

401st FELONY DRUG COURT PROGRAM COLLIN COUNTY



PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK

Name _____

Plea/Orientation Date: _____

ENTRY PROCESS

For entry and intake into the 401st Felony Drug Court Program, please contact:

Misty Ray
972-548-4252
mray@co.collin.tx.us

APPLICATION: Each person who wants to be considered for Drug Court must fill out the intake and application packet. This can be found on the Collin County website under the 401st District Court page. You can also email Mrs. Ray at the email above to request a copy via email. Once the intake and application packet have been filled out, please email those back to Mrs. Ray for further instructions. Your criminal history will be reviewed by the Drug Court Team prior to entering into the program.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE EVALUATION: Every Drug Court participant must undergo a substance abuse evaluation through LifePath. Based upon that evaluation, a certain regimen of treatment will be recommended for you, which could include inpatient or outpatient treatment. This is to help determine the appropriate treatment regimen during your time in Drug Court.

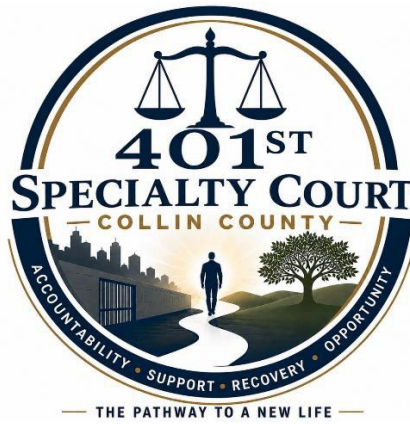
Your intake and application packet and substance abuse evaluation will be reviewed by the Drug Court Team, who will determine if you are appropriate for the program. Upon the Drug Court Team's acceptance of your application for entry into the program, your attorney will be notified and given a plea and orientation date for you to appear. Individuals sanctioned into the program will be notified by their probation officer of the date and time to report to Court.

PLEA-IN: On this date, you will enter your plea, and then report to Court to begin the process with the Judge, Drug Court staff, and probation officer. Following your first Drug Court appearance, you will meet with the probation officer, be fully advised of all rules and procedures, sign your Participant Contract, and complete all other necessary paperwork. You will also be required to go to the Probation Department (CSCD) on the 1st floor of the Collin County Courthouse to submit to your entry UA.

SANCTION IN: If you are sanctioned into Drug Court, you will need to have signed an amended order and report to Court on the date and time when your officer advises you to report. You will meet with the Drug Court Team and observe your first Drug Court appearance. You will then get an appointment after court for your intake from the Drug Court Probation Officer.

When you meet with the Drug Court officer for intake, you will be provided an opportunity to ask any questions or address any concerns you might have regarding the program. Please note the entire process may take much of an entire day. Therefore, please make arrangements on this date to complete the orientation process, as you cannot leave and return to complete it. Thank you for your participation.

**PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO BE IN COURT ALL DAY ON THE DATE OF
YOUR PLEA AND THE ORIENTATION PROCESS.**



Mission Statement

The mission of the 401st Felony Drug Court Program is to protect public safety, reduce crime, and strengthen our community by providing rigorous judicial supervision, accountability, and evidence-based treatment for eligible individuals whose criminal behavior is driven by substance use disorders.

Through consistent monitoring, personal responsibility, and compliance with court-ordered requirements, participants are held accountable for their actions while receiving the tools and support necessary to achieve lasting recovery.

By promoting lawful behavior, reducing recidivism, and encouraging productive citizenship, the 401st Felony Drug Court Program enhances public safety and serves as a responsible steward of taxpayer resources.

DISCLAIMER

This Program was created to give persons with qualifying felonies an opportunity to seriously address their addiction to drugs and alcohol and recover from their addiction. By choosing to enter the 401st Felony Drug Court Program, you are choosing perhaps the best opportunity you will ever have to reclaim and rebuild your life. However, the Program is not easy. In fact, there are far greater expectations of you than if you were on regular, felony probation.

The 401st Felony Drug Court Program is a minimum one-year, post-conviction program designed primarily for people with felony drug-related convictions (including deferred adjudication) but also for those participants whose criminal behavior is related to substance use. A person may enter the Program if the person admits that they have chronic alcohol and/or drug issues which contributed to their criminal conduct.

If you admit you have a substance abuse problem and you want help, you may avoid incarceration in a State prison by successfully completing this program. Not everyone is suited to be placed in this program. It is a difficult program and requires a commitment to abstain from substance use and gain valuable tools to be a productive member of society. For some, prison may be more appropriate.

This handbook is designed to answer your questions, provide overall information about the Program, and explain what will be required of you as a 401st Felony Drug Court Program participant. As a participant, you will be expected to comply with drug court rules, follow instructions given in Drug Court by the judge, and comply with the treatment plan developed for you by your treatment provider. We are happy to welcome you into the Program and wish you every success in your recovery.

Please read this handbook carefully. It is your responsibility to be familiar with its contents. We encourage you to share this information with your family and friends who support your recovery. The information in this handbook may change, without prior notice, and should not be considered a binding agreement between you and the 401st Felony Drug Court Program.

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WELCOME

A letter from Judge Kimberly Laseter

Welcome to the 401st Felony Drug Court. I want to begin by acknowledging the step you've taken to enter this program, a program designed as a team approach to a serious problem. The attorneys, probation officer, treatment providers, and court staff are all working together with a shared goal: your success.

Success depends on your willingness to engage honestly and consistently in the process.

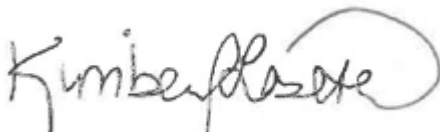
BE HONEST: You are not expected to be perfect, but you will be expected to tell the truth – especially when things are difficult.

SHOW UP ON TIME: Respect the time of those who are trying to help you. Showing up when you are supposed to, prepared and ready, is one of the first ways you demonstrate commitment to change.

ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY: Progress begins with being real about where you are and taking responsibility for your actions. Acceptance of responsibility is not about punishment; it is about growth and accountability.

This program will challenge you, but if you remain engaged, honest, and follow through on your commitments, you can succeed here. We are here to support that success, but ultimately, the work is yours. Change direction, rebuild trust, and create a more stable and productive future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberly Laseter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Kimberly M. Laseter
401st District Court Judge

OVERVIEW

The program is a voluntary, five-phase intervention program for adults who have been charged with one or more qualifying felony offenses and who are unable to stay clean and sober. It is a collaborative effort of the 401st District Court, Collin County Community Supervision, the Collin County District Attorney, and Treatment Providers. By working together, we seek to provide a variety of interventions and consistent supervision geared toward supporting and helping you maintain a substance-free life.

Drug Court involves frequent court appearances, strong judicial supervision, random drug testing, frequent, unscheduled home visits by drug court team members or police officers, group and individual drug/alcohol treatment, as well as other needed and assigned programs and services. The Court awards incentives for compliant behavior and progress as well as provides interventions for non-compliant behavior.

Participants who do not comply with Drug Court expectations and benchmarks will be given interventions. These interventions will be decided in a coordinated effort by the Drug Court Team based on each individual's progress in this program. These decisions are structured and designed to create adherence to the individual's goals while in Drug Court. Ultimately, while numerous interventions may be discussed, the Judge will have the final decision. You may also be terminated from Drug Court. The Drug Court Team will assist you to be sure you understand what is expected of you.

BENEFITS OF THE 401ST FELONY DRUG COURT PROGRAM

The most important benefit of successfully completing the 401st Felony Drug Court Program is the opportunity to build a healthier, more stable, and drug-free life. Your family, friends, and employer will see positive changes as you become more reliable, responsible, and committed to your future. In addition to these long-term benefits, the program also offers several tangible benefits, including:

1. If you are unable to afford alcohol or drug treatment, we will work with you to find a way to cover the cost of treatment.
2. Your fine may be probated, which can save hundreds or even thousands of dollars.
3. If your driver's license is suspended, you may be eligible for an occupational license at minimal cost. This may allow you to drive to and from work, take care of essential household responsibilities, and attend required counseling sessions.
4. Court-ordered community service may be waived, allowing you to focus on attending required counseling and support meetings.
5. In most felony DWI cases, the law requires you to install a "*deep lung device*" (DLD) on your motor vehicle for at least 50% of your sentence. We have established working relationships with DLD providers who offer reduced rates to program participants. If you are enrolled in the Program, your monthly monitoring fee will also be substantially reduced.

THE DRUG COURT TEAM

Before each Drug Court meeting, the Team meets to review your case and discuss your progress. This allows the team to address your accomplishments, challenges, and any areas that may need additional attention during your Drug Court meeting

- Judge Kimberly Laseter - serves as the lead member of the Drug Court Team and presides over all team staff meetings and Drug Court meetings. The Judge works closely with the other team members to make decisions regarding your participation in the Program. These decisions are based on input from team members, treatment providers, and other support services involved in your case.
- Misty Ray, Community Supervision Court Officer - meets with participants monthly and oversees drug testing, field visit requirements, and other court-ordered obligations. She staffs two times a week with the team. One meeting is with Mike Peterson to ensure treatment requirements are being met, and the other is with the full team to review participants' progress, including any violations, challenges, and successes from the previous week.
- 401st District Court Staff
 - Deputy Tyrell Jones, Court Officer - Serves as the bailiff and helps maintain order during Drug Court proceedings. He also assists when a participant is taken into custody, helps obtain signatures on court orders and ensure they are delivered to the clerk's office, and assists with other Drug Court duties as needed.
 - Charla Kiser, Court Coordinator - Helps coordinate day-to-day administrative needs of Drug Court, including graduation ceremonies and other program-related matters. She also assists with overseeing and managing Drug Court administrative responsibilities.
 - Charla Reamy, Court Reporter - Serves as the court reporter when a formal hearing is required and provides the official record of those proceedings.
- Deric Walpole, Defense Attorney - Serves as an advocate for Drug Court participants and helps ensure they understand and fulfill their program requirements, including any sanctions or other court-ordered obligations. He also assists participants with legal matters that may arise during the program, such as occupational licenses and motions, and provides legal advice when needed.

- Treatment Professionals
 - Mike Peterson, Case Manager - Serves as the substance abuse case manager for LifePath. He helps participants become familiar with the program and serves as a primary point of contact as they work through their treatment requirements. He monitors participants' progress and helps ensure they are meeting their treatment obligations. He also assists participants who need mental health services by helping them schedule and attend appointments and ensuring they have access to their prescribed medications.
 - Cadee Rogers, Peer Support Specialist - Provides support and assistance to participants as they work toward stability and long-term recovery. She helps participants connect with resources, including housing and other support services. She leads the aftercare program, maintains communication with sober living managers, and primarily works with participants in the later phases of the program as they prepare for greater independence and life after Drug Court.
- Mollie Thompson, Assistant District Attorney - Represents the State of Texas as a member of the Drug Court Team. She helps guide the program and contributes to discussions and decisions regarding its operation. She also provides legal guidance and assistance to the team when needed.

TREATMENT EXPECTATIONS

You are required to actively participate in all aspects of your treatment as recommended by your evaluation and as directed by the Drug Court Team. **If you are not willing to follow these treatment recommendations and program requirements, you should not enter the Program.**

Attending all scheduled appointments and following your counselor's recommendations are essential parts of your participation and progress. Repeatedly missing appointments or failing to follow treatment recommendations may indicate that you are not fully committed to addressing your substance use and may result in discharge from the Program. Once you are discharged, you will not be eligible for re-entry.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT OVERVIEW

The Drug Court Program is based on established substance use treatment approaches, which may include the Twelve-Step model. If you are not comfortable with Twelve-Step programs, alternative recovery programs are available, including Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS) and Celebrate Recovery.

There are a variety of treatment programs and approaches available, and the level of care that is appropriate for you will depend on your individual needs. Your treatment professionals will evaluate your needs and recommend the level and type of treatment that is most appropriate for you.

Detoxification: Detoxification, or detox, may be recommended for individuals who have used drugs or alcohol heavily and consistently over an extended period of time. Medical detox provides a safe, supervised environment where medical professionals can monitor and manage withdrawal symptoms as the body adjusts to functioning without alcohol or drugs.

When appropriate, medical detox is generally followed by residential treatment or another level of structured care.

Residential Treatment: Residential treatment provides a structured and supportive environment where participants typically receive 24-hour supervision and care at a residential facility or clinical treatment center. The length of residential treatment varies depending on the facility and the individual's treatment needs, but commonly ranges from 14 to 30 days. Treatment may be extended when additional care is needed.

Residential treatment is often recommended for individuals with a history of heavy or ongoing drug or alcohol use who would benefit from a structured environment while beginning their recovery.

Treatment at a residential facility may include individual and group therapy, substance use counseling, education about addiction and recovery, and other services designed to support long-term recovery. Participants may also be introduced to Twelve-Step recovery through Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings held at the facility or in the community.

During residential treatment, participants begin developing a support network and learning to recognize and manage triggers and situations that could increase the risk of returning to substance use after completing treatment.

Outpatient Treatment: Outpatient treatment is generally the lowest level of structured care and may be appropriate for individuals with moderate substance use who do not require residential treatment. Participants live at home and may continue working or attending school while participating in treatment.

Outpatient treatment typically includes group sessions and individual counseling. Participants will meet with an assigned counselor for a specified number of hours each week and may also be required to participate in random drug and alcohol testing and recovery support meetings.

Continuing Education: After successfully completing outpatient treatment, you will be required to complete an eight-week Criminal Addictive Thinking course, followed by a minimum 12-week Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) course. These courses are designed to help participants examine patterns of thinking and behavior and develop healthier decision-making skills.

Aftercare: Following residential and/or outpatient treatment, all Drug Court participants are required to attend weekly Aftercare sessions for the remainder of their time in the Program. Aftercare provides continued support and accountability as participants transition from more intensive treatment into long-term recovery.

12-STEP/SELF-HELP GROUP PARTICIPATION

Participation in 12-Step or other self-help recovery groups, such as Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Narcotics Anonymous (NA), Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), or Celebrate Recovery, is an important part of the Drug Court Program. These groups provide an opportunity to learn from and connect with others who are in recovery and can offer guidance, support, and encouragement throughout the recovery process.

Participants are required to attend **two AA/NA or other approved recovery meetings each week**. Meetings must be attended in their entirety. Attending only long enough to have an attendance sheet signed does not satisfy the requirement.

You must keep a record of your meeting attendance and bring your attendance sheet to every Drug Court session. Failure to attend the required meetings, remain for the entire meeting, or provide proof of attendance may result in a sanction.

If the recovery groups available to you include a religious component that conflicts with your religious or personal beliefs, you may ask the Judge about participating in an alternative service or program that provides similar recovery support without conflicting with your beliefs.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Before each Drug Court meeting, the Judge will receive an update from the Community Supervision Officer and treatment provider. The Drug Court Team will review and discuss your progress, including your drug testing results, attendance and participation in treatment, and compliance with Drug Court rules and requirements.

During Drug Court, the Judge may ask you questions about your progress, accomplishments, or any challenges you may be experiencing. You are expected to be open and honest when discussing your recovery, including any issues or concerns that may be affecting you during the week. This information helps the Drug Court Team understand your needs and determine how best to support your continued progress in the Program.

SUPERVISION PROTOCOL

Although you are participating in Drug Court, you remain on community supervision and must continue to comply with all supervision requirements.

REPORTING: You will be required to report to your Community Supervision Officer as directed. It is important you show up on time for all appointments. If you are running late to your probation appointment, you must notify your officer as soon as possible. Please refer to the phase requirements to determine how often you report to your officer monthly. Your officer or the Court may require additional appointments or reporting when necessary based on your individual circumstances.

COURT-ORDERED CLASSES: After you have successfully completed the Drug Court Program and classes, you will then be required to begin any court-ordered classes included in your original court order. LifePath and your officer will work together to help you make sure these classes are completed.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Any community service originally court ordered will be waived if you successfully complete Drug Court.

FIELD VISITS: Random field visits are also required. A Community Supervision Officer may visit your home to verify that you are living at the address you have reported and to address or follow up on any concerns related to your supervision or participation in the Program.

TRANSPORTATION

Please make sure you have reliable transportation to meet your Drug Court obligations. At times, funding may be available to assist with transportation; however, this assistance is a privilege, not a guaranteed benefit, and funding may be reduced or discontinued at any time.

It is important that you have a reliable way to get to Drug Court meetings, treatment appointments, probation appointments, and required drug testing. Get to know your fellow participants and consider carpooling or helping one another with transportation. The Program may offer incentives to participants who assist others with transportation.

Plan ahead and allow plenty of time to arrange a ride. Have backup transportation options and people you can contact if your primary ride falls through. Depending on your circumstances, walking or riding a bicycle may also be options.

Having a reliable transportation plan is an important part of successfully meeting your Drug Court obligations. Please take the time to make sure you have a plan in place before transportation becomes a problem.

DRUG COURT APPEARANCES

As a Drug Court participant, you will be required to appear in Court regularly. The frequency of your court appearances will depend on the phase of the Program you are currently in. Failure to appear may result in a warrant being issued for your arrest and detention in jail until you can appear before the Court.

If you have questions about your required Court appearances, please contact the Drug Court Community Supervision Officer.

Although Drug Court appearances are generally more informal than traditional Court proceedings, you are still appearing before the Court and are expected to demonstrate appropriate courtroom behavior and respect.

The following behaviors are **not permitted** during Drug Court meetings:

Arriving Late or Leaving Early

Drug Court is held on **Thursdays at 12:05 p.m.** Attendance and participation for the entire court session are important parts of the Program. You are expected to remain in Court for the full session unless you have been specifically excused by the Court.

You are responsible for planning your work, appointments, transportation, and other obligations around your required Drug Court appearances.

Talking During Court

While Drug Court may be less formal than other court proceedings, it is still a court proceeding. Participants are expected to conduct themselves appropriately and respectfully.

Talking, side conversations, unnecessary movement, or repeatedly entering and leaving the courtroom can be disruptive and are not permitted during court meetings.

Attire, Food, and Cell Phones

Please dress appropriately for court. Appropriate clothing includes pants, skirts, blouses, and T-shirts that are long enough to sit at or below the waistband. **Hats are not permitted in the courtroom.**

Food and drinks are not permitted in the courtroom. Cell phones must be turned off upon entering the courtroom.

CONFIDENTIALITY

State and federal laws and regulations require that your identity and privacy be protected. To meet these requirements, the Drug Court Team and treatment providers have established policies and procedures designed to safeguard your confidential information.

As a participant, you will be required to sign an **Authorization and Consent for Disclosure of Confidential Substance Use Information**. This authorization allows certain confidential substance use treatment information to be shared with members of the Drug Court Team.

Information shared under this authorization will be used only for purposes related to your participation in the Program, including monitoring your treatment progress, determining whether changes to your treatment or other program requirements are appropriate, and determining appropriate incentives or sanctions when necessary.

PHASES OF DRUG COURT

Drug Court is a minimum 12-month program divided into five phases. Each phase has a specific focus and set of requirements designed to support your progress through treatment and recovery.

Participants must successfully complete the requirements of each phase before advancing to the next. The length of each phase may vary depending on your individual progress, participation, and success in meeting program requirements.

Please note: Phase lengths are approximate and may be extended or adjusted based on your individual progress and participation in the Program.

Phase 1 - STABILIZE: Establish stability and resolve immediate crises.

(duration ~ 30 days)

Expectations in Phase 1:

- **Court Appearances:** once weekly
- **Probation Appointments:** twice monthly
- **Random Drug Testing:** minimum twice weekly
- **Housing:** reside in Sober Living (unless waiver from Court)
- **Substance Use Treatment:** intake appointment through LifePath and begin outpatient treatment or other treatment recommended by provider
- **Recovery Support:** meet with Recovery Support Coach and establish communication
- **Mental Health:** Mental Health evaluation through LifePath (or provide proof of self-insured mental health treatment and provider)
- **Support Meetings:** at least 2 supportive group meetings per week (AA, NA, Celebrate Recovery, Smart Recovery, or other approved)
- **Travel Permission:** may not travel outside Collin County unless approved by the Court beforehand
- **Field Visits:** random (if not in sober living)

Benchmarks in Phase 1:

- ✓ Establish stable housing.
- ✓ Establish reliable method of transportation.
- ✓ Establish substance use treatment regimen and schedule.
- ✓ Establish mental health treatment regimen and schedule where appropriate.
- ✓ Establish pattern of abstinence.
- ✓ Show up to all appointments with Court, treatment and probation.

Phase 2 - STRENGTHEN: Build skills and resilience.

(duration ~90-120 days)

Expectations in Phase 2:

- **Court Appearances:** once weekly
- **Probation Appointments:** twice monthly
- **Random Drug Testing:** twice weekly
- **Housing:** Remain in Sober Living (unless waiver from Court)
- **Substance Use Treatment:** Participate in and complete outpatient treatment. Begin Criminal Addictive Thinking (CAT) or Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) based on treatment provider recommendation.
- **Recovery Support:** engage with Recovery Support Coach
- **Mental Health:** If applicable, attend mental health appointments. Take mental health medications as prescribed.
- **Support Meetings:** at least 2 supportive group meetings per week (AA, NA, Celebrate Recovery, Smart Recovery, or other approved)
- **Travel Permission:** may not travel outside Collin County unless approved by the Court beforehand
- **Field Visits:** random (if not in sober living)

Benchmarks in Phase 2:

- ✓ Maintain and strengthen benchmarks required in Phase 1
- ✓ Maintain sobriety for at least 60 days
- ✓ Begin budget planning with case manager or recovery coach
- ✓ Begin working toward financial independence
- ✓ Complete S.M.A.R.T. goals with CSCD
- ✓ Connect support system member(s) to drug court methodology
- ✓ Begin G.E.D. preparation (if High School diploma not already obtained)

Phase 3 – SUCCEED: Achieve treatment and personal goals.

(duration ~120 days)

Expectations in Phase 3:

- **Court Appearances:** twice monthly
- **Probation Appointments:** once monthly
- **Random Drug Testing:** twice weekly
- **Housing:** remain in Sober Living without financial assistance or achieve stable housing elsewhere
- **Treatment:** complete Criminal Addictive Thinking (CAT) and Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT), attend any and all aftercare meetings
- **Recovery Support:** actively engage with Recovery Support Coach
- **Mental Health:** If applicable, attend mental health appointments. Take mental health medications as prescribed.
- **Support Meetings:** at least 2 supportive group meetings per week (AA, NA, Celebrate Recovery, Smart Recovery, or other approved)
- **Travel Permission:** if no violations, may request travel outside Collin County through probation officer
- **Fees:** Make payment plan with probation and start working on paying fees

Benchmarks in Phase 3:

- ✓ Maintain and strengthen benchmarks required in Phases 1 and 2
- ✓ Achieve stable housing (financial independence/self-pay at Sober Living or independent living)
- ✓ Obtain stable employment and/or initiate career services for future vocational training
- ✓ Finalize budget and initiate self-payments for housing, transportation, living expenses, and probation fees

Phase 4 – SUSTAIN: Reinforce recovery and maintain healthy habits.

(duration ~120 days)

Expectations in Phase 4:

- **Court Appearances:** once monthly
- **Probation Appointments:** once monthly
- **Random Drug Testing:** twice weekly
- **Treatment:** Attend any and all aftercare meetings
- **Mental Health:** If applicable, attend mental health appointments. Take mental health medications as prescribed.
- **Recovery Support:** maintain and increase engagement with Recovery Support Coach
- **Support Meetings:** at least 2 supportive group meetings per week (AA, NA, Celebrate Recovery, Smart Recovery, or other approved)
- **Travel Permission:** if no violations, may request travel outside Collin County through probation officer
- **Fees:** Pay \$400 program fee. Maintain payment plan with probation
- **Original Court Ordered Obligations:** Complete any other court ordered classes or obligations

Benchmarks in Phase 4:

- ✓ Maintain and strengthen benchmarks required in Phases 1, 2, and 3
- ✓ Offer support and encouragement to other participants in Drug Court meetings
- ✓ Complete final risk assessment with CSCD
- ✓ Complete post-graduation plan for recovery

Graduation from Drug Court

Drug Court Graduation occurs upon a participant's successful completion of Phase 4 Sustain. However, participants are not immediately discharged from their probation upon graduation. Rather, participants are moved to a regular probation caseload either for the remainder of their term of probation or for an appropriate amount of time.

In some cases, drug court graduates may receive reduced time on probation.

Phase 5 – SOAR: Ensure healthy habits and skills learned are maintained.

(duration dependent on probation term, may be up to 1 year)

Expectations in Phase 5:

- **Court Appearances:** attend graduation for other participants when possible
- **Probation Appointments:** once monthly on regular probation caseload
- **Random Drug Testing:** 2-4 times monthly (call-in system continues for at least 90 days after graduation, random drug testing following that period)
- **Recovery Support:** continued communication with Recovery Support Coach or After-care
- **Mental Health:** If applicable, attend mental health appointments. Take mental health medications as prescribed.
- **Fees:** Maintain payment plan with probation
- **Travel Permission:** if no violations, may request travel outside Collin County through probation officer
- **Original Court Ordered Obligations:** complete any other court-ordered classes or obligations

Benchmarks in Phase 5:

- ✓ Maintain sobriety
- ✓ Maintain support network
- ✓ Maintain stable employment and housing

PAYMENT OF COSTS AND FEES

You will be required to pay Drug Court costs and fees to the extent that the Judge determines you have a reasonable ability to pay and that doing so will not interfere with your rehabilitation and recovery.

Each participant is required to pay a **\$400.00 Drug Court participation fee**, in addition to any other applicable costs and fees. These may include fines, unless they have been probated; court costs; probation fees; urine analysis (UA) fees; treatment fees; monthly ignition interlock fees; and other court-ordered costs associated with participation in the Program.

DRUG COURT RULES

As a Drug Court participant you are expected to follow all rules and requirements outlined in the Participation Agreement and throughout the Program. These requirements are intended to support your treatment, recovery, accountability, and successful completion of Drug Court. The following rules and requirements include, but are not limited to:

GENERAL RULES OF DRUG COURT:

- a. Submit to any substance abuse or mental health evaluation as directed.
- b. Follow all recommendations from those evaluations.
- c. Do not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, marijuana (or synthetics), or prescription drugs without a valid prescription.
- d. Make sure you read all labels on everything you take, eat or drink.
- e. No Delta 8, 9, or 10. No CBD, no Kratom, or Spice. No non-alcoholic beers. Do not take any creatinine supplements.
- f. Take any and all medication as prescribed. You may not take any narcotics such as Xanax or Adderall.
- g. Submit to random breath tests and urinalysis as frequently as requested by the Court or anyone acting on the Court's behalf.
- h. Appear at all counseling sessions, court hearings, and probation appointments.
- i. Attend all AA, NA, SOS, or Celebrate Recovery meetings as required.
- j. Obey all laws of the State of Texas.
- k. Obtain and maintain employment, attend school, or a combination of both.
- l. Notify the Court and probation officer prior to any address changes related to your home or work. You must receive Court approval prior to moving.
- m. Do not drive a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license. If ordered by the Court, do not drive a motor vehicle unless it is equipped with a deep lung device.
- n. Do not leave Collin County unless approved by the Judge or your probation officer.
- o. Do not reside or associate with anyone who uses illegal substances or is engaged in illegal activity.
- p. Pay all fines, Court costs, and fees when due.
- q. Comply with all terms and conditions of probation and the Participant Contract entered into with the Court.

**COMPLIANCE WITH DRUG COURT RULES MAY RESULT IN INCENTIVES.
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULES MAY RESULT IN SANCTIONS.**

INCENTIVES

Incentives may be awarded by the Judge, in consultation with the Drug Court Team, when you consistently meet program expectations, achieve established benchmarks, and demonstrate meaningful progress in treatment and recovery.

Incentives may include, but are not limited to:

- Recognition or acknowledgment by the Judge
- A phone appointment in place of an in-person probation appointment
- Waiver of probation fees
- Being called first during Drug Court and permitted to leave early
- Gift cards

*Under certain circumstances, a graduate may be eligible for non-disclosure of their criminal charge(s). (Tex. Govt. Code 123.001)

INTERVENTIONS

Interventions may be imposed by the Judge, following consultation with the Drug Court Team, when a participant does not comply with Drug Court rules and expectations or is not making sufficient progress in the Program.

The goal of Drug Court is to support you in maintaining a substance-free lifestyle. We understand that recovery can involve challenges, and a relapse or other setback does not necessarily mean that you have failed. If you experience a setback while in the Program, it is important that you are honest with the Drug Court Team and communicate openly about what happened. Being truthful allows the team to better understand your situation and determine the most appropriate response and support.

The Judge has a range of interventions available to address violations and support continued progress. Interventions may include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal reprimands or warnings
- Increased level of treatment or additional treatment requirements
- Additional 12-Step or other approved recovery meetings
- Community service
- Increased monitoring, including electronic monitoring, SCRAM, Soberlink, or a drug patch
- Curfew requirements
- Jail time
- Termination from the Drug Court Program

The Drug Court Team meets weekly to review each participant's compliance, progress, and overall participation in the Program. Based on this review, the Team may recommend appropriate incentives or interventions to the Judge.

****Please note that although we try to be consistent in the interventions imposed, interventions may vary per participant. We utilize interventions as necessary and note that not every violation requires the same intervention. Each person in this program is on their own journey, and interventions will not be the same for everyone.**

If an intervention or sanction is imposed in court, you will be asked to sign a sanction order outlining the requirements and consequences being imposed.

You have the right to request a hearing if you disagree with an intervention or sanction. If, after speaking with the Defense Attorney, you wish to have a hearing on the record, the Court will provide you with an opportunity to do so.

TERMINATION FROM DRUG COURT

A new arrest or serious or repeated violations of Drug Court rules, requirements, or your treatment plan may result in termination from the Drug Court Program. The following are examples of conduct that may result in termination, but this list is not exhaustive:

- Failure to submit to a required drug test
- A positive drug test
- Altering, attempting to alter, or tampering with a drug test
- Failing to cooperate with the Drug Court Team or treatment providers, or otherwise demonstrating a continued lack of adherence to Program requirements
- Violence or threats of violence toward Drug Court staff, treatment staff, other Drug Court participants, or clients of treatment providers
- Failure to attend required treatment, court meetings, or other Program appointments
- Committing a new offense

Termination decisions will be made by the Court after consideration of the circumstances and input from the Drug Court Team.

If you voluntarily withdraw from or are terminated from the Drug Court Program, notice will be provided to the Collin County District Attorney's Office and Community Supervision Department. Those offices may then determine whether to seek revocation of your probation and enforcement of your original sentence.

CHEMICAL TESTING/DRUG SCREENING

You will be required to participate in random drug and alcohol testing throughout your time in the Drug Court Program. Testing methods may include urinalysis, breathalyzer testing, saliva testing, drug patches, or other approved testing devices.

Drug testing is intended to monitor compliance with the Program and support your recovery. Test results will not be used as evidence of a new crime or for any purpose inconsistent with the goals of the Drug Court Program, except as otherwise required or permitted by law.

Observed Testing: When you provide a sample for testing, trained staff may directly observe the collection process to help prevent tampering and ensure the accuracy and integrity of the test.

Missed or Refused Tests: Refusing to provide a sample when requested will be treated as a positive test. Missing a scheduled test, taking more than 30 minutes to provide a sample, or providing a sample that is determined to be diluted or otherwise adulterated may also be treated as a positive test and may result in additional interventions. Due to scheduling and caseload demands, testing staff will generally allow no more than 30 minutes for a participant to provide a sample.

Positive Tests: A positive drug or alcohol test during any phase of the Program may result in the loss of accumulated clean and sober time. The Judge, after considering recommendations from the Drug Court Team or treatment staff, may also impose immediate interventions designed to address the substance use and support continued recovery.

Diluted Samples: Diluted urine samples are considered problematic and may be treated as a positive test or result in other interventions. You are responsible for providing a valid and reliable sample.

How to Avoid a Diluted Urine Sample

To help ensure that your urine sample is not diluted:

1. **Eat a meal or snack at least one hour before testing.**
2. **Do not consume more than 8 ounces of liquid during the hour before your test,** unless otherwise instructed by testing staff or as indicated on the UA card.
3. **Avoid diuretics,** including diet shakes, certain teas, and over-the-counter diuretic products, before testing.

CONCLUSION

The goal of the 401st Felony Drug Court Program is to help you build a healthy, stable life free from dependence on alcohol and other mind-altering substances.

Your acceptance into Drug Court means that the Drug Court Team believes you have the ability to succeed. Throughout your participation in the Program, the Judge, Drug Court Team, court staff, and treatment providers will be available to guide, support, and assist you along the way.

Ultimately, your commitment and willingness to participate are essential to your success. To succeed in Drug Court, you must be willing to make meaningful changes, take responsibility for your choices, and actively participate in the treatment and services available to you. Recovery is a process, and you do not have to navigate it alone. The people involved in the Drug Court Program are here to help you build the skills, support system, and foundation needed to move forward with a healthier and more fulfilling life.

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