reasonably and effectively promote the defendant's recovery and success in completing the Drug Court requirements. Participants that test positive at intake will receive an appropriate sanction but will be referred for immediate treatment. Participants that have a relapse during the program will receive a sanction and additional treatment.

The following are common infractions that may result in an immediate sanction:

- Failure to attend court appearance and treatment appointments.
- Failure to follow Drug Court rules and rules of probation.
- failure to keep scheduled appointments with the probation officer, case manager or any other team member.
- Non-compliance with other treatment plans
- Non-compliance with alcohol and drug screens or testing positive.
- Failure to improve troublesome behaviors.

Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Warning from the Judge
- Therapeutic adjustments
- Community service
- Increasing court appearance
- Individualized sanctions performing other activities such as writing essays, or performing other activities to reflect upon unacceptable behavior.
- Restriction of right to drive
- Fines

- Increase in drug testing
- Daily “call-in” responsibilities
- Increased time in phase
- House arrest
- Work Release Center
- Incarceration (Jail)

With each consequence or sanction, a deadline will be given in which the sanction must be completed.

When a participant fails to achieve a goal that is currently outside their ability, the treatment team will consider therapeutic adjustments. A therapeutic adjustment is a change to a participant’s treatment or recovery plan designed to help them build the skills needed to reach long-term goals. It is not a sanction or punishment. Examples, when clinically recommended, may include:

- Increasing or decreasing counseling attendance frequency/intensity,
- Changing the counseling approach (e.g., CBT, group, family, EMDR),
- Referrals to residential treatment or recovery housing,
- Adding mental health or trauma-focused therapy,
- Participation in community-based support meetings (e.g., AA/NA, SMART Recovery), and
- Initiating or adjusting medication-assisted treatment (MAT) dosage or supports.

Incentives are responses to compliance, perceived as positive, by the receiver. Incentives in the Meigs County Common Pleas Court Drug Court may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Recognition by the Judge
- “Praise Points” or tokens of progress
- Certificates of recognition and/or completion
- Recreational activities
- Advancement to the next Drug Court phase
- Decrease in drug testing
- Curfew reduction
- Gain of privileges, for example driver’s license, fishing license, etc.
- Decrease attendance at Drug Court sessions
- Reduction in court fines
- Dismissal or reduction of charges
- Program recognition ceremony Group
- Gift cards (gas cards, amazon cards, fast food cards)

WHAT SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION WILL MEAN FOR YOU

If you are successful in completing all phases of the Drug Court Program, you will have made tremendous positive steps in your life. These steps will help to ensure that you live a crime-free, drug-free lifestyle, resulting in your attainment of a more responsible, productive, and fulfilled life.

To be eligible for graduation from drug court, participants must, at a minimum, have actively participated in the drug court program, have successfully completed each of the phases of drug court, and have in place a specific plan for after-care and continuing sobriety and recovery.

In determining whether a participant should be graduated from drug court, the team will consider the participant's current circumstances, including (1) stability in family and other significant personal relationships, (2) housing and employment/education, (3) support systems in place for continued sobriety, (4) progress in treatment of substance use disorder and/or co-occurring disorders, (5) recommendations of treatment providers, and (6) plans for and commitment to continued sobriety and recovery.

For all program graduates, a graduation ceremony will be held. This will be a time for you to share your success with your family and friends.

Additionally, upon successful completion of the program the Judge may terminate your probation.

UNSUCCESSFUL TERMINATION FROM THE PROGRAM

The Drug Court Judge shall have discretion to decide termination from the Drug Court docket. Regardless of the method by which a participant enters the Meigs County Common Pleas Court Drug Court, termination may occur for various reasons including, but not limited to:

Unsuccessful Termination

- Noncompliance with rules and procedures.
- Arrest and/or conviction on new charges. In general, assaultive or violent crimes or behaviors will result in termination. However, a new arrest and/or conviction will be determined on a case-by-case basis, by the Drug Court Team.
- Any issue or behavior that would have disqualified the participant from original eligibility.
- Failures to appear as scheduled for court or treatment.
- Any other grounds that the Drug Court Team finds sufficient for expulsion.

Neutral Discharge

- A serious medical condition.
- Serious mental health condition.
- Death.
- Other factors that may keep the participant from meeting the requirements for successful completion.
- Placement in a residential facility and cannot be transported for status review hearing.

COURT-RELATED FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Court-related financial obligations such as: court costs, fines, restitution, supervision fees, and drug screening fees may be ordered by the Judge. Drug Court participants must make good faith efforts to pay these court-related costs while in Drug Court. However, failure to pay costs, fines, restitution, supervision fees and drug screening fees shall not make a participants ineligible for

graduation from Drug Court.