

GOALS & BENEFITS

- To transform participants into positive, contributing members of the community
- To reduce criminal justice costs by decreasing drug-related crimes
- Reduce recidivism and incarceration rates for nonviolent offenders
- Increase community safety
- Reduce the financial and emotional impact of substance abuse
- Support, encourage, and assist participants in gaining independence and empowering them to lead sober and healthy lives



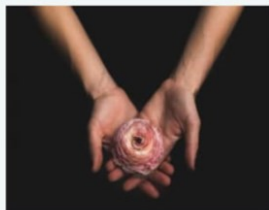
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Columbia County Adult Drug Treatment Court



A cost-effective, efficient judicial model, which is designed to bridge the gap between the criminal justice system and treatment in an effort to break the cycle of addiction and reduce criminal behavior of non-violent drug offenders.





Mission

The mission of the Columbia County Adult Drug Treatment Court is to promote public safety by providing comprehensive services to nonviolent substance-addicted offenders to eliminate their dependence on drugs and reduce their criminal behavior, thus reducing the costs of prosecution and incarceration by transforming offenders into positive, contributing members of the community.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Columbia County Adult Drug Treatment Court is an 18-24 month treatment program designed for non-violent participants with substance addiction. Entry into the program requires a Drug Court contract agreement between the Columbia County District Attorney's Office, Defense Counsel, and the participant. Participants may also enter the program through a referral from the Department of Corrections.

Each potential participant will be screened and assessed to determine appropriateness for the program and areas of need. Individualized treatment plans will be formulated by the Drug Court team and treatment providers. The participant will be required to participate in treatment and other services as outlined in the treatment plan. Participants will be required to submit to random drug testing several times weekly and appear weekly for court. Additional requirements include community service, payments of fines/fees, attendance at support groups, and other requirements as determined appropriate by the Drug Court team. Requirements will be modified as the participant progresses in the program.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ◆ Columbia County resident and willing to remain in Columbia County for duration of program
- ◆ 17 years of age or older
- ◆ Diagnosable substance use disorder
- ◆ Identifiable treatment needs and a willingness to address substance use, abuse, or dependence
- ◆ Pending non-violent felony or misdemeanor habitual offender charges or in Alternative to Revocation status for drug related offenses in Columbia County
- ◆ No prior violent felony convictions
- ◆ Voluntary consent to the program

