

## INTAKE/REFERRAL PROCESS

1. The Drug Court Prosecutor screens potential Drug Court candidates for legal eligibility
2. The Drug Court Prosecutor makes a formal written offer to eligible Drug Court candidates through their defense attorney
3. The applicant completes and submits the Drug Court application to the Pennington County Drug Court, in the Court Services Office of the Pennington County Courthouse
4. The applicant enters a guilty plea and their defense attorney signs the applicant up for a Presentence Investigation (PSI)
5. The applicant and their defense attorney meet with the Drug Court Defense Attorney to complete the Waivers and Consent
6. The applicant completes an updated Treatment Needs Assessment at ROADS Outpatient Treatment
7. The applicant meets with a Court Services Officer (CSO) to complete a Presentence Investigation (PSI) and Level of Service Inventory-Revised (LSI-R) risk/needs assessment
8. The applicant meets with Drug Court Court Services Officers (CSOs) for a Drug Court interview
9. The Drug Court team discusses the applicant's information and the Drug Court Judge decides whether to accept or deny the pending application

## PENNINGTON COUNTY DRUG COURT TEAM

Honorable Matt Brown (Judge)

Ashlee May (Coordinator)

Arman Zeljkovic (Prosecutor)

Randal Connelly (Defense Attorney)

Bridget Secrest (Court Services)

Matt Paulsen (Court Services)

Barb Samson (Addiction Treatment)

E. Jason Stamper (Mental Health Treatment)

Lieutenant Cathy Bock (RCPD)

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**You are welcome to observe the  
Pennington County Drug Court.  
Court sessions are held at  
3:00PM every Wednesday in the  
Pennington County Courthouse.**

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions or want to learn more about the Pennington County Drug Court program, please contact:

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# PENNINGTON COUNTY DRUG COURT



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## MISSION

**The mission of the Pennington County Drug Court program is to increase community safety, break the cycle of addiction, and foster healthy families by holding offenders accountable through a judicially-monitored court program to promote long-term recovery.**

## PROGRAM OUTLINE

The Pennington County Drug Court is a post-adjudication treatment court for offenders who are substantially affected by drug and/or alcohol addiction. Drug Court is a voluntary program, and is abstinence-based and intensive in nature. Drug Court includes regular appearances before the Drug Court judge, frequent and random drug and alcohol testing, addiction counseling in individual and group settings, mental health counseling in individual and group settings, a system of behavior modification based on incentives and sanctions, assessment for participation in complementary treatment and social services, participation in community support groups and pro-social activities, employment or education programs, and intense community supervision by the Drug Court team. The Pennington County Drug Court requires participants to participate in community support groups and to be employed.

The Pennington County Drug Court is a 5-phase intervention program. Drug Court is sobriety-based with specific goals and activities required in each phase. Once phase requirements are met, transition to the next phase will occur with approval from the Drug Court team. The program length differs for each participant, but is no less than 14 months.

## WHAT IS DRUG COURT

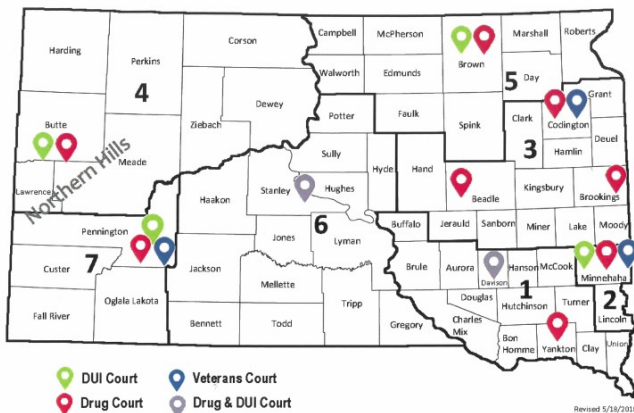
Drug Court is a judicially supervised alternative to incarceration and includes drug, driving under the influence, and other specialty court dockets aimed at increasing public safety, increasing offender accountability, and decreasing recidivism from chemically dependent offenders. Drug Courts are managed by a non-adversarial and multidisciplinary team including judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, probation, treatment providers, and law enforcement.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Voluntary participation
- ✓ At least 18 years of age
- ✓ Felony drug or alcohol related offense
- ✓ Not convicted of distribution of a controlled substance or marijuana
- ✓ No history of violent offense or sex offense convictions
- ✓ High Risk / High Need
- ✓ Not on parole
- ✓ Willing to maintain residency restrictions



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## PROGRAM GOALS

- ◆ Increase public safety by integrating addiction treatment and mental health services within the criminal justice system
- ◆ Engage participants in treatment and recovery
- ◆ Enhance social functioning of participants
- ◆ Connect participants with positive support networks within the community
- ◆ Ensure behavioral and financial accountability of participants
- ◆ Reduce recidivism rates of non-violent chemically dependent offenders