

***KOOTENAI COUNTY  
DRUG COURT***

***PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK***



All participants **MUST** apply for Medicaid and provide either the approval or denial result to their treatment provider and the coordinator.

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## **Welcome to Kootenai County Drug Court!**

This handbook is designed to answer questions, address concerns, and provide overall information about the Drug Court Program. This handbook will detail what is expected of you as a Drug Court participant and review general program information. All participants are encouraged to share the handbook with family and friends.

Drug Courts represent a very nontraditional approach to criminal offenders who are substance dependent. Rather than focusing only on the crimes committed and the punishments they receive, Drug Court also attempts to solve some of their underlying problems that may have contributed to the poor choices that lead to criminal behavior.

If you decide to enter this program or are entering as a condition of probation, this opportunity will provide the support and supervision critical to helping you achieve your goals. Instead of jail or prison, you will enter a supervised, structured, treatment-based program designed to hold you accountable, and help you achieve sobriety.

### **What is Recovery?**

Recovery is a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, living a self-directed life, and striving to reach their full potential. Recovery is not a single event but an ongoing process of change.

***PLEASE READ THIS BOOKLET VERY CAREFULLY******YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING AND UNDERSTANDING ITS CONTENTS.*****Table of Contents**

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## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The Kootenai County Adult Drug Court Program is a specialized Treatment Court which provides an alternative to traditional prosecution. It handles crimes committed by medium to high-risk substance-dependent offenders.

In a treatment court, a judge leads a team including attorneys, coordinators, treatment providers, probation officers, and law enforcement focused on each participant's case.

Participants are required to attend frequent treatment sessions, recurring court hearings, and random observed drug test at least twice per week.

Participation in a Treatment Court Introduces offenders to an ongoing process of recovery designed to achieve total abstinence from alcohol, abuse of prescription medication, and illicit /illegal drugs.

***This program will be hard, and requires total honesty and commitment!***

### **Am I Eligible?**

- Admission & eligibility criteria is governed by Idaho Code §19-5604.
- You are eligible for Drug Court if you meet the following criteria:
- You live in Kootenai County
- Charged in Kootenai County with felony drug-related offense.
- Have a Substance Use Disorder
- You have no hold from another jurisdiction.
- You are willing to participate in an intensive outpatient substance use disorder treatment program including if needed, trauma therapy and mental health counseling.
- The substance abuse evaluation and level of services inventory risk assessment (LSI) indicate that you meet criteria.
- To set participants up for success, you must have stable housing

For Track 1 Cases, the prosecutor, defense counsel and the client, must all agree to participation in drug court. If any of the three do not agree to it, you may not be eligible for the pre-conviction track.

**Track I** is Post-Plea, Pre-Conviction. The state has made an offer for the defendant to plead guilty to a felony. In exchange the defendant completes drug court and the felony gets dismissed or reduced to a misdemeanor.

**Track II** is Post – Conviction Probation Violation.

**Track III** is Post – Conviction, at Sentencing.

### **Ineligible for Drug Court**

- Residence is not located within Kootenai County.
- A hold is pending from another jurisdiction.
- The person is currently charged with, or has pled or been found guilty of, a felony in which the person committed, attempted to commit, conspired to commit, or intended to commit a sex offense.
- Felony crimes of violence in which the person used either a firearm, deadly weapon or instrument may be a disqualifier unless the prosecuting attorney and judge approves.

### **How does Kootenai County Drug Court work?**

- The Drug Court program is approximately 15- 18 months long and includes 4 phases and a 3-month Aftercare component. The length of time is based on individualized needs, treatment goals and phase competencies. If needed, Drug Court may extend the program, including Aftercare or modify treatment to allow for additional time to successfully complete program requirements.
- You must maintain at least six months of continuous sobriety prior to being released from the Drug Court Program.
- The program is designed to address substance use disorders, some mental health conditions, social and family problems, education & employment needs.
- Each participant will complete an assessment with our treatment providers, based on the assessment, an individualized treatment plan is created to meet your individual goals and clinical needs.

## **What happens once I am in the program?**

- After you have been admitted into Drug Court you will complete Orientation with the Coordinator and your Probation Officer.
- You must apply for Idaho Medicaid at the very start and provide either the approval or denial to treatment and the coordinator.
- You will be required to participate fully in the treatment program to graduate from Drug Court. This includes random observed drug screens, group and individual therapy, and recovery support meetings, such as CR, AA and/or NA and Smart Recovery.
- Court appearances are twice a month, you will be making payments on your restitution, drug court fees, supervision fees, complete educational goals and have ongoing contact with the coordinator and probation officer.
- Keep in mind, everyone wants you to succeed. You will have the opportunity to learn skills and build lasting recovery supports which will continue on after you have graduated to help you transition into a healthier lifestyle.
- Drug Court sessions are at 3:00 p.m. in Courtroom #12 (5500 N Gov't Way, CDA-jail). (Sessions may be held via Zoom)

Please refer to your yearly calendar contained in the Orientation Intake packet and be mindful to read all Court Orders.

## **What happens during treatment?**

**Phase (1):** The focus of Phase 1 is Orientation, Stabilization and Initial Engagement. During this phase participants are expected to demonstrate initial willingness to show up and participate in treatment activities and commit to a plan for active treatment including weekly counseling, groups, meeting with a Recovery Coach/Peer Support and Case Management. You may be referred for medication assistance to manage cravings, and mental health or detox. You must show up for all random UAs and attend twice monthly Probation appointments and Court.

**Phase (2):** The focus of Phase 2 is Treatment. This is the ongoing treatment/relapse prevention phase, includes updating and identifying treatment goals & objectives, focusing on relapse prevention & coping skills, random UAs, attending support meetings 2 per week, and continued individual counseling & family counseling, twice monthly probation appointments, ongoing medication management and twice monthly Court hearings.

**Phase (3):** The focus of Phase 3 is to Practice Skills and establish Community Supports. During this phase participants are expected to practice and demonstrate competence in using relapse prevention skills in progressively more challenging situations; you will develop skills in DBT, anger management, negotiation, problem-solving and decision making, financial and time management; and connect with other community services based on needs. This is on-going preparation for building recovery capital, includes random UAs, support meetings, and treatment. Court sessions decrease to 1 per month, and monthly probation appointments.

**Phase (4):** The focus of Phase 4 is Maintenance of recovery and coping skills. During this phase participants are expected to demonstrate internalized recovery and coping skills with minimal program support. You are preparing for aftercare. You are demonstrating the ability to identify criminal thinking or relapse issues and intervene. Participants are expected to demonstrate and maintain a community support system. You will continue having random UAs, going to support meetings, focusing on daily living skills, treatment is developing a discharge plan and linking to any needed ongoing services. Probation and Court will be monthly.

## **See intake packet for Phase Requirements**

### **What happens if I have a private attorney?**

If you have private counsel, your attorney might not be present at all Drug Court team staffing sessions. Your attorney will be notified of any potential sanctions and may be present or request that another attorney represent you at the staffing. **It is your responsibility to notify your defense counsel if you are facing a potential sanction.**

### **What if I relapse?**

If you relapse during this program, **you must be honest** and disclose to treatment and probation. We will work together to support your sobriety. It does not necessarily mean that you will be terminated from the Drug Court. The team understands that addiction is a chronic disease. Honesty is the most important thing. You may be referred to residential treatment if clinically necessary.

### **How do I become eligible for Allstars?**

Each session the Allstars will be recognized in some manner by the drug court team. The minimum criteria for making the Allstars list is:  
Enrolled in the program for at least 3 months (Phase II) no current

sanctions. No more than three (3) months behind in drug court fees or cost of supervision, remembering to bring all paperwork for your probation appointments (including Phase Instruction Sheet, support meeting slip and paycheck stubs)

Adhering to all treatment requirements with a good progress report.

“**Super Allstars**” incentives will be given to participants for their **first** six (6) Allstars in a row. Other incentives are given on a case-by-case basis in support of participant's sobriety, positive choices & dedication to recovery.

### **What sanctions are given?**

If you do not comply with the treatment tasks, probation conditions, or do not attend mandatory meetings, the Judge will sanction your actions.

Possible sanctions include but are not limited to:

- Treatment response, or increased self-help meetings
- Writing assignments / presentation in court
- Increased probation contacts
- Increased drug testing
- More restrictive curfew or house restriction
- Jail time
- Sheriff's Community Labor Program
- Community service work
- Restarting current phase
- Paying for extra UA tests
- Paying a kudo back to the program if caught w/dishonesty
- Check-in emails or calls daily to team member(s)
- Reverse jail sanction with list of conditions to earn it off
- Combinations of the above list

### **How do drug screens work?**

You will be required to provide ongoing random urine samples to monitor your progress. A same-sex staff member at the testing facility will supervise you when you give a specimen. Urinalysis reports are documented and available to the court. Any positive urine screens, late tests, tampered samples (including dilutes) or refusal to provide a sample may be grounds for sanctions from the Judge. During Orientation, you will be required to sign an ETG/Drug Testing Contract. **You must test by 9:00 a.m.** unless given specific permission by your probation officer otherwise. Your

co-pay responsibility for each test is \$ 9.00 to be paid at Averhealth.

### **What if I have a serious medical condition?**

In general, if you have a serious medical condition you will not be excluded from Drug Court. You must be willing to fully disclose your condition and medical care to the treatment providers and Drug Court team. If you are taking medication for your condition, you must continue to do so as prescribed. Although we can be flexible and work around your condition, you must be able to engage in and complete treatment.

### **Can I use prescription medication?**

As a general rule, Drug Court participants are expected to be drug free, including the use of prescription pain medication. If you are prescribed medication for a mental health condition, you must take all medication as prescribed. In the Orientation packet you have a copy of the Drug Court Medication Form which applies to all medications.

### **What are my conditions of probation?**

**Upon entry into the program, (during Orientation) you will review probation conditions with your probation officer.**

The drug court conditions of probation are as follows:

- 1.** Any failure of the treatment program (for the reasons listed in this Agreement of Supervision) may result in modification of the treatment program, release conditions, revocations of my release, and/or termination from the program.
- 2.** Should I be terminated from the treatment program, I will be sentenced by the Court based upon my guilty plea that I enter to the crime(s) with which I am charged.
- 3.** Participate in and complete the Drug Court Personal Recovery Program, as designed by my treatment provider, to the satisfaction of the Court.
- 4.** Violence or threats of any kind will not be tolerated and may result in immediate termination from the program.
- 5.** Any dishonesty or deception within your Drug Court program may result in termination from the program.
- 6.** I will not associate with anyone until I obtain prior written permission from my Probation Officer (including convicted felons, spouse or relatives - especially anyone on **ANY** supervised probation (county, state or federal) or anyone in a specialty court such as DUI Court or Mental Health Drug Court, anyone suspended or facing potential termination from a specialty court, and other Drug Court clients).

7. I will not purchase, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages in any form, and will not enter any establishment where alcohol is a primary source of income. I will not work in an establishment where alcohol is the primary source of income unless otherwise allowed by my Probation Officer or the Court. "Non-Alcoholic" beer is also prohibited.
8. I will only purchase, possess, or consume controlled substances lawfully prescribed for me, and only in the manner prescribed.
9. I will not work with any police agency on drug cases, or cases where I may encounter controlled substances. I may voluntarily provide historical information to a police agency regarding my involvement with controlled substances.
10. Seek and maintain legal, full or part-time employment or obtain employment counseling, complete high school, or obtain a G.E.D. as directed by the Court.
11. Appear in court for any scheduled hearings, regardless of my compliance with the treatment program. Failure to do so will result in issuance of a bench warrant.
12. . Length of time of participation in the program is ordinarily 15-18 months. However, the Court may extend the program to allow me additional time to successfully complete my program requirements. Drug court requires a minimum of six (6) months of sobriety in order to graduate. I understand that once I graduate the program, I will remain on supervised probation and be required to attend Aftercare for at least 3 months, or as otherwise instructed by my Probation Officer.
13. Report any change of address, email and/or phone number to the Court, my attorney, my Probation Officer, and my treatment provider within 24 hours; I understand I must obtain approval from my Probation Officer prior to changing my address.
14. Do not enter **ANY** casino. Gambling is strictly prohibited.
15. Submit to random urinalysis testing at my own expense. I agree that any drug testing company, including laboratories that perform testing confirmation, may provide any information related to my testing, and compliance with testing, to the Drug Court team. This includes but is not limited to my test results, test confirmations, and information I provide to the agency (ies), whether verbally or in writing, regarding my tests and my test samples. I agree to sign a release of information to allow the agency (ies) to release this information to the Drug Court team. In the event I revoke any release of information previously provided, that can be cause for termination of my participation in Drug Court.

- 16.** I will not use or possess any substances intended to alter the results of any blood, breath, or urine tests. Any attempts to “adulterate” or “fake” UAs may be grounds for immediate expulsion from Drug Court. All positive, adulterated, or diluted UAs are considered positive.
- 17.** I may be charged with felony escape pursuant to I.C. §18-2505 if I do not return to the jail during work and/or treatment release privileges while serving a sanction.
- 18.** Maintain regular contact with my attorney, especially in the event of a new crime or if facing termination.
- 19.** I will not possess or use any inhalant substance unless prescribed to me.
- 20.** I will remain in Kootenai County unless I receive prior written permission from my Probation Officer.
- 21.** Report any law enforcement contact within 24 hours to my Probation Officer. This includes contact that does not result in a citation or charge.
- 22.** I will not possess or use a police band scanner or scanner application on my phone.
- 23.** While in Drug Court, I will use ONE primary care physician and/or ONE dentist and/or ONE pharmacy. I agree to sign a Release of Information for all medical providers, to include additional services as needed, such as detox or inpatient treatment programs.
- 24.** All prescriptions must be shown to my Probation Officer and treatment provider within 24 hours upon receipt. Any pain medication I receive, including injections, whether by prescription or given under a doctor's care at a medical facility, must be accompanied by the Drug Court Medication Form (showing that I disclosed I am in a treatment court and attending substance abuse treatment). This form must be completed by the doctor and returned to your Probation Officer within 24 hours.
- 25.** Report as directed and be available for supervision by my Probation Officer and treatment provider.
- 26.** . Before I take any health supplement, pre-workout, or “dietary supplement” of any kind, I will check the ingredients. I will NOT use Creatine supplements. I will not consume anything containing poppy seeds. I will not use any over-the-counter medications containing Pseudoephedrine or Dextromethorphan. Prohibited are Kratom, or any non-prescribed substances used for the purpose of altering mood or state of consciousness. These products are included in our "illicit" drugs, and you may be sanctioned for possessing and/or using these substances.
- 27.** I understand I am responsible for what I put in my body. Should I test positive for a substance and believe that the test is not correct, I have the right to pay to have the test confirmed one time. I must pay to have this test confirmed within 72 hours of receiving notice of the drug test result.

- 28.** Abide by a 9:00 p.m. curfew, unless receiving prior written permission of curfew change by my Probation Officer. I also understand that my curfew may be adjusted for any reason by my Probation Officer.
- 29.** I will not have any contact with an incarcerated individual. I will not put money on any inmate's account. I will not talk to any inmate without first obtaining written permission from my Probation Officer.
- 30.** Abide by all court-ordered conditions and obligations, such as completion of community service.
- 31.** Abide by the terms and conditions of the Idaho Department of Correction Agreement of Supervision.

### **What if I want to travel outside of Kootenai County?**

If you need to travel outside Kootenai County, you must first contact your probation officer to request permission to leave. As a condition of travel, the probation officer may require you to submit to a drug test prior to leaving and immediately upon return and/or to arrange for drug testing at your own expense while traveling. You may also be required to obtain a sweat patch test at your own expense from our local testing facility. Another condition may be that treatment group not be missed. If a treatment group would be missed, further permission from your treatment provider would be required. Travel outside of the state requires a travel permit to be issued by your probation officer prior to leaving.

### **Will I receive work and/or treatment release if I'm sanctioned to jail time?**

Discretionary jail time may be imposed by your probation officer for violations committed between court sessions. Any work or treatment release privileges on jail sanctions are at the court's discretion. You may be charged with escape from a correctional facility pursuant to I.C. §18-2505 if you abscond during work or treatment release while serving any jail time imposed by drug court.

### **What are grounds for termination from Drug Court?**

You will be terminated from Drug Court if you do not comply with treatment. Although a relapse is not absolute grounds for termination, a continual inability to meet your treatment goals will result in expulsion. There are several grounds for possible expulsion. These include but are not limited to:

- Possession of alcohol, drugs, or paraphernalia at your residence, in your car, or on your person.



- Avoiding or absconding from supervision
- Possession of a weapon in your residence, car or on your person
- New criminal charge(s)
- Corrupting or negatively influencing another Drug Court participant
- Tampering with a UA sample, using the urine of someone else for your own, using a device to “fake” your UA, or allowing someone else to use your urine for their sample
- Any instance necessitating the issuance of a bench warrant

### **What happens if I'm terminated from Drug Court?**

**The decision whether to initiate termination proceedings against an individual from the Drug Court program rests solely with the Drug Court Judge, in consultation with the Treatment Court Team.** The above list is not exclusive. Other circumstances may justify discharge of a defendant from the Drug Court Program. Pursuant to the *State v. Rogers* ruling, the Drug Court will allow a defendant to have an admit/deny hearing, evidentiary hearing and/or be heard regarding discharge if requested. If a participant waives their right to a termination hearing, or a participant enters an admission, or the participant is found to have willfully violated a condition of the Treatment Court, the judge presiding over the termination hearings shall enter the Order of Termination from Treatment Court. **Upon Termination, your case may be referred back to the original District Court Judge.**

## **RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Confidentiality**

You will be required to sign a Drug Court Team Release of Information. Your treatment provider will have additional consents. Your privacy is respected and the Team will make every effort to protect your identity.

Confidentiality is also essential to maintain the integrity of group therapy sessions. Nothing that is discussed within the confines of those meetings will leave those meetings. No information pertaining to another client should be discussed outside of group. This confidentiality applies to all drug court sessions as well.

## FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

### Program Fee

A Drug Court participant fee is assessed to each participant in the amount of \$30.00 per month unless otherwise notified. Payments are made to Clerk of the Court at the criminal side at the Clerk's office (downstairs 324 W Garden Ave.). The money order shall also indicate your drug court case number. The terms & conditions of this fee are determined by the Judge. Program fees must be paid prior to graduation. Online payment option is also available, the instructions are located in the Intake packet.

### Cost of Supervision

You must pay your monthly cost of supervision. \$ 30.00 or as otherwise instructed

### Cost of Treatment/Drug Testing

As long as the Court continues to receive state funding, your treatment costs will be covered and your portion of drug testing will be \$9.00 per test. These amounts could increase at any time based on availability of state funding. You are responsible for your testing costs at the time of delivery. Treatment providers & drug testing facilities can refuse service to you for non-payment. If this happens, you may be sanctioned including possible termination from the program.

### Restitution

If restitution has been ordered in your case, you must make monthly payments to the clerk of the court. Your probation officer will assist you in establishing a payment plan.

## COURTROOM BEHAVIOR

You are expected to maintain appropriate behavior at all times in the courtroom and courthouse. This includes:

- No talking or whispering in the courtroom
- No sleeping in the courtroom
- No eating or drinking in the courtroom
- No smoking in the courthouse (including courtroom #12)
- Be on time and **do not leave during the hearing**. You are expected to have used the restroom prior to the start of the court session
- No cell phones in the courtroom. If a participant brings a cell phone into the courtroom, it will be confiscated.

- Appropriate dress is necessary: shoes and shirts are required and no hats, PJ's, sunglasses or tank-tops should be worn. You are expected to maintain appropriate grooming. If you are attending court straight from work and your work clothes will be soiled, keep a fresh change of clothes with you.
- Treat fellow drug court participants respectfully while they interact with the team.

## **COMMENCEMENT**

Once a participant has completed all of the program and treatment requirements, you are eligible for graduation, where you are recognized for your hard work and dedication to your recovery. You will be required to give a commencement speech prior to graduation.

Your family, friends, employers, counselors and sponsors are welcome to come to court and share in this joyous and life-affirming occasion. There will be a commencement ceremony in which you will receive a certificate demonstrating your completion of Drug Court and of beginning a drug-free future. No cameras are allowed in the courtroom. The coordinator will take your picture with the judge & email it to you if you provide your email address.

## **GRADUATES**

The Drug Court team may request drug court graduates to assist in community awareness of the drug court program by participating in panel discussions. Any graduates interested in supporting drug court in the future in this manner or as a mentor, please keep in contact the drug court coordinator.

**DRUG COURT TEAM MEMBERS**

Drug Court Judge, Honorable Anna M. Eckhart  
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202 Anton Ave., Coeur d'Alene ID 83815  
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**Drug Court Treatment Providers:**

Ambitions of Idaho (Paula)  
1044 Northwest Blvd Suite C, Coeur d Alene ID 83814  
(208) 626-4186

Heritage Health Recovery Services (Elaine)  
3700 W. Seltice Way, Coeur d'Alene ID 83814  
(208) 664-8347

**Drug Testing Facility:**

Averhealth (business hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on non-testing days)  
500 N Government Way Suite 100, Coeur d'Alene ID 83814

**Testing Hours:** M-Fri 6 am-4 pm; Weekends/Holidays 7 am-noon  
(208) 416-6200 call-in line for drug testing  
(alternate #208-415-1930)

Be sure that you are listening to the scheduling for **that** day—call back later if the date has not been changed yet. **Weekend & holiday testing hours are limited (7 to noon).**

**Other Agencies:**

North Idaho Crisis Center  
2195 Ironwood Cr. Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814  
(208)-625-4884  
Open 24hrs

Idaho Suicide & Crisis Lifeline – 988  
Call or text, open 24hrs

Heritage Health  
1090 N Park Place, Coeur d'Alene ID 83814  
(208) 292-0292

Vocational Rehabilitation  
(208) 769-1441

208 Recovery North, Peer Supports  
(208) 755.1445



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