

Denton County DWI/Drug Court Phases

Phase I

Duration: Up to 20 weeks (5mos)

1. Attend DWI/Drug Court Bi-Monthly
2. Report to CSO weekly, includes reporting to court
3. Submit to alcohol/drug testing weekly
4. Attend 12 Step Meetings, minimum of 2 weekly, documented
5. Complete Repeat Offender Program, per court order prior to beginning IOP
6. Begin participating in IOP
7. Attend individual counseling, as directed by CSO/counselor
8. Begin looking for sponsor
9. Begin writing assignment of charting drinking, similar to life story

Develop criteria for successful completion of Phase I (needs to coincide with time frame for phase I)

- a. consistent attendance or completion of ROP
- b. no absences from court or meetings w/CSO
- c. documented consistent 12 step meeting attendance
- d. has temp or perm sponsor
- e. writing in journal
- f. no positive UAS

Phase II

Duration: 16-20 Weeks

1. Attend DWI/Drug Court Bi-Monthly
2. Report to CSO monthly
3. Submit to alcohol/drug testing bi-monthly
4. Attend 12 Step Meetings, minimum of 2 weekly, documented
5. Continue participation in IOP or Aftercare (once ROP is complete)
6. Continue attending individual counseling, as directed by CSO/counselor
7. Obtain Sponsor, begin working steps with sponsor
8. Continue writing assignment

Develop criteria for successful completion of Phase II (needs to coincide with time frame for phase II)

- g. consistent attendance or completion of ROP
- h. attendance in IOP
- i. no absences from court or meetings w/CSO
- j. documented consistent 12 step meeting attendance
- k. has perm sponsor
- l. writing in journal
- m. no positive UAS

Phase III

Duration: min. 3 mos

1. Attend DWI/Drug Court Bi-Monthly
2. Report to CSO Monthly
3. Submit to alcohol/drug testing monthly
4. Continue attending 12 Step meetings, documenting
5. Continue working steps with sponsor
6. Continue writing or journaling
7. Complete Aftercare
8. Continue individual counseling, as directed by CSO/counselor
9. Begin completing other COPs at this point
 - a. csr
 - b. GED
 - c. Parenting classes
 - d. Life skills

Develop criteria for successful completion of Phase III

(needs to coincide with time frame for phase III)

- n. consistent attendance or completion of IOP/aftercare
- o. no absences from court or meetings w/CSO
- p. documented consistent 12 step meeting attendance
- q. has perm sponsor
- r. writing in journal
- s. no positive UAs

Denton County DWI Court

MISSION STATEMENT:

Create an interdisciplinary team of community stakeholders and criminal justice professionals who will work together to intervene (providing evaluation, education, and treatment) in the lives of intoxicated drivers to promote recovery, accountability, reduced recidivism, community safety, positive behavioral changes, drug free lifestyle and reduction of criminal activity.

GOALS:

- Reduce Recidivism rates of Offenders
- Reduce DWI related injuries and deaths
- To facilitate behavioral modifications through a structured team oriented approach to a known problem
- Save Lives
- Increase accountability
- Assess for Level of AODA involvement and make reasonable recommendations for treatment (evaluation and treatment)

ELIGIBILITY/APPROPRIATENESS

Inclusion:

Plea of guilty
2nd or 3rd conviction
Denton County Resident (**if not, case by case basis**)
Multiple AOD Offenses (alcohol, other drug)
17 yoa +
US citizen
AOD **Dependence** (alcohol, other drug)
Mood Disorders (Axis I non psychotic)

Exclusion:

Trial (taking case to trial denies offense)
No Prior DWI Court
Violation of Probation (**this is not used as a sanction**)
Intoxicated Assault/Manslaughter, **case by case basis**
Violent Offenses, Class C, **case by case basis**
Psychotic disorders
Certain Axis II (certain personality & developmental disabilities)
AOD **Abuse** (alcohol, other drug)

- I. Screening//Assessment Process
 - A. **The prosecutor will determine which cases meet legal eligibility requirements**
 - B. Probation officers who conduct the presentence investigation (PSI) interview may recommend cases for consideration.
 - C. The offender will be referred for clinical assessment if the prosecutor determines that the offender meets legal eligibility requirements. Assessments will include approved assessment instruments, such as the Addiction Severity Index (ASI), to determine alcohol/drug dependence.
 - D. The probation officer will complete a risk/needs assessment for offenders placed in the program.

- II. Referrals
 - A. **Referrals may be initiated by the prosecutor, defense attorney, or probation officer.**
 - B. All placements in the program will be made by court order

- III. Intake Process
 - A. The probation officer will explain all conditions of probation and rules of the DWI/Drug Court program to the probationer
 - B. The probation officer will provide a DWI/Drug Court folder to the probationer
 - C. The probationer will sign the DWI/Drug Court contract.