#### What if:

I test positive, miss meetings or court, or otherwise fail to comply with the conditions of the program?

You will be given every opportunity to succeed. The goal of the Drug Court program is to help you get clean and sober and live a productive and positive lifestyle for at least 24 months. You will be terminated from the program only if your behavior and attitude clearly and consistently demonstrate that you do not want to be in the program or if you are charged with a new felony. Violating any of the conditions of the program will result in sanctions which may include, but are not limited to, any of the following sanctions:

- Jail Time
- Cash sanctions
- Community Service
- Jury Box Duty
- Clean up duty
- Verbal Warning
- No awards
- Residential Treatment
- House Arrest

In the Drug Court Program, we value honesty, accountability and a positive attitude. Lying will result in harsher sanctions

## **Drug Court Team:**

**Judge** James G. Blanchard, Jr.

Sheryl B. Jolly

Coordinator I Admin Support

Keith Gray Susie Stewart

Prosecutor: Grant Usry, ADA

Amanda Heath, ADA

Falin Syms, ADA

**Defense Counsel:** Tanya Jeffords

**Treatment:** Ken Wilson Helen Johnson

Billie Hullum

Law Enforcement: Charles Cramer, R.C.S.O.

Stephanie Carani, C.C.S.O. Ronnie Collins, Marshall Scott Reese, Marshall Mark Robinson, Marshall

**State Probation**: Clara Glenn, PO II

After reading the information in this brochure, indicate YES or NO if you would like to be considered as a candidate for participation in the Drug Court program, please sign your name below and return this form with YES or NO response to:

Keith Gray, Drug Court Coordinator 735 James Brown Blvd. Suite 2200 Augusta, Georgia 30901 www.augustaga.gov

□YES I would like to be considered for Drug Court □NO I DO NOT want to be considered for Drug Court

Signature		
Street Address		
City	State	Zip
Home Phone Number	Alternate Phone Number	

#### Those on bond:

If you wish to be considered as a candidate and are out on bond, please return form within 48 hours of being released on bond to the Drug Court Coordinators Office or your attorney.

Clinical Assessments and Group Therapy will be held at:

Steppingstones to Recovery 2610 Commons Blvd. Augusta, Georgia 30909 (706) 733-1935

Public Defender Cases Contact: Tanya Jeffords 706-722-3019

Drug Court Questions & Comments Contact:

Keith Gray, Drug Court Coordinator Phone: (706) 823-4424 or

kgray@augustaga.gov

Susie Stewart, Administrative Assistant

Phone: (706) 823-4416 sstewart@augustaga.gov

Fax: (706) 849-3739

## Is Drug Court for me?

## Ask yourself:

Is the use of drugs and/or alcohol part of the reason why I find myself charged with a crime and facing a possible jail sentence?

## What's in it for me?

#### 1) Second Chance

The program offers you the chance to move forward in your life with the new skills that you have learned.

## 2) Healthy Lifestyle

The Treatment Plan is required and will help you take control of your life. You will learn what not to do but more importantly you will learn how to take care of yourself and your family.

## 3) Possible Probation Modification

In some cases, you will be allowed to remain on probation and upon successful completion; the Court will modify your remaining probation sentence, if any, to unsupervised probation.

## 4) First Offender Status

Successful completion of the Drug Court program will also allow you to maintain your first offender status, if applicable.

## 5) Dismissal of Charges

After successful completion of the Drug Court program the District Attorney will dismiss the charges against you.

## We are here to help! Nobody said it would be easy.

Inside, you will find the requirements for the Drug Court program. We want to see you succeed and use the program to make a better life for yourself.

## **Goal of the Program**

The goal of the Drug Court team is to provide you with tools to remain clean and sober. The decision is up to you. The length of the program will be based on the choices you make.

# How do I become a participant in the Drug Court program?

Not everyone is eligible for Drug Court.

**-Submit** this brochure, referral form, or email Drug Court Coordinator Keith Gray at:

kgray@augustaga.gov

- **-Your criminal history** will be screened by the District Attorney's Office to determine eligibility.
- **-You will be interviewed** by Keith Gray, Drug Court Coordinator to review program.
- **-If you still wish to participate**, you will meet with our treatment provider for a clinical screening.
- **-All the above** will be reviewed by the Drug Court team at a Drug Court staff meeting.
- **-If you are accepted** into Drug Court, you will meet with your attorney to complete/review Drug contract and legal paperwork for entry into Drug Court.

## **Drug Court Overview**

**Post-Plea-** this means you admit your guilt for your current offense and waive your right to a trial or hearing (on any of the legal issues).

**Pre-Adjudication**-this means that although you will enter a guilty plea you will not be sentenced for the offense(s) if you successfully complete the minimum 24 month program; the charges against you will then be **DISMISSED.** 

#### COURT CORE REQUIREMENTS: PROGRAM PHASES

#### Phase 1 3 month minimum INITIAL

- Stay Clean & Sober; do not drink or use drugs
- Court attendance 1x per week
- Home Curfew 9pm to5am & Nightly Call In
- AA/NA or other support recovery group 7x per week with proof of attendance
- Counseling/Treatment Sessions 5x per week
- Drug Screens 3x per week
- Breathalyzers upon request
- Work that is provable and verifiable, at least PT; if not employed, then do community service;
- School or vocational training as an alternative to employment
- \$50.00 Drug Court Participation fee(one time fee) Court fees \$150.00 per month
- Weekly Community Service (4 hours)
- Minimum of **30 days clean** before moving forward to next phase, \$275.00 paid on fees and 20% of restitution.
- Continue in compliance with individual treatment plan

## Phase 2 3 month minimum INITIAL\_

## Stay Clean & Sober; do not drink or use drugs

- Court attendance 1x per week
- Home Curfew 9pm to5am & Nightly Call In
- AA/NA or other support recovery group 7x per week with proof of attendance
- Counseling/Treatment Sessions 3x per week
- Drug Screens 3x per week
- Breathalyzers upon request
- Employment, School, or vocational training.
- Court fees \$150.00 per month
- Minimum of 45 days clean before moving forward to next phase, \$800.00 paid on fees and 40% of restitution.
- Continue with treatment plan

## Phase 3 6 month minimum INITIAL

- Stay Clean & Sober; do not drink or use drugs
- Court attendance 1x per week
- Home Curfew 9pm to5am & Nightly Call In
- AA/NA or other support recovery group 7x per week with proof of attendance
- Counseling/Treatment Sessions 2x per week
- Drug Screens 3x per week
- Breathalyzer upon request
- Employment, School, or vocational training.
- Court fees \$150.00 per month
- Minimum of 90 days clean before moving forward to next phase, \$1700 paid on fees and 60% of restitution.
- Continue with treatment plan

#### Phase 4 6 month minimum INITIAL

- Stay Clean & Sober; do not drink or use drugs
- Court attendance 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday(2x per month)
- Home Curfew 10pm to5am & Nightly Call In
- AA/NA or other support recovery group 7x per week with proof of attendance
- Counseling/Treatment Sessions 1x per week 2hrs
- Drug Screens 3x per week
- Breathalyzer upon request
- Become eligible to be a mentor
- Employment, School, or vocational training.
- Court fees \$150.00 per month
- Minimum of 6 months clean before moving forward to next phase, \$2600 paid on fees and 80% of restitution.
- Continue with treatment plan

### Phase 5 6 month minimum INITIAL

- Stay Clean & Sober; do not drink or use drugs
- Court attendance 2x per month
- Home Curfew 10pm to5am & Nightly Call In
- AA/NA or other support recovery group as directed by treatment provider & Drug Court Team
- Counseling/Treatment Sessions 1x per week 1hr
- Drug Screens 3x per week
- Breathalyzer on request
- Court fees \$150.00 per month
- Minimum of 12 months clean before Graduation, 100% of fees and restitution paid.
- Aftercare-continue with treatment plan

#### **Graduation Preparation**

#### INITIAL

## Upon completion of treatment all participants will adhere to the following until graduation:

- Stay Clean & Sober; do not drink or use drugs
- Court attendance 1st and 3rd Thursday's
- Drug Screens 3x per week(\$5.00 each)
- Breathalyzer on request
- Continued Law Enforcement Home Visits
- Continue AA/NA or other support recovery group Meetings
- Daily or Nightly Call Ins to Drug Court Coordinator
- Fees MUST be paid in full

## **Termination from the program**

- 1. New Felony offense
- 2. Consistent failure to follow program rules and requirements.