

Bentonville DWI Court Plan

(A) Overview

- i. Benton County DWI Court is designed for people who have multiple DWI's. Participants plead guilty and are sentenced to DWI Court. It addresses the root cause of impaired driving. Hopefully, by treatment it will be an Accountability Court (changing behaviors of hardcore offenders) and protect public safety.
- ii. The Building Principles:
 1. Determine the Population -Targeting, a process to I.D. a subset of DWI offenders (Repeat Offenders)
 2. Perform Clinical Assessment
 3. Treatment Plan
 4. Supervise the offender
 5. Forge Agency, Organization and Community Partnerships
 6. Take a Judicial Leadership Role
 7. Develop case management strategies
 8. Address transportation issues
 9. Evaluate the Program
 10. Ensure a sustainable program
- iii. Drug Court Team- Judge makes all the decisions regarding participation in program with input from DWI Court Team. Team consists of:
 1. Prosecutor
 2. DWI Court Coordinator
 3. Defense attorney\ Public Defender
 4. Probation Officers
 5. Law Enforcement
 6. Treatment Provider
- iv. Program Rules --
 1. Total abstinence from use of drugs and alcohol
 2. Attend court and treatment sessions as scheduled, submit to random alcohol and drug testing
 3. Not associate with people who use or possess drugs
 4. Keep DWI Court Team informed of current address and phone number at all times
 5. Consent to search when required
 6. Inform Court immediately if have contact with Law Enforcement
 7. Abide by all rules and regulations imposed by DWI Court Team.

Phase I

- Court and supervision appointment every week
- Treatment

- Support group
- Supervised probation requirements
- Contact with Probation Officer once a week
- Drug/alcohol testing at least 2x/week
- Home / job visits
- Pay all associated fees and costs
- Journal
- Curfew
- Sign Zero Tolerance Agreement
- Sign Memorandum of Understanding
- Pay Phase I fees of \$150/ month
Minimum of 3 month

Phase II

- Court and supervision appointment every 2 weeks
- Treatment
- Support group
- Supervised probation requirements
- Contact with Probation Officer 1x every 2 weeks
- Drug/alcohol every 2 weeks
- Home / job visits
- Pay all associated fees and costs
- Continue journal
- Curfew
- Job search or work to obtain GED
- Phase II fee \$150/ month
Minimum of 4 month

Phase III

- Court and supervision appointment once a month
- Treatment as needed
- Support group
- Supervised probation requirements
- Contact with Probation Officer minimum once a week
- Drug/alcohol testing 1x / month
- Relax home / job visits
- Pay all associated fees and costs
- Continue journal
- Relaxed curfew
- Have a job / obtain a GED
- Complete Defensive Driving Class
- Complete a Life Skills Course
- Pay Phase II fee of \$150/ month
Minimum of 5 months

- v. Authority: National Center for DWI Courts, DWI Court Training and Technical Assistance Initiative is a project of the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The program conforms to Arkansas sentencing laws, including fines, fees, court costs and probation assessments.
- vi. Funding: Payment plan is established with the Court until all fees are paid in full. Participants pay for treatment and second opinion drug tests. Program fees cover program mandated drug tests conducted at courthouse and Initial Assessment through treatment provider.
- vii. Graduation:
 1. Complete each Phase of program (minimum 12 months)
 2. Demonstrated sobriety for at least 120 consecutive days
 3. Team determines you are eligible.