A Collaborative Effort

Our court programs have joined forces with community partners to ensure that participants receive the services essential to their success.

Some of our Partners Include:

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Orange County offers two therapeutic programs for court-involved adults who are struggling with substance use disorders.

Both programs consist of five phases and require approximately one year of compliance for graduation.

Recovery Court

A diversionary court for high-risk/high need individuals who are facing significant terms of incarceration.

Successful participants avoid incarceration and reduce the likelihood of recidivism.

Family Treatment Court

A collaborative effort between the court system and the Department of Social Services for parents who have a case pending for abuse, neglect or dependency.

Successful participants enhance their parenting skills and improve the chances of family reunification and having their parental rights restored.

Our philosophy

Rather than seeing addiction as a personal failure, drug treatment courts approach it as a treatable disease.

We connect participants with treatment programs and community services to address their substance use and their fundamental needs.

Benefits

In addition to legal benefits, the advantages of a sober lifestyle, and progress toward long-term recovery, participants can receive assistance with housing, employment, transportation, child care, mental health treatment, and a variety of other services.

The societal benefits include safer communities and the cost savings associated with alleviating over-burdened criminal justice, social service, and health care systems.

Referrals

Recovery Court participants are referred by judges, defense attorneys and probation officers.

Family Treatment Court participants are referred to the program through Child Protective Services.

Participation Requirements

Among other things, participants are expected to:

- Submit to random drug screens twice a week
- Attend court two times per month
- Participate in a formalized treatment program
- Seek or maintain employment
- Seek or maintain substance-free housing
- Attend recovery-oriented meetings

Incentives and Sanctions

Using evidence-based methods, the programs employ motivational incentives and assess timely, proportional sanctions to modify behavior and support continued recovery.

Oversight

All participants are monitored by a multidisciplinary team of judges, attorneys, treatment clinicians, social workers, probation officers, case managers and other professionals who work closely with participants to support their success.