

Ten Key Components of Drug Courts

- Drug courts integrate alcohol and other drug treatment services with justice system case processing.
- Using a non-adversarial approach, prosecution and defense counsel promote public safety while protecting participants' due process rights.
- Eligible participants are identified early and promptly placed in the drug court program.
- Drug courts provide access to a continuum of alcohol, drug, and other related treatment and rehabilitation services.
- Abstinence is monitored by frequent alcohol and other drug testing.
- A coordinated strategy governs drug court responses to participants' compliance.
- Ongoing judicial interaction with each drug court participant is essential.
- Monitoring and evaluation measure the achievement of program goals and gauge effectiveness.
- Continuing interdisciplinary education promotes effective drug court planning, implementation, and operations.
- Forging partnerships among drug courts, public agencies, and community based organizations generates local support and enhances drug court program effectiveness.



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**SMALL STEPS
ADDING UP TO BIG
ACHIEVEMENTS**

Court application forms and information are also available on-line at:

<http://www.dauphincounty.org/government/Court-Departments/Court-Programs/Pages/Drug-Court.aspx>

For additional information on Drug Courts around the country:

<http://www.nadcp.org/>



Dauphin County Drug Court Program

**Presiding Judge
Edward M. Marsico,
Jr.**



THE COURT

The Dauphin County Drug Court is designed to offer non-violent offenders with drug and/or alcohol use disorders the opportunity for treatment, combined with intensive supervision, in lieu of jail time. Most offenders, if accepted into the program, can expect to be active program participants for a minimum of 26 months from sentencing to program completion. The Dauphin County Drug Court offers both a pre-plea, predisposition program and a post-disposition program. Additionally, the Drug Court offers a program specifically designated for DUI offenders.

Drug Court is a high-intensity program, initially requiring weekly appearances before the Drug Court Judge; completion of the Court-ordered treatment program; an intense level of supervision by probation officers; around-the-clock monitoring for drug/alcohol use; and compliance with all other directives issued by the Court.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Dauphin County Drug Court program is to promote public safety by holding offenders accountable, through required treatment, other rehabilitative activities, and court-related responsibilities long enough to receive treatment benefits. This will assist the offender in breaking the cycle of addiction, and result in an increase in safety and security for the residents of Dauphin County through lower rates of recidivism.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Presumptive Qualifying Characteristics

- An individual is charged with any criminal offense when it appears the offense is motivated by a desire to support an alcohol/ drug habit
- The individual states to the police or Magisterial District Judge that s/he is an alcohol/drug user at the time of arrest.
- The individual's family, friends, attorney, or probation officer, etc. indicated that s/he is an alcohol/drug user.
- The individual tests positive for alcohol/drug use at the time of arrest.
- The individual tests positive for alcohol/drug use while on pre-trial release.

WHO CAN BE PLACED INTO DRUG COURT?

Screening for entrance into the program will be available to defendants who are:

- 18 years of age or older
- Resident of Dauphin County (out-of-county dockets and/or residents will be considered on a case-by-case basis)
- Detained in the Dauphin County Prison
- Currently on Probation supervision and pending revocation of supervision, or/and
- Awaiting preliminary hearing before a Magisterial District Justice for an eligible criminal offense

PHASES

The Drug Court program is divided into five (5) intensive phases. The general goals of each are indicated below:

Phase	Goals
1	Accountability: Attendance-- Treatment attendance, drug testing attendance, court attendance, probation attendance, community support/other meeting attendance, compliance with medication
2	Accountability: Honesty & General Outlook-- Phase 1 Goals <u>PLUS</u> Honesty with Court & Positive Attitude
3	Accountability: No Drug Use, Establishing Support System, & Improving Social Relationships-- Phase 1 & 2 Goals <u>PLUS</u> Abstinence/Negative Drug Tests, Establishing Pro-social Activity/Hobby, Maintaining Sober Support Network
4	Accountability: No Drug Use & Personal Responsibilities-- Phase 1, 2, & 3 Goals <u>PLUS</u> GED/School and/or Job Readiness/Employment, Child Support Payments, Court Fees/Fines
5	All Behaviors from Phases 1-4, Maintaining Sobriety and Prepare for Life After Drug Court

After the completion of the intensive 5 phases, participants advance to Phase 6, wherein the structure of the drug court program gradually decreases. This phase is intended to allow for the stabilization/maintenance of all the tools and techniques gained during the first 5 phases of drug court. The structure and requirements of drug court gradually decrease, which allows each participant to demonstrate his/her ability to maintain recovery after contact with the drug court program ceases.