

Specialty courts are the most successful criminal justice intervention for addicted offenders. These courts are proven to save lives, save money and reduce crime.

Specialty courts are changing the criminal justice system's approach to addiction:

- Provide intense supervision
- Provide individualized, long-term treatment
- Change participants' thinking and behavior
- Demand accountability
- Save taxpayer's money
- Improve public safety

To learn more about the program, contact the following team member:

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**Collin County  
DWI/Drug Court Programs**

Collin County Court at law 7  
Honorable David Waddill

The **mission** of the DWI/Drug Court Program is to promote community safety, and to assist participants in the recovery from substance abuse disorders, in order to break the cycle of addiction.

### **Program description**

The DWI/Drug Court Program is a court-supervised, comprehensive treatment collaborative for non-violent offenders. This is a voluntary program that includes regular court appearances before a designated DWI/Drug Court Judge, substance abuse treatment, alcohol/drug testing, regular attendance at self-help meetings, and regular probation meetings. DWI/Drug Court requires a minimum 12-month commitment.

### **Benefits include:**

- Helping and preparing individuals to lead an alcohol and drug-free lifestyle.
- Probated fines
- Community service requirements waived
- Reduced ignition interlock fee
- Court may grant an Order for Occupational Driver's License.

The program is designed to promote self-sufficiency and personal responsibility. Participation in this program is a privilege and requires personal commitment. Members of the DWI/Drug Court Team are present to provide guidance and assistance. However, the final responsibility is upon the individual and one must be motivated to make this change and commit to a more responsible way of life.

### **Referral and Screening Process**

Upon being arrested and charged with an offense in Collin County, you may be considered for acceptance into a DWI/Drug Court Program. Every participant will complete a screening to determine if eligible for the Program. Applicants will need to complete a substance abuse evaluation, and an interview with a DWI/Drug Court Supervision Officer. During this time you will be fully advised of all the rules and procedures, program phases and court expectations. Entry is voluntary but will require participant to enter a plea, and be placed on Community Supervision.

Treatment Courts are the single most successful intervention in our nation's history for leading people living with substance use and mental health disorders out of the justice system and into lives of recovery and stability. (from NADCP website).