







# ELIGIBILITY ADULT DRUG COURT REQUIREMENTS

-  Adults residing in Rhode Island
-  Charged with an alcohol or other drug (AOD) offense or charged with another nonviolent offense, but with a history of AOD use or abuse
-  Exhibits a history of AOD use, dependency, or abuse
-  No prior adjudication or finding involving a crime of violence and no currently pending charge of a crime of violence
-  Indicate willingness to enter a plea of Nolo Contendere (No Contest)
-  Agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Drug Court as set forth in the Drug Court Contract

# CONTACT ADULT DRUG COURT INFORMATION

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RHODE ISLAND SUPERIOR COURT



# ADULT DRUG COURT

# MISSION STATEMENT

ADULT DRUG COURT

OUR MISSION is to improve the quality of life for individuals who have been ravaged by the negative impact of drugs. This can be achieved through substance abuse treatment, social services and justice interventions. The Drug Court helps reduce the incidence of substance abuse among participants and decreases their involvement in the criminal justice system.



## ADULT DRUG COURT TEAM

Drug Court Judge  
Prosecutor  
Clinical Coordinator  
Probation Officer  
Public Defender  
Drug Court Manager

# PROGRAM FEATURES

ADULT DRUG COURT

Post Plea,  
Post Adjudication Model



Intensive Judicial Supervision



Frequent Random Drug Screens



Treatment Options



Participant Accountability



Incentives



Sanctions



Community and Law  
Enforcement Involvement



Average length of program: 9 to 12 months

# ADULT DRUG COURT GOALS

To IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY.

To REDUCE RECIDIVISM rates among participants.

To increase the participant's ACCOUNTABILITY, particularly in relation to victims and the community.

To build a STRONGER FAMILY unit when appropriate.

To INCREASE COLLABORATION among the criminal justice system, substance abuse treatment providers, educational systems, and ancillary services.

To have participants become RESPONSIBLE AND PRODUCTIVE community members.