



Introducing...

The Midland County Adult Felony Drug Court Program

What It Is

The Midland County Adult Felony Drug Court program is a specialty court dedicated to achieving positive outcomes for individuals with substance abuse issues who are involved in the criminal justice system.

Who It's For

Drug Court targets individuals with severe substance abuse problems who have previous negative criminal justice outcomes, such as failed probations and prior prison sentences, and are facing felony charges and likely prison sentences as a result of their substance abuse.

How It Works

A multidisciplinary collaboration of the judiciary, District Attorney, Community Supervision, treatment, and law enforcement, Drug Court seeks to break the cycle of incarceration for substance abusing offenders, maximize scarce resources (saving taxpayer dollars), and improve safety for the community. The program consists of five phases completed in a minimum of 14 months as part of a probated sentence, featuring intensive supervision, treatment, counselling, and direct judicial interaction, as well as other beneficial services.

Eligibility and Process



Who is eligible

- * Adult 17 or older
- * Charged with felony apparently related to substance abuse, or facing revocation for same
- * Assessed with a serious substance abuse problem
- * Resident of Midland County or a neighboring county
- * History of incarcerations and/or revoked probations, or otherwise low likelihood of success without judicial intervention
- * Agree to voluntarily submit to the program and comply with all requirements

Who is not eligible

- * Sex offenses
- * Violent or weapons offenses
- * Drug delivery offenses
- * Persons with sex offense history or significant history of violent offenses, weapons, or drug delivery
- * Persistent serious mental illness that prevents participation in the structure of the court
- * Persons actively working as informants for any law enforcement agency
- * Persons participating in another Midland Co. Specialty Court

Benefits

- * Chance at probation instead of incarceration
- * Opportunity to benefit from high quality treatment, counselling, and social services
- * Peer support and close judicial and team oversight to maximize the opportunity for success
- * Opportunities for early release and non-disclosure of charges with successful completion
- * Get the help needed to end the cycle of substance abuse

How to apply

- * Complete and return the Drug Court Application to Drug Court Coordinator Melissa Bianchi (9th Floor, 318th Dist. Ct.)
- * Appear at Midland County CSCD when directed for assessments
- * Visit and observe Drug Court
- * Appear before the Drug Court to complete the plea process, attend orientation, and begin the program