

Sanctions/Incentives/Graduation

Sanctions

It is the intention of the Alcohol & Drug Program to work closely with its participants to ensure success in their completion of the court program. However, participants who fail to meet phase requirements may be required to complete additional treatment, community service, or incarceration.

Incentives

Participants who comply with all rules of the Alcohol & Drug Court Program will be eligible to receive various rewards and benefits.

Graduation

All participants who successfully complete the requirements of the Alcohol & Drug Court Program will receive a certificate of completion from the court and will participate in our graduation ceremony.



Community Benefits

Reduces repetitive drug related offenses

Provides for enhanced offender supervision and accountability

Returns the offender to the community as a productive member of society

Increases community safety

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Date: _____

Time: **am** **pm**

RICHMOND COUNTY STATE COURT

ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS Alcohol & Drug Program



Rehabilitating Lives Through.....

*Dedication
Diligence
Determination*

Committed to making a difference in the Community and in Partnership with the Community.



Honorable David D. Watkins
Honorable Patricia W. Booker

INTENT OF THE ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS

Traditional approaches to sentencing (i.e. periods of confinement, fines, community service, interlock devices, substance abuse treatment and risk reduction courses) alone are simply inadequate to address abusive and/or addictive behavior. The Accountability Court team which includes Judges, prosecutors, defense counsel, substance abuse treatment counselors, law enforcement, and the Accountability Court Coordinator will work together providing the opportunity to the offender to deal with drug related problems as well as educate those who are demonstrating a path towards addictive behavior.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Accountability Court – Alcohol & Drug Program is to confront the substance abuse issue underlying the repetitive pattern of offenders and to reduce recidivism through enhanced supervision, treatment, and individual accountability.

REQUIREMENTS

Prior to being placed in the Alcohol & Drug Court Program the following eligibility requirements must be met:

- The candidate must have been arrested on an alcohol or drug related offense
- The candidate must not be a violent offender.
- The candidate must be under the jurisdiction of the State Court of Richmond County.

COST

- Weekly fee of \$31.25
Alcohol & Drug treatment fee
(includes drug screen)

PHASES OF THE ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM

Alcohol & Drug Program

Phase 1 - (8 weeks) attend 2 counseling sessions per month, 16 hours of community service, drug screens, attend monthly court sessions.

Phase 2 - (8 weeks) – attend 1 counseling session per month, 8 hours of community service, drug screens, attend monthly court session.

Phase 3 - (8 weeks) – attend 1 counseling session per month, drug screens, attend monthly court session.

