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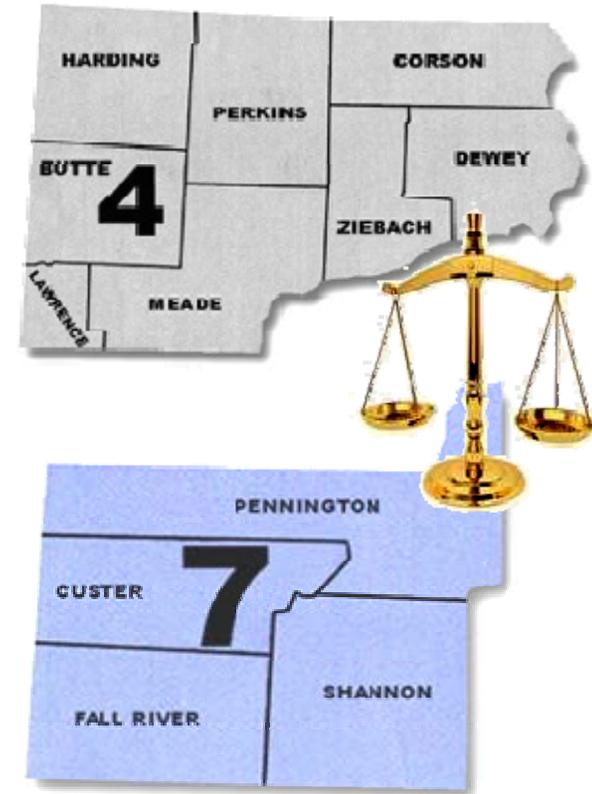
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REFERRAL PROCESS

The offender is charged with a felony crime related to drug abuse or dependence upon a controlled street substance, or violates felony probation due to substance abusing patterns.

The offender must be within the jurisdiction of the Fourth or Seventh Judicial Circuit, and willing to reside within a 40-mile radius of the Meade County Courthouse.

The offender must be approved for Drug Court by the prosecuting attorney.

The offender must be diagnosed with abuse and/or dependence upon a controlled street substance.

The offender (and counsel) must submit a signed application to the Drug Court Coordinator.

The offender pleads guilty to the felony, or admits to the violation, accepting full responsibility.

The offender is screened, voted upon, and deemed an appropriate candidate by the Drug Court Team.

The sentencing Judge must order the offender to the Drug Court as an adult probationary condition (SDCL 16-12B-14.1).

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This voluntary program includes extensive drug testing, drug and alcohol counseling to include group and individual sessions, mental health treatment, educational requirements, anger management, social support, and parenting support.

Northern Hills Alcohol and Drug (NHAD) provides the treatment and counseling services. NHAD or the Drug Court Team will make referrals to other providers, as deemed necessary. The Drug Court requires active participation in 12-Step meetings.

The Drug Court participant is required to be employed, attend school, complete community service, and/or a combination of the three. The Drug Court Team may assist with referrals toward housing, higher education, skills training, and/or job placement.

The Court Services Officer(s) will supervise each participant by conducting home visits, interviewing employers, family, school officials, and/or community service providers. The Drug Court participant will be frequently tested for drug and alcohol usage throughout the program.

Program length is dependent upon each participant's progress toward treatment objectives, accountability, and meeting all minimum phase requirements.

TREATMENT DESCRIPTION

Level I - Stabilization/Adjust. (72hrs)

Mandatory AA/NA attendance
Weekly Court Hearings
Early Recovery Skills: 3 hrs per week
Relapse Prevention: 3 hrs per week
Family Education: 1½ hrs per week
Thinking Barriers: 1½ hrs per week
30 days clean & sober

Level II - Early Recovery (30hrs)

Mandatory AA/NA attendance
Weekly Court Hearings
Relapse Prevention: 1½ hrs per week
Dual Diagnosis Group: 1½ hrs per week
Anger Management: 1½ hrs per week
Family Ed/Support: 1½ hrs per week
90 days clean & sober

Level III - Recovery Living (54hrs)

Mandatory AA/NA attendance
Bi-Weekly Court Hearings
Social Support: 1½ hrs per week
180 days clean & sober

Level IV - Community Monitoring

Mandatory AA/NA attendance
Monthly Court Hearings
Social Support: as recommended
Individual Counseling: as recommended
Graduation Ceremony

Standard Probation

Mandatory AA/NA attendance
Individualized Sobriety Plans
Successful Discharge