
AUGUSTA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ADULT FELONY DRUG COURT



Participant Handbook

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Policies and procedures outlined in the participant handbook are your responsibility to know, therefore if you have a question, notify a drug court case manager. In cases where a decision is being made by the team, the court has the final say. The Augusta Judicial Circuit Drug Court Team reserves the right to revise this publication and to make changes at any time. Reviews will be conducted of the information presented on a regular basis to ensure continuity of the program and update the rules, policies, and regulations herein.



Augusta Judicial Circuit Adult Drug Court



Answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about Drug Court.

Program Introduction



The Augusta Judicial Circuit Adult Felony Drug Court program provides substance abuse treatment and serves as a meaningful alternative to incarceration for the participant who can function in the community with support. It is the goal of the AJCDC program to improve the quality of life and reduce recidivism for the participants in this program. Those who graduate will have a solid foundation upon which to build in order to become a productive member of our community.

The AJCDC Team concept involves the Judge(s), Drug Court Coordinator, Drug Court Case Manager, District Attorney(s), Defense Attorney(s), Drug Court Administrative Staff, Law Enforcement, Treatment Providers, and Probation Service Representatives. All Team members work together to support each participant in addressing and combating the substance abuse issues that brought them into the criminal justice system. The AJCDC Team meets every week to review the progress of every participant and determines sanctions for violations. The program lasts for a **minimum** of twenty-four months (no longer than 36 months) and consists of five phases.

AJCDC Team Roles

Judge

Based upon information provided in team staffings prior to court sessions, the judge will encourage and reinforce participants' progress and successes by providing incentives and will discourage and deter participants' non-compliance and failures by providing interventions. Direct contact with the Judge or his office staff is **not permitted** and the judge cannot give legal advice.



The coordinator is responsible for overall administrative coordination, management and supervision of drug court functions and processes. The coordinator, in cooperation with treatment providers, will supervise case management of all drug court participants. The coordinator will coordinate, schedule and participate in regular operational and planning meetings of drug court, direct the planning and organization of drug court events, meetings and trainings, perform case flow coordination, coordinate community relations and direct the submission of grants,

grant monitoring and reporting, quality assurance of all programs, coordination of services, and assist an outside evaluator with data collection.

Case Manager

The case manager provides individual, intensive supervision and a broad range of rehabilitative. The case manager attends all staff meetings and provides written summaries on participant's progress at staff meetings. The drug court case manager, in cooperation with treatment providers, will provide case management of all drug court participants, and will gather and distribute weekly progress information to all drug court team members at weekly staffings. The case manager will meet with each participant to obtain information. The case manager is responsible both for providing information and recommendations relating to issues of accountability and treatment and for participating cooperatively and collaboratively with other team members in team meetings and staffings.



Prosecutor



The prosecutor acts as the initial “gatekeeper” to drug court. The prosecutor will initially screen potential drug court cases identified by the prosecutor or referred to the prosecutor by the court, law enforcement officers, or other attorneys to determine eligibility. If a case is determined to be eligible for drug court, the prosecutor will decide whether the case should be referred to drug court for further consideration. If the decision is made to refer a case to drug court, the prosecutor will enter the case on the drug court list, advise the defendant's counsel and file a motion for transfer to drug court as soon as a participant has been selected to participate in the program. The prosecutor presents the perspective of the state as it relates to issues of accountability and treatment and participates cooperatively and collaboratively with other team members at all team meetings and staffings.

Defense Attorney

The defense attorney meets with each potential participant whose case has been transferred to drug court for team consideration for participation to explain drug court, the potential participant's legal rights and how those rights are affected by participation in drug court, and the right and responsibilities of drug court participants. Upon entry of an order of transfer to drug court, the defense attorney becomes counsel for the participant and continues in that capacity until the potential participant (a) is denied participation in, or terminated from, drug court or (b) successfully graduates from drug court and the pending charges are dismissed. The defense attorney will explain the provisions of the drug court participation agreement, consent to random drug test, waiver of confidentiality and other drug court documents, assist in the participant's execution of such documents and insure that the participant understands all of the provisions of such documents. At the first drug court appearance of a new participant, the defense attorney will present the executed participation agreement and the participant to the court.



Treatment Provider

The treatment provider provides the knowledge and ability to access community and state resources for drug and alcohol agencies related to referral and treatment options and refers participants to appropriate funding sources for which they may be eligible, using drug court funds as a last resort. The treatment provider coordinates primary alcohol/drug assessments, treatment planning and referrals in accordance with drug court requirements and policies in order to provide a continuum of services. Treatment

options will include outpatient, intensive outpatient, individual treatment and 24-hour emergency services. Individualized case plans will be provided for each participant to ensure continuity of care, appropriate service linkages, service planning, and monitoring for the participant to maximize their ability to live in the community and to receive necessary services in the community. The treatment provider serves as a liaison between the drug court team and assists the coordinator in orienting participants to drug court policies, procedures and requirements. The treatment provider presents the perspective of treatment as it relates to issues of accountability and treatment and participates cooperatively and collaboratively with other team members at all team meetings and staffings. The treatment provider attends all weekly team staffings and drug court sessions and provides input, including such pertinent case-specific information and recommendations as he/she deems appropriate or as requested by the team.

Compliance Officer

Law enforcement representatives assists the coordinator in conducting home visits and employment checks of participants. The law enforcement representative presents the perspective of law enforcement as it relates to issues of accountability and treatment and participates cooperatively and collaboratively with other team members at all team meetings and staffings. The law enforcement representative attends all weekly team staffings and drug court sessions and provides input, including such pertinent case-specific information and recommendations as he/she deems appropriate or as requested by the team.



Phase Requirements

Individuals entering the program will be actively enrolled in the AJCDC program for at a **minimum** of twenty-four (24) months and cannot exceed thirty-six (36) months. Each phase of the program has specific requirements and program criteria that must be completed prior to moving to the next phase. In some cases, participants may be returned to a lower phase as part of a sanction for failure to comply with drug positives. The phases are as followed:



PHASE I

- ↪ A minimum/maximum of 90 days;
- ↪ Attend 2-hour treatment sessions 5 times weekly;
- ↪ First 30 days submit screens daily to include Saturdays. Submit a minimum of 3 screen's (UDS's) weekly;
- ↪ Acquire a sponsor - will not phase up without verification;
- ↪ Complete a minimum of 3 hours' community services weekly;
- ↪ Attend court sessions every Thursday;
- ↪ Participant curfew from 9pm - 5am - if unemployed 6pm;
- ↪ Must have a minimum of 30 days clean to be considered for phase advancement;
- ↪ Must have paid a minimum of \$275 to be considered for phase advancement (If restitution is owed, a minimum of 20% must be paid each phase in addition to required program fees)



PHASE II

- ↪ A minimum/maximum of 90 days;
- ↪ Attend 2-hour treatment sessions 3 times weekly;
- ↪ Submit a minimum of 3 UDS's 3 times weekly;
- ↪ Attend a minimum of 3 AA/NA meetings weekly;
- ↪ Attend court sessions every Thursday;
- ↪ Participant curfew from 9pm - 5am - if unemployed 6pm;
- ↪ Must have a minimum of 45 days clean to be considered for phase advancement;
- ↪ Must have paid a minimum of \$800 to be considered for phase advancement (If restitution is owed, a minimum of 20% must be paid each phase in addition to required program fees)



PHASE III

- ↪ A minimum/maximum of 6 months
- ↪ Attend 2-hour treatment sessions 2 times weekly;
- ↪ Submit a minimum of 3 UDS's weekly;
- ↪ Attend a minimum of 3 AA/NA meetings weekly;
- ↪ Attend weekly court sessions every Thursday;
- ↪ Participant curfew from 9 pm - 5am - if unemployed 6pm;
- ↪ Must have a minimum of 90 days clean to be considered for phase advancement;
- ↪ Must have paid a minimum of \$1700 to be considered for phase advancement (If restitution is owed, a minimum of 20% must be paid each phase in addition to required program fees)



PHASE IV

- ↪ A minimum/maximum of 6 months;
- ↪ Attend 2-hour treatment sessions 1 time weekly;
- ↪ Submit a minimum of 3 UDS's weekly;
- ↪ Attend a minimum of 3 AA/NA meetings weekly;
- ↪ Attend court sessions every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month unless otherwise directed to attend;
- ↪ Participant curfew from 10 pm – 5 am if unemployed 6pm;
- ↪ Must have a minimum of 180 days clean to be considered for phase advancement
- ↪ Must have paid a minimum of \$2600 to be considered for phase advancement (If restitution is owed, a minimum of 20% must be paid each phase in addition to required program fees)



PHASE V

- ↪ A minimum/maximum of 6 months;
- ↪ Attend 1-hour treatment sessions 1 time weekly;
- ↪ Submit a minimum of 3 UDS's weekly;
- ↪ Attend a minimum of 3 AA/NA meetings weekly;
- ↪ Participant curfew from 10 pm – 5 am if unemployed 6pm;
- ↪ Must have a minimum of 360 days clean to be considered for graduation;
- ↪ Must have paid complete program balance and restitution balance to graduate



All AJCDC program participants must submit a special request no later than the 2nd Monday of the month by 7pm to be considered for phase advancement and all forms are due no later than 7pm every Monday.



Participants must have met all of the following criteria to graduate from the AJCDC program:

- ↪ Successful completion of all AJCDC program requirements including payment of all program fees/restitution;
- ↪ Twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety;
- ↪ A positive recommendation for graduation by the Drug Court team;
- ↪ The approval of the Drug Court Judge; and
- ↪ Completion of the graduation packet and an aftercare plan with the case manager.

Incentives/Sanctions

The AJCDC program employs a variety of rewards to recognize and reinforce progress and applies a process of graduated sanctions to address noncompliance. Rewards and sanctions may include the following:

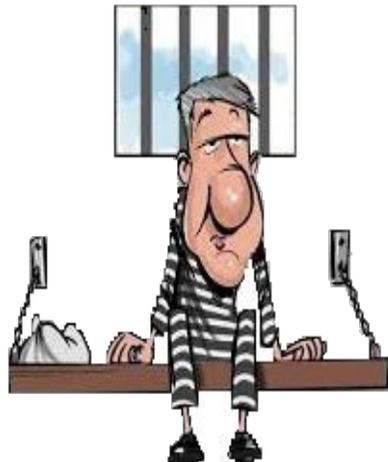
Incentives

The reward process recognizes the positive achievements of AJCDC program participants as they progress from addiction to sobriety. Behavioral changes that may result in a reward are discussed and recommended during weekly staff meetings prior to court sessions. Rewards may take many forms and will be consistent with the goals and objectives of the participant's treatment plan, but may include:



- ↪ Encouragement and praise from the Drug Court Judge
- ↪ Ceremonies with tokens or certificates of progress
- ↪ Graduation ceremonies
- ↪ Overriding imposed drug court sanctions when appropriate, and at the direction of the judge, in order to recognize a participant's overall positive performance.

Sanctions



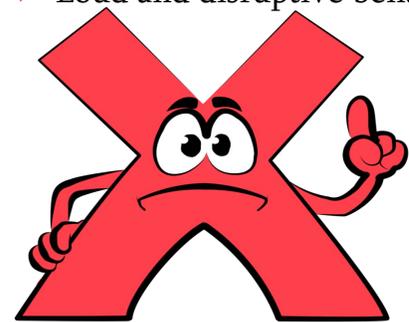
Non-compliance is addressed during weekly staff meetings prior to court sessions. Since sanctions are most effective when applied immediately, participants violating the terms and conditions of their enrollment in AJCDC program will be addressed at the earliest possible time. The AJCDC team will discuss the mandatory sanction to be imposed for non-compliance. Mandatory responses for non-compliance may include the following:

- ↪ Warnings and admonishments by the Drug Court Judge in open court
- ↪ Increased frequency in court appearances
- ↪ Assignment of work detail
- ↪ Increased frequency of drug testing
- ↪ Increased community supervision
- ↪ Required to remain in a specific phase or start phases over;
- ↪ Escalating periods of jail confinement, including as a last resort, possible enrollment in residential treatment programs
- ↪ Termination from the AJCDC program and the imposition of a non-Drug Court sentence.

Failure to appear for any Drug Court hearing shall result in a bench warrant with the participant to be held without bond pending the next Drug Court date.

Participant Responsibilities

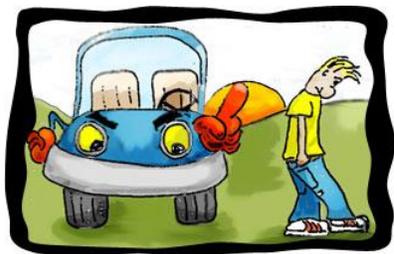
- ↪ Courtroom Attendance is mandatory.
- ↪ Court sessions are held every week. Participants will be notified of any schedule or date changes; however, it is the responsibility of the participant to know the dates of Court sessions.
- ↪ Punctuality is required. Court begins at 11:00 am therefore you are required to be present at least 10 minutes prior to the start of court.
- ↪ It is not appropriate to wear hats, sunglasses, clothes displaying offensive language or advertising drugs or alcohol, sleeveless shirts, skirts will be below the knee, and shorts of any kind.
- ↪ Loud and disruptive behavior is unacceptable and will be moved.



- ↪ Participants are required to remain attentive and not read or sleep in the courtroom.
- ↪ No food or drinks are allowed in the Courtroom.
- ↪ All phones should be turned off before entering the Courtroom.
- ↪ Guests are not allowed in a court session unless they have permission from the AJCDC Team to attend.
- ↪ All participants will remain during the full court session until dismissed.
- ↪ When being addressed by the Judge, one should stand up and respond by speaking clearly and directly.
- ↪ The Court will appropriately address violations of Courtroom behavior.

- ↪ A participant is required to attend all program phase meetings as assigned. Failure to attend will result in progressive sanctions.
- ↪ Special requests to be excused from a phase requirement will be discussed during staff meetings and must be approved by the AJCDC Team. SR's MUST be submitted by 7 pm the Monday BEFORE a court session to be considered. Any SR's submitted after the deadline or account balances over \$500 WILL NOT be considered. Requests to miss any AJCDC program requirement, to leave the jurisdiction of the Court or stay at a residence other than your primary residence of record must meet the following requirements:
 - All requests are to be submitted in writing a minimum of one week in advance (Monday BEFORE court).
 - All requests must have verified documentation attached, for example, a note from a doctor, school or work explaining the situation and signed by a person in authority. The documentation must include a phone number where you can be reached.
 - Factors the team will consider when evaluating a leave request include but are not limited to: 1) Compliance with Treatment Plan; 2) Recent drug and alcohol screen results; 3) Compliance with curfew; and 4) Compliance with financial responsibilities and any payment plans.
 - If a request is granted, a participant must report for a drug test the day following the end of the leave.
- ↪ In the event of a sudden illness and/or death of an immediate family member, contact the coordinator or case manager for possible leave without the special request paperwork. ("Immediate family" includes spouse, children, siblings, parents, and grandparents only).
- ↪ A participant is required to stay at their primary residence on record every night unless permission has been obtained to be away from that residence for an overnight. Leaving the jurisdiction of the Court for any reason requires prior notice and approval by the AJCDC team.
- ↪ A participant is required to be accessible by phone by any member of the AJCDC Team at all times. Failure to respond to a message in a reasonable period of time (2 hours) may result in sanctions by the Court. If a cell phone is lost or disconnected, and/or the participant is unreachable for any reason, they are required to notify the coordinator or case manager immediately.
- ↪ Honesty is a core component of the Augusta Judicial Circuit Adult Felony Drug Court program. Dishonesty will only impede recovery and hold back progression through the Program. It is the responsibility of the participant to disclose any violation of the terms of this Court to the Counselor, Coordinator or Case Manager. Dishonesty of any form such as lying, tampering with or adulterating drug screens, presenting fraudulent documents, etc. will not be tolerated and will subject a participant to substantial sanctions or termination from the program.
- ↪ Program fees are a condition of participation in the AJCDC program. Seeking and maintaining employment is a condition of continued participation. A documented disability limiting or preventing employment will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. An orientation fee of \$50.00 and a monthly fee of \$150.00 is required. You will be unable to move up in phases without regular payments and 20% of any restitution owed is required per phase. In order to qualify for all-star status or approval of special requests, you must have a balance of \$500 or below.
- ↪ If a participant cannot meet their financial obligations, it is their responsibility to discuss the situation with the Coordinator and develop a solution. If a person should, at any time, accrue an overdue amount of \$500.00 or more, they will be placed on a weekly payment plan. Please note that any overdue amounts or failure to make payments as directed by a payment plan will subject a participant to appropriate sanctions or termination from program.

Employment/Curfew



All participants in the AJCDC program are encouraged to find and keep viable employment. Participants who are not employed will abide by a daily 6 PM curfew, participants employed in phases 1, 2 and 3 will abide by a 9 PM curfew and participants employed in phases 4 & 5 will abide by a 10 PM curfew. There are no excusable reasons to be out past your specific curfew time without acquiring prior approval from the court. Employment must be on file with

documentation validating an actual job (no under the table jobs in which you receive payment from friends or family as we cannot approve it as legitimate employment) will be accepted. ALL extension curfew requests will be submitted by the SR policy. Program participants shall not enter nor frequent bars or any other business whose primary purpose in sales is alcoholic beverages; however, employment in restaurants and bars may be permitted (upon court approval) provided the participant maintains sobriety and program compliance. Failure to maintain sobriety and program compliance will result in sanctions as deemed necessary by the court or result in termination from the program. Employment is not an excuse to delay a sanction. If you do not want to receive a sanction, comply with the rules of the program.

Drug/Alcohol Policy

The Augusta Judicial Circuit Adult Felony Drug Court program has a **ZERO-TOLERANCE** Drug/Alcohol Policy! If you test positive, the AJCDC team will not attempt to determine the cause, the violation will be sanctioned as a positive...period. In the event a confirmation is requested and confirmed, you will receive double the sanction originally assigned for the violation. There should never be any drug/alcohol in your system at any time. Please note that even the purchase of, or possession of, any type of drug/alcohol while in this program will result in a sanction or possible termination.



Medication



- Participant is responsible for all substances they put in their body.
- Do not use internal or external products containing alcohol such as cough/cold syrup, hair tonic, perfume, after-shave lotion, mouth wash and flavoring extracts (lemon, vanilla, etc.).
- It is the participant's responsibility to read the labels on products and avoid the consumption of alcohol in any form.
- Poppy seeds are **NOT** allowed and will not be accepted as an excuse for a positive.
- It is the participant's responsibility to inform any medical professionals of his/her status in the AJCDC program and what substances are not allowed for consumption.
- Participants should take the Medical Form (available from the coordinator or case manager) to any visit to a doctor's office.

- Once the form has been completed by the doctor, the form and a copy of any prescriptions (must receive PRIOR approval from the court, without approval, use will be counted as a positive) should be turned into your Counselor.
- All written prescriptions must be approved by the court before filling.
- No prescription drug of any kind is to be taken without prior approval of the court.
- Failure to follow these requirements will result in a sanction from the court.



The following is a list of prohibited substances. This list is not meant to be all-inclusive.

Acetaminophen	Crystal	Freon	Mebaral®	Pathibamate®
Actiq®	Demerol®	Gasoline	Melfiat®	Pathibarnate
Adderall®	Desoxyn®	GHB	Meperidine	PCP
Adipex-P	Desyrel®	Glue	Mephobarbital	Pentazocine
After shave lotion	DET	Hair tonics	Meprobamate	Pentobarbital
Alcohol	Dexatrim	Halcion®	Mescaline MDMA	Pentothal®
Alcohol-Free beer	Dexedrine®	Hearts	Meth	Pentothane
Alprazolam	Dextroamphetamine	Heroin	Methadone	Percobarb®
Ambien®	Dextromethorphan	Hydrocodone	Methadose®	Percocet®
Amitriptyline	Diacetyl Morphine	Hydromorphone	Methamphetamine	Percodan®
Amphetamine	Diazepam	Hydroxyzine	Methamphetamine	Perfumes
Amyl/butyl Nitrate	Didrex®	Hyoscine	Methocarbamol	Peyote
Anesthetics	Diethylpropion Dilaudid®	Hyoscyamine	Methylphenidate	Phencyclidine
Appedrine	Diethyltryptamine	Hyosoin	Midazolam	Phendimetrazine
Ativan®	Dimethylserotonin	Hyrdomorphone	Miltown®	Phendimetrazine
AtroPen®	Dimethyltryptamine	Ibogaine	Morphine	Tartrate
Atropine	Diphenoxylate	Ice	Mouthwash	Phenergan®
Banana Oil	DMT	Inapsine®	Nalbuphine	Phenobarbital
Barbiturates	Dolophine®	Inhalants	Nembutal®	Phentermine
Benzphetamine	Donnatal	Instanyl®	Nitrous Oxide	Plegine
Bontrill®	Donnatal®	Ionamin®	No-Doz	Plegine®
Bufotenin	Droperidol	Ketalar®	Norflex®	Pondimin
Buspiron	Duragesic®	Ketamine	Nubain®	Prela-2
Butabarbital	Duramorph®	Kinesed	Onsolis®	Prelu-2®
Butalbital	Durogesic®	Klonopin®	Opana ER®	Preludin
Butisol®	Efed	Laudanum	Opium	Pro-banthine
Butorphanol	Empirin®	Levorphanol	Orphenadrine OTC	Prochlorperazine
Carbamazepine	Empracet®	Levsin with Pb	Antihistamines Preps	Prolamine
Carbatrol®	Equagesic®	Librax®	OTC Diet Aids	Promethazine
Carisoprodol	Equanil®	Limbitrol®	OTC Sleep	Propantheline
Chloral Hydrate	Eszopiclone	Lomotil®	Oxazepam	Pseudoephedrine
Chlorazepate	Extracts (Lemon, etc.)	Lorazepam	Oxycodone	Psilocin
Chlordiazepoxide	Fastin	Lorcet®	Oxycontin®	Psilocybin
Chlorzoxazone	Fentanyl	Lortab®	Oxymorphone	Rainbow
Clidinium	Fentora®	LSD	Paint Thinners	Red Devils
Clonazepam	Fiorinal®	Lunesta®	Panthrane	Restoril®
Cocaine	Fluothane	Marijuana	Parafon Forte®	Ritalin®
Control	Flurazepam	Mazanor	Valium®	Robaxin®
Robaxial®	Seconal®	Temazepam	Valpin	Vicodin®
Robitussin	Soma®	Tenuate	Versed®	Vicoprofen®
Roxanol®	Sonata®	Thiopental	Tryptamine	Vistaril®
Roxicet®	Speed	Tincture	Derivatives	Cleansers
Roxicodone®	Sterno	Tramadol	Tussin A-C®	Xanax®
Ryzolt®	Sublimaze®	Tranxene®	Tussionex®	Xmas Trees

Sanorex
Scopolamine
Secobarbital

Sudafed®
Surital
Talwin®

Trazadone®
Triazolam
Trilene

Tylox®
Ultram®
Paregoric

Zalepon
Zolpidem
Zydone®



ALSO PROHIBITED is any product labeled “**not intended for human consumption,**” intended to be smoked, ingested or injected for the purposes of “getting high.” Spice and K2 are examples of these products. There are different kinds of Spice such as K2 Summit, K2 Ultra, and K2 Blonde and others. There are even newer versions of Spice named K2 Sky Herb, K2 Orisha, and K2 Thai. These products contain herbal mixtures with cannabinomimetic compounds added to the mixture.

Another group of products known as ‘Bath salts’, but not intended for bathing, is also prohibited. Such products contain chemicals similar to amphetamines. They are often called “bath salts” but also are sold under names such as Ivory Wave, Purple Wave, Red Dove, White Dove, Blue Silk, and Zoom. Some have also been labeled as plant food.

***Always receive prior approval from the court prior to taking any over the counter medications, supplements or vitamins. NO positive will be excused due to the claim of taking an unknown substance.**

Approved Over-the-Counter Medications



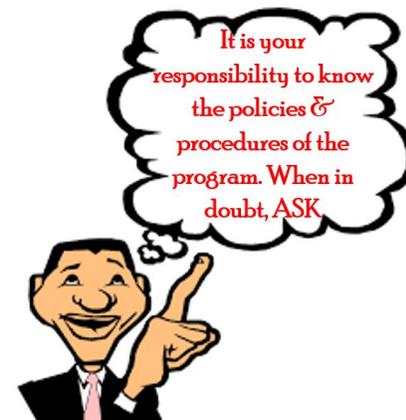
The following medications are approved for AJCDC participants to take without prior permission from their treatment provider and/or case manager. These medications must be taken at the appropriate dosage listed on the drug’s label or a positive urine test could result. **DO NOT TAKE MORE THAN THE DOSAGE INDICATED ON THE LABEL!** If you have any questions, please contact your case manager and/or treatment provider for clarification. **EACH DRUG LISTED BELOW MUST BE TAKEN AS LISTED AND WITHOUT ANY OTHER ADDITIVES (i.e. NO TYLENOL COLD OR TYLENOL NIGHTTIME AND NONE OF THE FOLLOWING CAN BE THE ‘PM D’ OR**

‘DM’ FORMULA).

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| Acetaminophen 500 mg | Claritin | Milk of Magnesia | Prenatal vitamins |
| Alka-Seltzer | Delsym (non- | Mucinex (cannot be D or DM) | Prilosec |
| Allegra | alcoholic/pediatric) | Multivitamins | Theraflu |
| Aspirin | Excedrin Migraine | Mylanta | Tums/Rolaids |
| Ben Gay | Ibuprofen 200-800mg | Pepcid | Tylenol Arthritis |
| Benadryl | Icy Hot | Pepto Bismol | |

Drug Testing (Policies & Procedures)

It is the expectation of the program that each participant will remain abstinent from all mood-altering substances to include any attempts of flushing (creatinine with/without SpGr) throughout the course of their involvement with the AJCDC program. Frequent and random drug testing will be used to monitor a participant’s compliance. All participants will be held accountable for everything they put in their body. The ultimate goal of drug testing is to provide accountability and confirmation of the progress towards recovery. Admitting use prior to the drug screen may be taken into account in the sanctioning process. Conversely, not admitting to, and/or denying new use after a positive result on a drug screen will result in a more severe sanction. A participant may be asked to submit a sample at any time by any member of the AJCDC Team. Failure to



appear for a drug test, refusal to provide a sample for a test or submit to a random test will be considered and treated as a positive drug result and sanctioned accordingly. A diluting (creatinine with/without SpGr) sample will be treated and sanctioned as a positive and tampering with a drug screen may result in termination from the AJCDC program.

Urine Drug Screen (UDS)



All participants in the AJCDC program are subject to random screens. Urine Drug Screens are mandatory. Failure to appear for a drug screening test is a violation of the AJCDC program requirements and will be treated as a positive and sanctioned in accordance to your positive history with the program. If a drug screen is missed and no prior consent had been obtained, a participant is required to submit a drug screen by noon the following day and the missed UDS will be treated as a positive and sanctioned in accordance to your positive history.

Participants must provide a testable sample, one that is not considered a “dilute” or a “tampered” Sample and an amount that can be confirmed. In the event of a positive and the is not sufficient sample, you will be sanctioned for the positive without the benefit of a confirmation. A “dilute” urine test is classified as test in which is more water than urine and having a reading indicating a urine creatinine level of less than 20 mg/dL and/or a specific gravity of less than 1.003. (Creatinine is the substance in urine resulting from muscle breakdown. Specific Gravity is the concentration of dissolved materials relative to the amount of liquid.) In a diluted urine sample, it is possible that drugs may still be present in the urine but below the cut-off level of the drug assay. A “tampered” sample is one where the urine is in a condition that is not testable due to intentional interference or other chemical reaction. Presenting a sample that is either a dilute or tampered sample will be considered a sanctionable offense.

Requesting Confirmation of a Drug Screen

- Should a participant have a positive drug screen the participant will be questioned. Should the participant state either an admission to or a denial of alcohol/drug use, a confirmation can be requested (please note that should you request a confirmation and the sample is confirmed, you will receive a double sanction).
- Honesty is a crucial component for recovery and participation in the AJCDC program. Self-disclosure of use will be taken into consideration when determining the sanction.
- A sample is to be submitted within one (1) hour of request. Failure to produce a sample will be considered a positive drug screen and will result in a sanction.
- Purses, coats, bags, etc. are not allowed in the testing area.
- Shirtsleeves should be rolled up to the elbow and removal of any additional clothing will be requested to ensure the validity of a specimen.
- The test cup must be filled to a minimum of 1/3 of the cup level to be adequate for testing and/or confirmation requests.
- Use of an artificial device or substance of any type to alter the test will result in termination from the program.
- If a drug screen is positive and confirmation is requested by the participant, a payment of \$50 is required within a specified amount of time of the positive screen result. If the payment is not received within the specified amount of time, the screen will be treated as a positive confirmation resulting in a double sanction.



- ↪ The EtG (Ethyl Glucuronide) Test can detect the ingestion of alcohol for a considerable time period after consumption. This technology is used to monitor participants' compliance. Any test with an EtG level of 500 ng /mL or above will be considered a positive drug screen resulting in a sanction. Excuses as to how the alcohol got into your system will NOT be allowed as you are responsible for what you ingest.

Program Termination



The Augusta Judicial Circuit Adult Felony Drug Court program is committed to providing each person an opportunity to maintain a sober and drug free lifestyle in an environment conducive to achieving this goal. The AJCDC program wants each participant to succeed and considers termination from the program as a last resort. The goal is to help a participant help themselves. Participant continuation in this program is contingent on compliance with the guidelines and regulations. Nevertheless, not everyone who enters the AJCDC program is committed to maintaining sobriety and compliance with program requirements and procedures. The AJCDC Team may determine that removal of a participant for non-compliance is the most appropriate action for the success of all program participants. Serious violations or continuous violations will subject a participant to being terminated from the Program.

A few examples of non-compliance that could result in termination for the AJCDC program include:

- ↪ Threats of, or violence towards peers, Counselors or AJCDC staff;
- ↪ Committing a new criminal offense;
- ↪ Altering or tampering with a drug screen;
- ↪ An accumulation of violations and continued non-compliance with program guidelines; and
- ↪ When all resources available to the AJCDC program have been exhausted and the level of care needed by the participant cannot be provided

AWOL

If a participant absconds (quits; runs away; flees) for any reason, they will be subject to serious sanctions or program termination. There is zero tolerance for such disregard of responsibilities to the AJCDC program. Instead of running when a problem arises, the participant should bring the problem to the attention of a member of the AJCDC Team who will work with them in an attempt to find a solution.

12 Steps of Recovery

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1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable.
 2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
 3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
 4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
 5. Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
 6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
 7. Humbly asked Him to remove our short-comings.
 8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
 9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

12 Traditions of NA

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on NA unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or NA as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose — to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.
6. An NA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the NA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, or prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every NA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Narcotics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. NA, as such, ought never to be organized, but we may create service boards committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Narcotics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the NA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.



Serenity Prayer



God, grant me the Serenity
 To accept the things I cannot change...
 Courage to change the things I can,
 And Wisdom to know the difference.
 Living one day at a time,
 Enjoying one moment at a time,
 Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.
 Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,
 Not as I would have it.
 Trusting that He will make all things right
 if I surrender to His will.
 That I may be reasonably happy in this life,
 And supremely happy with Him forever in the next
 Amen.



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Email Information

Community Service Forms are to be sent to dccomserve@gmail.com no later than 7 PM Monday. If not received by the deadline you will be sanctioned for non-compliance.

Special Request Forms are to be sent no later than 7 PM the Monday before Thursday court session to be considered during Thursday staffing meeting to ajdcscr@gmail.com

AA/NA meeting Forms are to be sent to ajcdcaa@gmail.com no later than 7 PM Monday. If not received by the deadline you will be sanctioned for non-compliance.

Graduation Petitions and all program fees and restitution are required to be settled 1 month prior to graduation to ajdcgraduationrequest@gmail.com

Payments are to be sent to ajdcpayments@gmail.com no later than 7 PM Monday to be considered for All-Star. You are responsible for keeping your receipts for verification if needed.

In the event you receive Work Detail you will be required to complete a minimum of 4 hours per week and forms are to be sent to ajdcwd@gmail.com no later than 7 PM Monday



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