

## Team Members:

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## How Does Drug Court Work?

- ✓ Participants are repeat drug offenders
- ✓ Sex offenders and drug dealers are NOT eligible for the program
- ✓ Every participant appears in Court, pleads guilty to pending charges and is sentenced
- ✓ Prison bound for four to eleven years in the penitentiary
- ✓ Sentence is deferred with admission to Drug Court
- ✓ Failure to meet program requirements means immediate imposition of that sentence

The Drug Court Team invites  
you to visit open Court on  
Thursdays at 1:30pm in  
Courtroom 6B.

## Second Judicial Circuit Drug Court



### MISSION

The Second Judicial Circuit Drug Court is a creative alternative aimed at keeping more individuals out of prison, lowering costs to the state, reducing crime and recidivism. We also strive to improve the quality of life for our participants through intensive treatment, supervision, incentives and sanctions

## What is Drug Court?

The Second Judicial Circuit Drug Court provides an innovative approach to rehabilitating those who have committed more than one non-violent drug-related crime. Instead of prison time, the Drug Court guarantees supervision and allows offenders access to counseling, treatment and support in order to help them overcome addiction. The Drug Court also enables participants to pay their taxes during rehabilitation, rather than putting their burden on the rest of the community. Participants in the Drug Court are repeat offenders who are employed and repaying Court costs, fines and child support while they work toward achieving and maintaining sobriety.

## What is the History of the Drug Court in Sioux Falls?

The Second Judicial Circuit Drug Court in Sioux Falls officially began in January of 2011.

The Drug Court Program combines intensive addiction treatment, supervision and counseling with support and positive role models. Participants are closely monitored not only to protect the public, but also to help them return to society as sober and productive members of their community.

## Who Pays?

- ✓ The Drug Court participants
- ✓ Each participant must maintain housing and pay for rent, utilities and all other expenses
- ✓ Every participant must be employed
- ✓ Every participant must pay court costs, fines and any other bills accumulated
- ✓ The Drug Court team volunteers their time and talent to keep Drug Court operating

## How Can You Help?

- ✓ Volunteer to become a mentor to our participants
- ✓ Serve on the Drug Court Stakeholder Committee
- ✓ Donate goods and services to Drug Court (food coupons, gas cards, certificates for hair cuts, etc.)
- ✓ Consider Drug Court participants when hiring for your business
- ✓ Consider renting to a Drug Court Participant.



If you have any questions or want to learn more about this program please contact Kallie Steffens at  
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