

Application Process

How do I apply?

Anyone can make a referral by calling the OWI Court Coordinator at 608-742-9715. Referral forms are also available online at the Columbia County website and can be submitted by email.

What's the next step?

The OWI Court Coordinator will schedule an intake appointment to discuss the details of the program and conduct a risk and needs assessment to determine eligibility.



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Columbia County OWI Treatment Court



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Mission

The Columbia County OWI Treatment Court mission is to reduce the number of repeat intoxicated drivers by promoting public safety through comprehensive services and case management, which in turn decreases costs to the public and transforms participants into prosocial members of the community.

Program Overview

The Columbia County OWI Treatment Court is a 15-18 month treatment program designed for non-violent participants with an OWI 3rd misdemeanor or OWI 4th felony offense. Prior to program entry, each potential participant will be screened to determine appropriateness for the program and areas of need. The participant will be required to participate in treatment and other services. Participants will be required to submit to random drug testing several times weekly and appear weekly for court. Additional requirements include attendance at support groups, completion of the Intoxicated Driver Program, and in-home breathalyzer testing. Requirements are adjusted as participants progress through the program.

Eligibility Criteria

- OWI 3rd misdemeanor or OWI 4th felony
- BAC of .15 or above at the time of offense
- Columbia County resident and willing to remain in Columbia County for duration of program
- 18 years of age or older
- No violent convictions or use of weapon convictions as detailed under Wisc. Stat. 165.95
- Risk/Needs screen completed with program coordinator with a high/high outcome
- All pending warrants or open cases must be resolved prior to program entry
- Diagnosable substance use disorder
- Voluntary consent to the program

