

MCDC MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Minnesota Cornerstone Drug Court (MCDC) is to enhance public safety and healthy communities through an intensive, collaborative response to substance abuse related criminal activity through a court supervised, accountability based program. The goals are to reduce recidivism and achieve positive community outcomes through alternative criminal justice approaches.

Fostering healthy lives in a rigorous, supportive, and accountable environment.

TO SUCCEED, THE
PARTICIPANT MUST BE
MOTIVATED TO MAKE A
COMMITMENT TO BE
DRUG FREE.

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MINNESOTA CORNERSTONE DRUG COURT (MCDC)

COTTONWOOD, ROCK AND
NOBLES COUNTIES



MINNESOTA CORNERSTONE DRUG COURT

**Cottonwood, Rock & Nobles
Counties**

**Cottonwood County Courthouse
900 Third Avenue
Windom, MN 56101**

**Rock County Courthouse
204 East Brown Street
Luverne, MN 56156**

**Prairie Justice Center
1530 Airport Road
Worthington, MN 56187**

The MCDC is a collaboration of the criminal justice and treatment systems to reduce the incidence of substance abuse and related criminal activity. MCDC provides participants with individualized support and assistance to lead sober and crime free lives.

MCDC has five primary goals

Goal 1: Enhance public safety

Goal 2: Reduce substance abuse

Goal 3: Reduce Recidivism

Goal 4: Reduce Systems Costs

Goal 5: Create productive, law abiding citizens.

TARGET POPULATION

- Adult offenders who are residents of Cottonwood, Rock and Nobles Counties. Referrals are also accepted from Murray and Pipestone counties.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Participation in MCDC is available to persons 18 years of age or older.

WHO:

- Plead guilty and are sentenced by the court to complete MCDC as a condition of probation.

- Probation Violation Cases: Probationers who are facing a revocation hearing with potential execution of jail or prison sentence in which continued alcohol and/or drug use is an issue.
- Have a chemical dependency diagnosis. Have a history of moderate to heavy substance abuse and meet criteria for treatment (using chemical dependency placement criteria).
- Do not have a violent offense history as defined by Federal Statute.

DISPOSTION

Persons receive stayed sentences (stay of execution or imposition). Some jail time may be ordered, with early release to treatment. Upon successful program completion, they may be eligible for early discharge from probation.

OVERVIEW

MCDC is a collaborative effort between the District Court, County Attorney's Office, Probation Department, Defense Counsel, County Social Services, County and City Law Enforcement, and four treatment programs: Sanford Luverne Medical Center, Agape Counseling Center, New Life Treatment Center and New Beginning's Jail Program.

MCDC is an 18-24 month program with four phases. It is designed for adults having difficulty staying "clean and sober." Each phase has specific requirements which must be completed before advancing to the next phase, such as completion of treatment, attend self-improvement or parenting classes, full-time employment or education, etc. Upon completion of all 4 phases, a graduation ceremony is held.

MCDC provides strength based interventions, promotes healthy lifestyles and holds participants accountable for their actions. Each participant receives comprehensive assessment and treatment services, intensive supervision, frequent and random drug and breath testing.

Frequent court appearances, swift and certain responses from the drug court judge for positive and negative behaviors are hallmarks of the drug court program.

Relapse may be a part of the recovery process, but continuing use is not condoned or allowed in the program.

Several months of continuous sobriety are required in order to graduate from MCDC.

Participants who do not comply with the rules will be sanctioned. Graduated sanctions up to and including termination from the program are determined on a case by case basis.