

## Felony DWI/Drug Court Overview

"The mission of the Williamson County Felony DWI/Drug Court is to enhance public safety by reducing recidivism using consistent evidence base practice incorporating a multi-disciplinary team. It is our purpose to change and save lives and provide a consistent approach that both enhances the offender's opportunity to succeed and maximizes community safety."

If Defendant is accepted into the Felony DWI/Drug Court Program (Felony DDCP), the Defendant's felony case will be transferred to the 368<sup>th</sup> District Court. Pleading into the Felony DWI/Drug Court requires a judicial confession to the felony offense as charged, along with a prospective plea agreement that is contingent upon Defendant's successful completion of Felony DDCP.

This contingent plea agreement must be negotiated with the Assistant District Attorney assigned to the pending felony case prior to pleading into the Felony DDCP. There is NO standard plea agreement for Felony cases. All such plea offers are at the sole discretion of the Assistant District Attorney assigned to the case.

Once the Defendant enters his/her plea, the bond conditions will be modified to require participation in the program for a minimum of 1 year from the date of entry. When and if the Defendant successfully graduates from the Felony DDCP, the Defendant will be assigned a court date to formally execute the previously negotiated plea agreement and begin their term of traditional probation.

The Felony DWI/Drug Court Program entails 3 graduated phases which will require a **minimum of 12 months** to successfully complete. Below is an overview of the basic requirements of each phase of the program.

### Phase I

- \* 4 months depending on compliance
- \* Office visit 1x per week
- \* Meeting with Substance Abuse Counselor 1x per week
- \* Court 2x per month (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tues @ 5 p.m.)
- \* Victim Impact Panel w/in 30 days of plea (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month @ 615 p.m. -930 p.m.) - \$20
- \* IOP (Intensive Outpatient Treatment) 2x per week on Mon/Thurs from 6-9 p.m. (10 weeks)
- \* Aftercare 1x per week on Tues from 7-8 p.m. for 6 months- will start AFTER IOP is completed
- \* Cognitive Education 1x per week on Wed 630-730 p.m. (22 weeks) - \$10 ea. class
- \* Random UA (color code)
- \* AA/NA 2 x per week minimum (or as instructed)
- \* Must attend the P.A.C.E. Peer Support Group at the direction of the Probation Officer
- \*Curfew 10 p.m.- 5 a.m.

### Phase II

- \* 5 months depending on compliance
- \* Office visit on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month
- \* Court 2x per month (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tues @ 5 p.m.)
- \* Meeting with Substance Abuse Counselor (2x per month or as needed)
- \* complete Aftercare and Cognitive Education
- \* Random UA (color code)
- \* AA/NA 2 x per week minimum (or as instructed)
- \* Must attend the P.A.C.E. Peer Support Group at the direction of the Probation Officer
- \*Curfew 11 p.m.- 5 a.m.

### **Phase III**

- \* Remainder of Probation
  - \* Office visit 1x per month
  - \* Court 1x per month (2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month)
  - \* Meeting with Substance Abuse Counselor 1x per month or as needed
  - \* Random UA (color code)
  - \* Any additional classes required (i.e. Repeat Offender or Drug Offender Education - \$200 approx as cost may vary depending on where course is taken (depending on Offense)
  - \* Any remaining CSR hours (80 hrs assigned and set aside by the court to be used as Incentives/Sanctions as needed)
  - \* AA/NA 2 x per week minimum (or as instructed)
  - \* Must attend the P.A.C.E. Peer Support Group at the direction of the Probation Office.
- \*Curfew - none

Graduating from each phase of the Program is subject to Defendant's participation and compliance.

If Defendant does not have a vehicle installed with a Camera Compatible Ignition Interlock Device (IID), the Defendant will be required to have installed a Smart Start In Home unit (which is similar to the IID) and blow in the machine at set times.

*The DDCP information listed above is subject to change at the discretion of the Court and/or DDCP team*

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