

“I now have the conscience contact with God on a daily basis.

I am very involved in my children’s lives and I have gathered the tools to stay clean. All in all, I have peace of mind today and you can’t put a price tag on that.” – Drug Court Participant

“If you can get in this program, definitely do if you are serious about getting clean and being forced to take the resources that are available. It will change your life.” – Drug Court Participant

“No matter what put in 100%, because it’s worth it.” – Drug Court Participant

Additional Information and Referrals

<https://www.douglascountyks.org/depts/district-attorney/douglas-county-drug-court-information>

Douglas County Drug Court *Judge Kay Huff*



The Douglas County Drug Court was established in January 2020 as a four-phase program for adults who have been arrested or charged with a non-violent felony offense and are having difficulty staying substance-free.

The Drug Court is a collaboration among the Court, Douglas County District Attorney’s Office, Criminal Justice Services, Defense Attorneys, Local Law Enforcement, DCCCA and other community-based treatment providers.

Prospective program participants should consult with their Attorneys, who in turn will contact the District Attorney’s Office.

“This program will change your life if you let it.” – Drug Court participant

“It’s life changing if you’re serious about the program.” – Drug Court Participant

Structure/ Model

- Drug Court will accept referrals after the filing of criminal charges, and the case has been sent to the Douglas County District Court for further disposition.
- Participants are required to:
 1. Tell the truth.
 2. Enter a guilty plea and agree to postpone sentencing.
 3. Not use, possess, distribute, or sell any drugs or alcohol.
 4. Follow a treatment plan.
 5. Comply with all court ordered conditions.
 6. Obey the terms of supervision.
 7. Attend regular court appearances.
- After the participant successfully completes the program, the court will allow the guilty plea to be withdrawn and the criminal charges to be dismissed.

“Drug Court has helped me take control of my life, helping me to put strong focus and intense preparation into the man I strive to become.” – Drug Court Participant

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“I hope you’re ready to drastically change your life for the better.” – Drug Court Participant

Eligibility

- The defendant must be a resident of Douglas County, Kansas, who is 18 years of age or older.
- The defendant must admit to substance use and agree to cessation of use.
- The defendant must have felony charges pending.
- The defendant must have no serious or persistent mental illness, which prohibits participation in substance abuse treatment.
- If the defendant is charged with possession with intent to distribute, the amount must be minor for the purpose of supporting the participant’s addiction.
- The defendant must resolve all out-of-county and out-of-state charges.
- The defendant must agree to participate and be approved by the Drug Court team.

Exclusions

1. Denial of substance use.
2. Previous completion or discharge from Drug Court and prior conviction(s) of violence within the last 10 years will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
3. Current Cases that involves a violent person, felony, firearms, or sex crimes.

“Drug Court has made it possible for me to live a sober, positive, healthy life with my daughters and family.” – Drug Court Participant

“It’s allowed me to overcome challenges that would have normally landed me back to being incarcerated.” – Drug Court

Drug Court Mission

The mission of the Drug Court of Douglas County is to reduce recidivism of individuals with substance use disorder who are in the criminal justice system by offering community treatment and a therapeutic court setting.

Goals

- Reduce recidivism among Drug Court participants.
- Promote and enhance public safety.
- Provide accountability and alternatives to incarceration for those with substance use disorders.
- Engage the community in the recovery process through education and awareness of the addiction cycle.

“Drug Court helped me become more accountable and responsible with my time.” – Drug Court participant

By working together, the programs goal is to provide the participant with frequent judicial oversight, consistent, supportive supervision, and the recovery tools necessary to maintain a substance-free lifestyle. Our hope is to divert the participant from the normal criminal justice process by providing a holistic approach that positively impacts the participant and our community.