

DRUG COURT MISSION



The mission of the Augusta Judicial Circuit Drug Court (AJCDC) is to advance public safety, reduce crime, reduce

costs to our community, and improve individual and community health by providing intensive, integrated, evidence-based court supervision and comprehensive treatment services for drug dependent offenders.

AJC DRUG COURT



Judge	James G. Blanchard, Jr. Sheryl B. Jolly
Coordinator	Elaina Ashley
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Prosecutor	Pete Lamb, ADA Audrey Lewis, ADA Thomas Watkins, ADA
Defense	Tanya Jeffords
Treatment	Ken Wilson
Compliance Officers	Charles Cramer, RCSO Jimmy Lamar, RCSO Roxanne Lamar, RCSO Robert Harrison, RCSO Stephanie Carani, CCSO Doug Stacy, Marshal Omar Rouse, Marshal
Probation Officer	Travis Gauthreaux

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If you would like to be considered as a candidate for participation in the Augusta Judicial Circuit Drug Court program after reviewing the information in this brochure, complete the information below and return to:

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AUGUSTA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ADULT DRUG COURT

The goal of the Augusta Judicial Drug Court (AJCDC) program is to reduce or stop 1) the abuse of drugs/alcohol and 2) criminal activity related to the abuse of those substances. The ADCDC offers a choice to individuals whose criminal justice involvement stems primarily from drug and alcohol abuse. Drug Court affords these offenders the opportunity to participate in a two year, five phase, intensive outpatient substance abuse treatment program.



All legal questions should be directed to your attorney. This brochure is designed to outline the AJCDC program ONLY and is not intended to be regarded as legal advice.

WHAT IS DRUG COURT?

The AJCDC operates consistent with its Policy Manual, which incorporates the National Association of Drug Court Professionals' Drug Court Standards Committee's *Ten Key Components of Drug Courts*. Rules are well defined and easy to understand. Adherence to the Drug Court rules is within the individual's ability to control and comply. Success or failure is based on the participant's performance. The participant's performance is communicated directly to the Judge, who rewards progress or penalizes poor performance and noncompliance. Participants are encouraged to take control of their own recovery.

DRUG COURT OVERVIEW

Participants in the AJCDC are persons who have committed non-violent drug related crimes and have no history of drug sales offenses. Participants can complete the program in a minimum of 24 months; 12 months of continuous sobriety is required in order to graduate from the program. Participants are required to attend outpatient treatment sessions, AA/NA meetings as directed by the Court, weekly court sessions, submit to random/frequent alcohol/drug testing, maintain full time employment or attend school full time, maintain regular Drug Court fee payments, and complete community service or work detail, as directed by the court.

HOW IT WORKS

Referrals

- By counsel (i.e., the Assistant District Attorney, Defense Attorney, or Public Defender).

Eligibility Criteria Include

Defendants who are convicted of, but not limited to:

- Attempted possession or possession of a controlled substance;
- 1st/2nd degree forgery (low monetary amounts), deposit account fraud, theft, financial transaction theft or fraud.

Excluding Factors Include

- Violent felony offense(s) & history; and
- Offenses committed in a different jurisdiction.

PHASE I	PHASE II	PHASE III	PHASE IV	PHASE V
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 3 months Attend 5 - 2 hour treatment sessions weekly Submit a minimum 3 UDS's weekly Acquire a sponsor/verification required to phase up Complete a minimum of 3 hours community services weekly Attend weekly court sessions as scheduled Curfew from 9 pm – 5 am, 6 pm if not employed Must have a minimum of 30 days clean to be considered for phase movement Pay a minimum of \$275 to advance to Phase 2 and 20% of restitution (per phase/if owed) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 3 months Attend 3- 2 hour treatment sessions weekly Submit a minimum 3 UDS's weekly Attend a minimum of 3 AA/NA meetings weekly Attend weekly court sessions as scheduled Curfew from 9 pm – 5 am, 6 pm if not employed Must have a minimum of 45 days clean to be considered for phase movement Pay a minimum of \$800 to advance to Phase 3 and 20% of restitution (per phase/if owed) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 6 months Attend 2 - 2 hour treatment sessions weekly Submit a minimum 3 UDS's weekly Attend a minimum of 3 AA/NA meetings weekly Attend weekly court sessions as scheduled Curfew from 9 pm – 5 am, 6 pm if not employed Must have a minimum of 90 days clean to be considered for phase movement Pay a minimum of \$1700 to advance to Phase 3 and 20% of restitution (per phase/if owed) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 6 months Attend 1 – 2 hour treatment session weekly Submit a minimum 3 UDS's weekly Attend a minimum of 3 AA/NA meetings weekly Attend weekly court sessions as scheduled Curfew from 10 pm – 5 am, 6 pm if not employed Must have a minimum of 180 days clean to be considered for phase movement Must have paid a minimum of \$2600 to advance to Phase 4 and 20% of restitution (per phase/if owed) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 6 months Attend 1-2 hour treatment weekly & Court Sessions Submit a minimum 3 UDS's weekly Attend a minimum of 3 AA/NA meetings weekly Curfew from 10 pm – 5 am, 6 pm if not employed Must have a minimum of 360 days clean to be considered for graduation Must have paid program balance and remaining 20% restitution (if owed) to graduate