

## MISSION

Treatment Courts in the Fifth Judicial District will enhance public safety by holding offenders accountable for their actions, while assisting them to achieve long-term recovery and become productive members of the community through a collaborative multi-disciplinary team approach.

## MOTTO

Creating a climate for rehabilitation, recovery and reducing crime.

## REFERRAL PROCESS:

Possible reasons for referral;

- Controlled substance crimes
- Crimes committed due to chemical use(ex: theft)
- DWI – felony and in some cases, gross misdemeanor
- Failure to complete standard probation requirements

## QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be diagnosed with chemical dependency
- Non-violent offenders
- Subject to approval by team
- High risk/high need- Must meet risk level assessment criteria.

If you would like additional information about the Fifth Judicial District Treatment Courts or Veteran's Court, please contact one of our coordinators listed below or you may visit the Minnesota Judicial Branch Website at <http://www.mncourts.gov/Help-Topics/DrugCourts>

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# ADULT TREATMENT COURT

Serving Blue Earth, Brown, Cottonwood, Faribault, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Rock, and Watonwan Counties.

## What is Adult Treatment Court?

Treatment Court is a special court that hears selected cases involving non-violent, substance dependency (both drugs and alcohol).

Treatment court programs are rigorous, requiring intensive supervision including frequent drug testing and appearances before the judge, along with a long-term regimen of treatment, mental health and recovery services. This level of supervision allows the program to actively support the recovery process and react swiftly to impose sanctions or to reinstate criminal proceedings when participants cannot comply with the program. Treatment Court can be used in lieu of jail and or prison.

Adult Treatment Court (ATC) is a four-phase program which is typically completed in 18- 24 months.

## Fees:

To participate there is an \$800 fee required whether successful completion or not.

## Who is eligible for ATC?

Adult Treatment Court is available to person 18 years of age or older, who:

- Plead guilty on a felony offense or are found in violation of probation.
- Have a diagnosis of chemical dependency.
- Potential referrals must be residents of the 5<sup>th</sup> district or of the county that they would intend to participate in.
- High risk/high needs according to the RANT and / or LS-CMI.

## Who is involved in Treatment Court?

The Treatment Court Team consists of the following representatives:

- District Court Judge
- County Prosecutor
- Public Defender
- Law Enforcement Officers
- Probation Officers
- Case Managers
- Treatment Providers
- Treatment Court Coordinator
- Mental Health Provider



## How often does Treatment Court convene?

Depending upon the phase they are in, Treatment Court participants appear before the judge weekly, bi-weekly or monthly. A report of each participant's progress is prepared and given to the Treatment Court Team prior to the hearing. The judge is notified of positive and negative urinalysis tests, as well as attendance at counseling and educational classes. The judge may increase the frequency of drug testing and/or order increased participation in programs as a requirement to stay in Treatment Court. The judge may also order jail time as a sanction.

## How is chemical dependency treatment different from Treatment Court?

Research shows that the longer a person is in treatment, the lower the likelihood of relapse. Treatment Court keeps offenders in treatment for 12 to 18 months. This long-term treatment, combined with the judge's ability to hand down immediate sanctions and rewards, makes Treatment Court different from existing correctional programs. Treatment services may include:

- Group and individual therapy
- Individualized case management
- Urinalysis drug testing
- Placement in detox, residential treatment, sober living and mental health programs as deemed appropriate by the Treatment Court Team and availability of resources.
- Additional services may include job training and employment assistance, education (such as G.E.D.), medical referrals and bi-monthly alumni meetings.

## Are Treatment Courts cost effective?

The treatment programs used by Treatment Courts are relatively inexpensive when compared to incarceration costs.