

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 Candidates:

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
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Assessment Criteria:

- Must be diagnosed with chemical dependency
- Must require treatment as identified in a Comprehensive Use Assessment
- High risk/high needs according to the RANT (Risk Assessment & Needs Triage)

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

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**MINNESOTA
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FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ADULT TREATMENT COURTS

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

What is Adult Treatment Court?

Treatment Court is a specialty court that hears selected cases involving 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 phased program typically completed in 18- 24 months.

Fees:

There is an \$800 fee to participate in treatment court, payment is required regardless of completion

Who is eligible for ATC? Adult Treatment Court is available to persons 18 years of age or older, who:

- Plead guilty on a charged offense or are found in violation of probation
- Have a diagnosis of chemical dependency
- Are a resident of the county they intend to participate in
- Do not have disqualifiers present as determined by Treatment Court Team

Who is involved in Treatment Court?

The Treatment Court Team consists of the following representatives:

- District Court Judge
- Treatment Court Coordinator
- Probation Agent
- County Prosecutor
- Defense Counsel
- Law Enforcement
- Case Manager
- Treatment Provider
- 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, monthly, or bimonthly. A report of participants' progress is prepared and discussed amongst the Treatment Court Team prior to the hearing. The judge is notified of positive and negative urinalysis tests, attendance and participation in required treatments, and compliance with requirements. The judge may provide praise or incentives for positive behaviors or sanctions for non-compliance, including essays, daily logs, community service work, or jail time.

How is chemical dependency treatment different from Treatment Court?

Research shows the longer a person is in treatment, the lower the likelihood of relapse. Treatment Court keeps offenders in treatment for 12-18 months. This long-term treatment, combined with the judge's ability to impose 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 GED), medical referrals, and alumni meetings

Are Treatment Courts cost effective?

Research shows the annual cost of incarceration in Minnesota is more than 9 times as expensive as Treatment Court programming.