

The DeKalb County DUI Court Program is a post-conviction treatment program for individuals that have multiple violations of driving under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicants. It is a part of the probation portion of a DUI sentence. The DUI Court is a team concept involving judges, program director, prosecutor, public defender/defense attorney, probation officer, law enforcement, case manager, treatment coordinator and substance abuse treatment professionals. All members work together to support the participants in addressing and combating substance abuse issues that resulted in the placement in the criminal justice system. The program involves enhanced supervision, counseling, and treatment for the individual to function in the community with continuing support. The program goal is to achieve sobriety of all program participants in order to improve the quality of their lives, eliminate future violations of the law, and enhance public safety. All defendants accepted into the program are assigned to and supervised by State Court Judges Alvin T. Wong, Kimberly K. Anderson and Ana Maria Martinez.



Honesty • Determination • Patience

Participants

“An opportunity to learn ways to cope with difficult life experiences without the use of mind altering substances.”

Participants

“I came into the Program in denial and left with internal insight, self-confidence, better habits, motivation, awareness, life skills and truly rehabilitated.”

Participants

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WELCOME

The DeKalb County DUI Court Program is a post-conviction treatment program for individuals with two or more D.U.I.s in a 5 year period or three or more D.U.I.s in their lifetime.

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The DUI Court Program uses evidence based curriculum including the MEE module, FLEX module, Corrective Actions Journal System, Matrix Model, My Personal Journal, Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT), Seeking Safety and many others. These evidence-based curricula and modules encourage responsible decision making and assists participants in making changes to their high-risk behavior as they progress through the stages of change.

OVERVIEW

The Program is a minimum of 15 months divided into four (4) Phases. Each participant will be evaluated and a treatment plan developed based on that individual's risk and need level.

Program participants are offered the following incentives off of their DUI sentence upon graduation:

- Reduced jail sentence.
- Suspend one-half (½) of the fine amount assessed.
- Receive a total of 240 hours of community service credit.
- Suspend the \$39.00 per month Probation Supervision fee while active in the D.U.I. Court Program.
- Issue Certificate of Eligibility for Ignition Interlock Limited Driving Permit—if eligible.
- Issue a Multiple DUI Offender Program Certificate when eligible for license reinstatement -if required.
- Assistance with transportation costs when funds are available.
- Education/Counseling to acquire the tools and resources to live a more productive and healthy life.

The above incentives may not apply to every individual and/or case.

PHASE LENGTHS & REQUIREMENTS

Phases 1 through 3 are 16 weeks and phase 4 is 12 weeks. Phase movement and graduation will depend upon each participant's active participation and progress. Program requirements and track placement will vary for each participant and will be based on the individual's risks and needs.

- A **minimum** of 3 random urine drug screens per week.
- Attend the required number of group sessions and community support meetings as directed by the individual treatment plan.
- Attend D.U.I. Court status review hearings twice per month.
- Have regular check-ins with the Probation Officer and Case Manager.

MULTIPLE TRACKS

Track 1—High Risk/High Need

Track 2—Low Risk/High Need

Track 3—High Risk/Low Need

COST OF PROGRAM

As a condition of attendance in the Program, participants are required to pay treatment fees in the amount of \$50 per week. Individuals may incur additional costs for missing drug screens, testing positive, testing out of town or replacing a lost workbook.

VIRTUAL / IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

Currently the program is offering some virtual attendance for groups sessions and court attendance. The type of attendance required will be determined once the individual is accepted into the program and is subject to change.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

- Individual is facing a 2nd DUI conviction in the last five years or three or more convictions in their lifetime. A high BAC or indication of alcohol/drug dependency.
- Must have a 24 month probated sentence or have 18 months or more remaining on probation if entering under a probation revocation.
- Live in DeKalb County or contiguous area.
- Have no recent convictions for violent offense.
- Must meet the financial obligations of the program.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

To obtain program information and directions on how to submit an application, please contact the Program Director, Ms. Whaley, at 404-294-2509 or via email at swhaley@dekalbcountyga.gov. Upon receipt of the completed application a clinical assessment and intake appointment will be scheduled. There is a cost of \$50 for the clinical assessment, due the day of the assessment.

TERMINATION

The program is committed to providing participants with an opportunity to become alcohol and drug free. However, continued participation is contingent upon compliance of the program requirements. If non-compliant, a participant may face termination from the program and be scheduled for a probation revocation hearing. Individuals who are terminated from the program are not eligible to receive program incentives, e.g., fine reductions or community service credit.

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Be the *Change*

Keep the *Change*



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