

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Drug Courts are an Effective Intervention

Adult Drug Court

The Adult Drug Court (ADC) provides a community-based, multi-disciplinary, court-centered approach to the treatment of adults who enter the justice system due to behaviors substantially related to substance abuse issues.

The program is administered by the Court along with the support and assistance of judges, prosecutors, public defenders, law enforcement, probation officers, counseling and treatment staff, educators and community leaders.

By means of this “network”, the program manages the progress and rehabilitation of its participants utilizing court-ordered treatment programs designed to improve the mental, physical and emotional health of all participants admitted to the program. Those who successfully complete the program receive substantial legal benefits, such as a reduced sentence, dismissed charges, or an early release from supervision.

Vision

The Fourth Judicial District Adult Drug Court Program seeks to improve the community we serve through the treatment and rehabilitation of offenders with substance abuse problems.

Mission & Goals

The mission of the program is to stop the abuse of alcohol and other drugs, including related criminal activity, by providing a well-coordinated multi-disciplinary approach involving judicial intervention, treatment, education, and intensive supervision of adult offenders; and to promote the development of a drug and alcohol free lifestyle by building pro-social and supportive relationships with family, peers and community.

Our goals are to divert these offenders from the New Mexico State Corrections Department prison system, and reduce the incidence of repeat offenders.

Target Population

The ADC’s target population is males and female who can be classified as non-violent offenders, and include felony drug offenses charged with:

- Drug possession, use, or trafficking of nominal amounts.
- Charged with a felony offense where defendant’s drug use or abuse is a significant element of the offense.
- Are eligible for standard probation supervision.
- Have a history of substance abuse & limited participation in treatment.
- Are in need of drug education, substance abuse outpatient counseling, case management, surveillance, & drug monitoring.
- Present an acceptable risk for release to the community, as determined by the Drug Court Team.
- Are identified, screened and approved by the Drug Court Team for participation prior to final sentencing.
- Need monitoring through random urinalysis and breath analysis; and
- Have no other significant treatment issues, which would delay and/or prevent program completion

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