

How Can You Help?

- ✓ Consider Drug Court participants when hiring for your business or for volunteer services
- ✓ Donate money to support Drug Court, which can help with food, housing, personal care, health expenses and incentives
- ✓ Donate goods or services to Drug Court (gift cards for groceries, gas, haircuts, etc.). Ask about how incentives work for ideas on how you might be able to assist.
- ✓ Volunteer to be a mentor to our participants
- ✓ Learn about the Drug Court program and be an advocate in the community
- ✓ Attend Drug Court Sessions and support the participants on their journey
- ✓ Invite Team Members to speak at your organization, service club, or church

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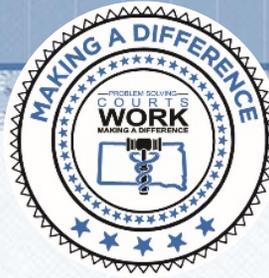
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South Dakota
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Brookings County
Drug Court

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Improving Communities”*



PROGRAM OUTLINE

- Participation is voluntary and begins with a guilty plea
- Program is divided into 5 phases, and is a minimum of 420 days
- Alcohol and drug testing is a major component of the program
- Supervision is provided pursuant to the court ordered conditions
- Treatment is provided for Chemical Dependency and Mental Health needs, as warranted by evidenced-based, individual assessments
- Incentives and sanctions are determined on a case-by-case basis
- Participants are monitored by a team and make regular court appearances in front of a Judge throughout the program
- Participants are ordered to pay all fees as imposed by individual court orders

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Brookings County Drug Court is designed for persons whose problems are rooted in substance abuse. Since an individual enters this intensely-supervised program voluntarily, they must be motivated to work toward changing their lifestyle and becoming free of alcohol and chemical addiction. The program is accessible regardless of age, religion, sex, ethnic origin, sexual preference, marital status, or physical and/or mental disability.

Brookings County Drug Court is a court-managed, intervention treatment program, designed to provide a cost-effective alternative to traditional criminal case processing. If clients are eligible and have been chosen to participate in this program, they must be willing to commit to the entire program. The program takes a minimum of 420 days to successfully complete. At any time during participation in the program, the client can be terminated from the program, returned to Circuit Court and the imposition of a traditional sentence.

PARTICIPANT GOALS

- Freedom from drug and alcohol use
- Learn healthy life coping skills
- Adjust to a drug/alcohol free lifestyle
- Develop a non-criminal pattern of living
- Enhance employment skills
- Increase social skills
- Enhance self-esteem and self-motivation
- Develop a relapse prevention plan
- Accept responsibility for financial obligations and learn budgeting skills
- Develop time management skills
- Build a network of sober, supportive people
- Reconnect and rebuild family relationships

The mission of the Brookings County Drug Court is to enhance public safety with the goal of developing sober, productive, law-abiding citizens by holding the offender accountable while providing supervision, treatment, and life skills in a judicial setting.