

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Adult offenders who have been charged with or on probation for a non-violent felony offense and meet the following criteria may be eligible for Drug Court:

- At least 18 years of age
- Resident of Carver County or lives within the identified geographical service area which includes: Carver County, Scott County, McLeod County, Sibley County, Eden Prairie, Excelsior, St. Bonifacius, Shorewood, and Minnetonka south of Highway 7 and west of Highway 169.
- Deemed high risk/high need based on a Risk and Need Triage (RANT) screen

WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE?

- Violent Offenders per 28 CFR § 93.3

Violent offender means a person who either -

(1) Is currently charged with or convicted of an offense during the course of which:

*(i) The person carried, possessed, or used a firearm or other dangerous weapon; or
(ii) There occurred the use of force against the person of another; or*

(iii) There occurred the death of, or serious bodily injury to, any person; without regard to whether proof of any of the elements described herein is required to convict; or

(2) Has previously been convicted of a felony crime of violence involving the use or attempted use of force against a person with the intent to cause death or serious bodily harm.

- The Prosecutor and Law Enforcement will screen and evaluate potential participants for eligibility

MISSION STATEMENT

Carver County Adult Drug Treatment Court will improve public safety, reduce recidivism, and lower the overall cost to society by holding high risk/high need individuals in the criminal justice system accountable for their actions while also promoting a lifestyle of long-term recovery. Carver County Adult Drug Treatment Court will facilitate access to substance abuse and mental health treatment, and is a collaborative effort between the criminal justice system and community-based services.

LOCATION OF COURT

Drug Court convenes on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at the Carver County Justice Center located at 604 East 4th Street in Chaska, MN.

COST

Participants are required to pay a participation fee. In addition, participants may also be required to pay a probation fee or other court ordered fines and/or restitution and/or other fees that are separate from the Drug Court participation fee.

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Carver County Drug Treatment Court



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DRUG COURT PROGRAM

The Carver County Drug Treatment Court is a voluntary program designed to serve high risk/high need individuals with a history of substance abuse problems.

Drug Court is a proven model for addressing substance abuse in a judicial climate with clear and specific expectations and goals. Drug Court uses a team approach to deliver evidence based practices including treatment, intensive supervision, random and frequent drug and alcohol testing, and frequent court appearances. The Drug Court Treatment Program is a minimum of 14 months, but may take approximately 18 to 24 months, and is a five-phase program.

DRUG COURT GOALS

- **Enhance public safety**
- **Reduce costs to society**
- **Rehabilitate and improve the life of the participant**

DRUG COURT PHASE STRUCTURE

Phase 1— Acute Stabilization, Assessment and Orientation (minimum 60 days)

- Attend court twice monthly.
- Develop a treatment plan with treatment provider and develop a supervision plan with probation agent; attend all probation visits as scheduled.
- Complete a mental health diagnostic assessment, unless waived.
- Comply with drug and alcohol testing.
- Abide by a curfew of 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- Random checks by law enforcement or probation.
- Attend two structured sobriety and accountability groups weekly; start changing people, places and things.
- Acquire safe, sober housing.

“Today I have 1,228 days sober, I wake up every day happy to be alive. I never thought I would proudly say I am a great mom, but I am a great mom. I have so much gratitude towards the drug court program for helping me achieve this”.

Phase 2—Clinical Stabilization, Assessment and Orientation (minimum 90 days)

- Attend court twice monthly.
- Review and update treatment and supervision plan within two weeks. Attend all probation agent visits as scheduled.
- Comply with drug and alcohol testing.
- Abide by a curfew of 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- Random checks by law enforcement or probation.
- Attend two structured sobriety and accountability meetings weekly; demonstrate changing people, places and things.
- Obtain a mentor or sponsor to correspond with on a weekly basis.
- Create a vocational plan to complete a GED assessment and follow all recommendations (if applicable); if attending college, participant must gain approval from the team to waive the employment requirement.

Phase 3—Pro-Social Habilitation (minimum 90 days)

- Attend court twice monthly.
- Review and update treatment and supervision plan within two weeks. Attend all probation agent visits as scheduled.
- Attend group and individual (if recommended) counseling sessions.
- Follow the rules and recommendations of treatment.
- Comply with drug and alcohol testing.
- Abide by a curfew of 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- Random checks by law enforcement or probation.
- Meet with probation agent as directed.
- Maintain or obtain full/part time employment unless otherwise approved by the Drug Court team.
- Attend two structured sobriety and accountability groups weekly, demonstrate changing people, places and things.
- Participate in a cognitive-based skills program, such as Thinking for Change, Driving with Care, or other cognitive skill based program if available and as directed by probation agent.
- Participation in monthly pro-recovery recreational/social events.

“Now that I am clean going on 3 years I have my own apartment, I have a well paid job, and great relations with my family and kids. I am able to provide them with what they need without breaking the law and risking my freedom. I love life and without Carver County Drug Court I don't think any of this would have been possible. Thank you.”

-CCDTC Graduate

Phase 4—Adaptive Habilitation (minimum 90 days)

- Attend court monthly.
- Review and update treatment and supervision plan within two weeks. Attend all probation agent visits as scheduled.
- Comply with drug and alcohol testing.
- Abide by a curfew of midnight to 6:00 a.m.
- Random checks by law enforcement or probation.
- Attend a structured sobriety and accountability group at least two times a week. Demonstrate changing people, places and things.
- Establish a recovery network. Maintain pro-social activity.
- Attend group and individual (if recommended) counseling sessions.
- Follow the rules and recommendations of treatment.
- Cognitive skills training as directed by probation agent.
- Participation in monthly pro-recovery recreational/social events.

Phase 5—Continuing Care (minimum 90 days)

- Attend court monthly.
- Review and update treatment and supervision plan within two weeks. Attend all probation agent visits as scheduled.
- Attend group and individual (if recommended) counseling sessions.
- Follow the rules and recommendations of treatment.
- Comply with drug and alcohol testing.
- No curfew, must have any overnight stays approved via a pass request.
- Random checks by law enforcement or probation.
- Attend a structured sobriety and accountability group at least two times a week; demonstrate changing people, places and things.
- Establish a recovery network. Maintain pro-social activity.
- Cognitive skills training as directed by probation agent.

“I was given the chance to participate in CCDTC even after already being committed to the MNDOC twice. I'm writing to you today to tell you I believe the chance I was given saved my life. Today I am happily married, almost out of debt, available to my loved ones and volunteer as much as my schedule allows. Without the chance I was given in CCDTC I would be incarcerated and stuck in the same cycle I'd been stuck in.”

-CCDTC Graduate

