



CLAYTON COUNTY DUI/DRUG COURT

DUI/DRUG COURT'S MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Clayton County DUI/Drug Court is to enhance public safety and promote healthier lifestyles for substance abusing repeat offenders. The Court combines increased supervision and accountability with effective and intensive treatment, thereby reducing recidivism.

THE PROGRAM

The DUI/Drug Court program is NOT a diversion program. It is a sentencing enhancement. Participants do not have their conviction erased.

Participants are sentenced to the DUI/Drug Court program in addition to other standard sentencing, which may include jail time, community service, fines and driver's license suspension. The DUI/Drug Court program lasts a minimum of 12 months.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 17+ years of age
- 2nd DUI in last 5 years, *or*
- 3rd or more in lifetime DUI conviction
- Clayton County resident at time of sentencing

INELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Prior violent felony or sexual felony offense conviction(s)
- Co-occurring serious mental illness

HOW DOES DUI/DRUG COURT WORK?

DUI/Drug Court is a four-phase intervention program for adults who have pled guilty or been convicted of one or more DUI or drug offenses and who are having difficulty staying clean and sober. It is a collaborative effort between the State Court, Solicitor General's office, defense

attorneys, police agencies, probation, and drug treatment programs. By working together, we seek to provide a variety of programs with intensive, consistent supervision geared toward supporting and helping a participant maintain an alcohol and drug-free life.

DUI/Drug Court involves frequent court appearances, intensive probation supervision, random drug testing, and intensive group and individual counseling. The Court awards incentives for compliant behavior and imposes sanctions for negative behavior.

FUNDING

The DUI/Drug Court has received funding from the following federal and state programs:

- National Highway Traffic Safety Board
- Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety
- Judicial Council of Georgia
- Edward Byrne Memorial

PROGRAM GOALS

- Judicially supervised substance abuse treatment
- Provide access to a variety of alcohol, drug, and other treatment and rehabilitation services
- Improve public safety by reducing the number of DUI-related traffic accidents
- Increase compliance with the law
- Monitor participants with random drug and alcohol testing
- Judicial accountability for repeat offenders
- Healthier, safer, productive lifestyles for addicted offenders
- Promote sobriety

DUI/Drug Court has been in operation since February 2007, and has graduated over 250 participants.

A COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY EFFORT BETWEEN

- Hon. Linda S. Cowen, Presiding Judge
- Clayton County State Court Judges
- Clayton County Court Administration
- Clayton County Solicitor General's Office
- Clayton County Sheriff's Office
- Clayton County Board of Commissioners
- Associated Counseling, Inc.
- Clayton Judicial Circuit (Probation)

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