

### **Drug Court Mission**

The mission of the AJCDC is to reduce the impact of drug related crime by providing comprehensive treatment to substance abusers with the goal of improving public safety and decreasing the financial burden of drug addiction to the entire community.

### **Mission Check:**

**Purpose:** Reduce impact of drug related...crime

**Business:** Provide treatment to substance abusers

**Values:** Improve public safety & decrease financial burden of drug addiction.

### **Goals & Objectives:**

- Reduce incidence of criminal activity, creating safer communities.
- Reduce substance abuse among offenders by providing strong accountability that increases treatment compliance and successful outcomes
- Reduce the financial burden of drug addiction to our community, saving taxpayer money.
- Stabilizing families by breaking the cycle of addiction through highly structured treatment process that includes monitored drug screening, mandatory employment/school attendance, and regular court appearances.

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AJC Drug Court

**Drug Court Judge:** The Honorable James G. Blanchard

**District Attorney:** Ashley Wright, Al Corey, Pittman Morris  
& Falin Rogers

**Public Defender:** Tanya Jeffords

**Richmond County Sheriff's Office**

**Columbia County Sheriff's Office:**  
John Wheeler & Stephanie Carani

**Burke County Sheriff's Office**

**Service Providers Lead:** Jones Behavioral Health, Inc.



# Augusta Judicial Circuit Drug Court (AJCDC)



**Richmond County  
Municipal Building**



**Columbia County  
Government Center**



**Burke County  
Courthouse**

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*Eligibility Requirements for Program Entry are as follows:*

**Qualifying offense:**

- Possession with intent
- Manufacturing
- Entering an automobile
- Prescription forgery
- Theft by taking
- Habitual violator
- DWI Drugs
- Shoplifting
- Burglary
- Family violence misdemeanor
- Prostitution
- Battery
- Disorderly conduct
- Cruelty to children in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Disqualifying offense characteristics**

- Trafficking
- Sale
- No violent felony (Georgia State 7 violent)
- Prior history
- Child molestation, Sex offenders
- Robbery by force, Robbery by intimidation
- Manslaughter

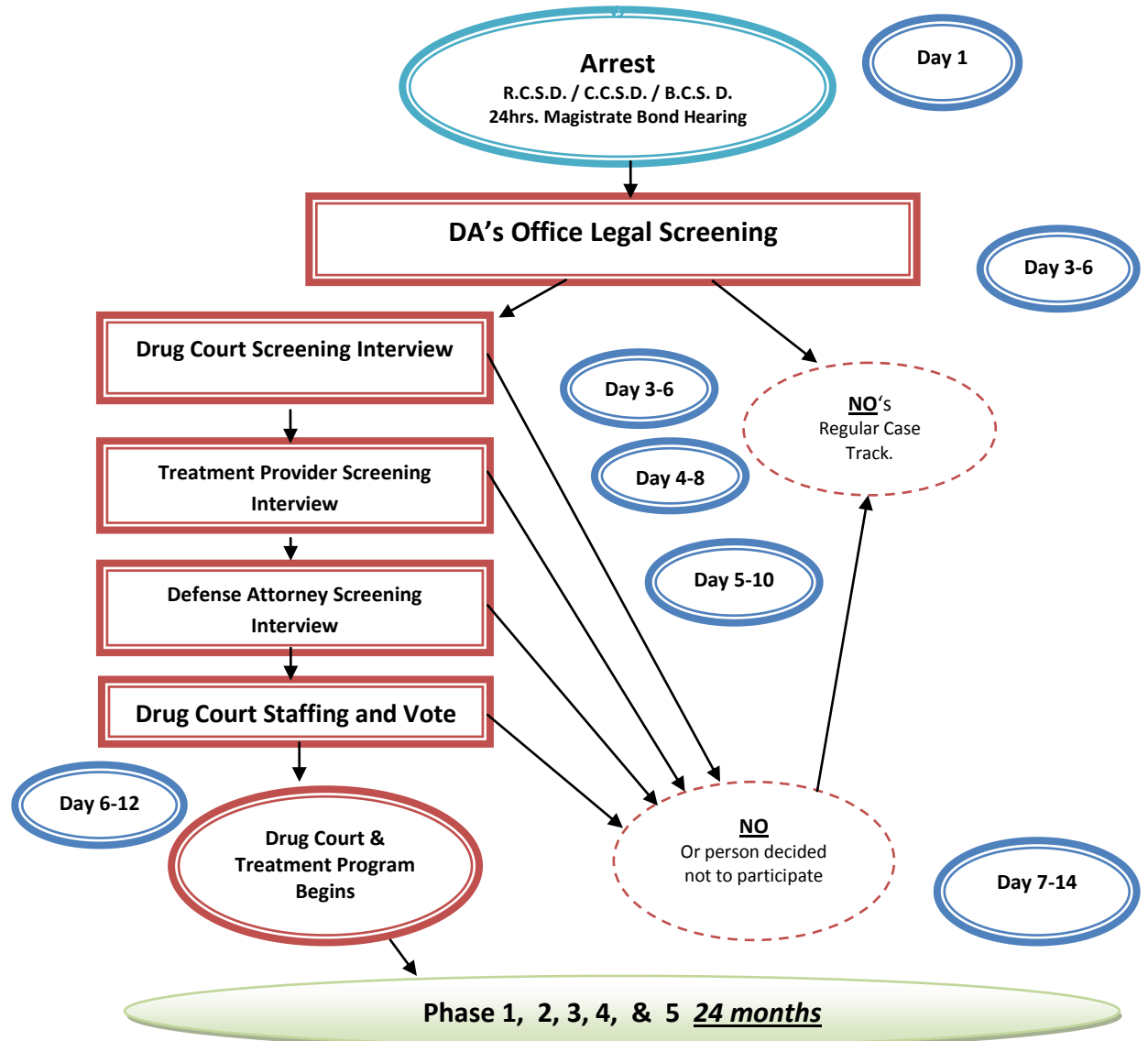
**Qualifying Characteristics of our offenders**

- Circuit resident (Richmond or Columbia county)
- At least 17 years old
- Drug dependent
- Triggering arrest
- probation violations

**Disqualifying characteristics of our offenders**

- Severe medical; Severe mental; Alcohol use only

**AJCDC Entry Process Flow Chart**



*The Augusta Judicial Circuit Drug Court is a partnership among Judiciary, District Attorney, Law Enforcement, Drug Court Office, Treatment Providers, Defense Attorneys, and Probation Service Representatives.*