

Collin County DWI/ Drug Court

The mission of the DWI/Drug Court Program is to promote community safety by providing intensive supervision services and treatment to reduce drug and alcohol usage, family violence, and offender recidivism. This will foster a positive environment of change in the community by helping repeat offenders become healthier, law-abiding citizens.



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*Presenting a New Concept In
Dealing with Impaired Drivers*

DWI/
DRUG
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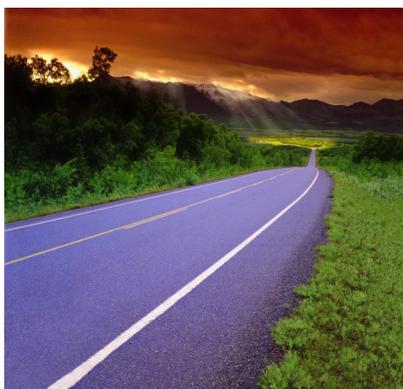
Court dockets across the country have been backlogged with DWI/drug cases. The traditional punishment methods have not proven successful or kept up the pace with the number of new offenses. Putting alcoholics and drug addicts in jail has not proven to help the problem. We continue to build facilities to house inmates when studies have shown



that other programs are far more beneficial. Intensive supervision,

sanctions and incentives through the court system works better to reduce recidivism and reestablish productive citizens in the community. This translates to exponential benefits for the

community. These programs have shown to reduce recidivism rates, keep families together, and provide safer roads for all citizens.



Safer Citizens and Roads

Major Benefits Include:

- ◆ Defendant will learn tools for sober living
- ◆ Probated fines and jail sentence;
- ◆ Community service requirements are waived;
- ◆ Reduced DLD rates;
- ◆ Occupational Driver's License is provided and filing fee is waived;

DWI/DRUG COURT

DWI courts target certain impaired drivers who, without serious treatment intervention and accountability, are at high risk to reoffend. The goal of these problem-solving courts is to stop drunk-driving by addressing the root causes: alcohol and other substance abuse. Once DWI court participants are convicted, they are placed under supervised probation and required to undergo intensive treatment and counseling, submit to frequent supervision and random alcohol and/or drug testing, make frequent appearances in court, and be closely monitored for program compliance.

This vigorous treatment program addresses the underlying cause of DWI offenses, holds offenders accountable for their behavior, and enforces the development of skills for staying sober and becoming law-abiding citizens. DWI courts can successfully change the behaviors of those serious offenders who put all citizens at risk while driving in the community.