Phases

You will be required to complete five phases of various aspects of intensive probation including but not limited to:

- Attend and complete all required treatment recommendations
- Attend weekly court appearances
- Submit to random drug testing
- Attend regular office visits with your probation officer
- □ Gain & maintain employment
- Obtain high school diploma or GED
- Attend recovery meetings

To learn more about Drug Court, ask:

- Your Attorney
- Judge
- Probation Department
- □ IHR



Teamwork is vital on the road to recovery

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Drug Court Program



The Road to Recovery

Livingston County Drug Court Program

The Livingston County Drug Court Program has been developed to help you overcome your addiction. The following rules and advice are given to help you complete the program and treatment successfully. We hope this guide will answer many of your questions concerning your participation in this program. Throughout your time in the program, if you have a question, ask someone, including the Judge.

Everyone wants you to succeed – the Judge, your lawyer, your probation officer, and your treatment counselor. They will work as a team to help you build a new life, one day at a time.

The journey begins with ATTITUDE

...and the most important attitude is YOURS! You must be committed to change your lifestyle and habits.

You have many choices in life. Life without drugs is one of them. Being drug free is the beginning of a new life. Everyone will work with you, but your attitude will determine where, how far, and how fast you will succeed.

Referral Process

If you are currently pending felony charges in Livingston County and are interested in the Drug Court ask your attorney to refer you. Referrals can also be made by jail staff, the State's Attorney's Office, local police, and probation. Once referred, a representative from probation will interview clients and discuss the program and check for eligibility.

Treatment

If you are found to be in need of treatment, your officer and counselor will give you further instructions.

It is important for you to make EVERY appointment so treatment can begin as soon as possible. If you do not successfully complete treatment you will receive consequences.

Honesty

Honesty is a major part of recovery, and lying will be sanctioned. It is vital that you report any use of alcohol and/or drugs (including prescription and over-the-counter medications). Waiting to report a relapse until after you have submitted a positive drug screen is not honesty. In order to be honest, report a relapse to your officer as soon as it occurs.

Drug Screens

You will be required to provide drug screens to verify you have not used drugs. Your probation officer will explain the number of screens and when they will be required to you.

Any tampering with or altering of a drug screen specimen will be brought to the attention of the Court.

Responsibility & Accountability

Responsibility and accountability are important parts of the program. You must follow all rules of the program.

You are expected to keep all appointments with your officer, counselor, and anyone else. Making it to appointments is as important as making it to court. Unexcused absences will be brought to the attention of the Court.

Any violation of the program will result in a sanction, which could include a warning, curfew, community service, increased reporting or testing, or jail time imposed by the Judge.