

## What is Drug Court?

The Drug Court Program provides drug treatment to eligible drug offenders who desire to break the cycle of drug dependency and change circumstances in their lives.

Drug Court is designed to assist drug dependent individuals overcome their drug addiction and related criminal behavior.

It is **NOT** to:

- ◇ Avoid prison
- ◇ Be released from jail
- ◇ Avoid prosecution

**Drug Court is a voluntary program:**  
**Drug Court is a privilege, not a right!**

## Team Members

The Honorable Judge Charles Snyder

Public Defender, Angela Anderson

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**Clean for Today...**

**Hope for Tomorrow...**

This pamphlet is a general overview of the Whatcom County Drug Court program. More specific questions can be answered by your attorney, Ahney King or Glenn Hoyt.

## What is required?

- ◇ Drug Court participants are required to appear in court on a regular basis.
- ◇ If you do not have a HS diploma or GED, you are required to obtain one.
- ◇ Full-time work or full-time school prior to graduation.
- ◇ Chemical Dependency Treatment
- ◇ Random Urinalysis/breathalyzer testing results
- ◇ Clean and sober housing
- ◇ Attendance in sober support meetings
- ◇ Payment of weekly fees (\$15/ per week)
- ◇ General progress & program compliance



**Successful completion of the program results in dismissal of the charges for which you were accepted into Drug Court**

## Approval Process

- ◇ If this sounds like the program for you, please speak with your defense attorney. They will apply you if you are a good candidate.

A candidate is **not** eligible for Drug Court if he or she:

- ◇ Is a "violent offender;" meaning current or prior strike offense
- ◇ Was convicted of Assault in the Third Degree, unless based on negligence;
- ◇ Is currently charged with, or previously convicted of a drug dealing offense;
- ◇ Is currently charged with a firearm offense
- ◇ Has an extensive failure to appear history;
- ◇ Has outstanding warrants from other jurisdictions;
- ◇ Would be unable to make full restitution before graduation;
- ◇ Has completed or been terminated from any Drug Court program as a juvenile or an adult.
- ◇ Has been convicted of a sex offense.
- ◇ Total restitution exceeds \$2,000.00.

**A candidate may be excluded in the discretion of the Prosecuting Attorney 28 C.F.R. for any reason,**

Including but not limited to:

- ◇ History of Domestic Violence
- ◇ History of Eluding
- ◇ History of DUIs
- ◇ Designated officer safety by law enforcement

If the prosecutor's office approves the request it is forwarded to a case manager of the Drug Court program.

The case manager may decline to recommend approval of a candidate to the court if the case manager determines that Drug Court would be inappropriate for therapeutic or other clinical reasons; including but not limited to:

- ◇ Severe mental health concerns
- ◇ Lack of significant chemical dependency issues

