

MONROE COUNTY

Drug Treatment Court Program

Participant Handbook

and

Program Information

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WELCOME

Welcome to the Monroe County Drug Treatment Court Program, a division of the Monroe Circuit Court Probation Department. The Drug Treatment Court Program is one of four Monroe County Problem- Solving Courts.

If you are reading this, you are likely being considered as a possible Drug Treatment Court participant or have been accepted into the program based on your history of substance abuse and involvement in the criminal justice system. We believe a participant's active participation in this program assists in improving quality of life.

This handbook is designed to answer questions, address concerns, and provide overall information about the Drug Treatment Court (DTC) Program. This handbook will detail what is expected of you as a DTC participant and will provide you with general program information. All participants are encouraged to share this handbook with family and friends.

Problem Solving Courts are based on decades of research on how to effectively help a person recover from substance use disorder issues while involved in the criminal justice system. During the first portion of DTC, you will be going through drastic changes. Your life will be very structured - there will be many requirements for you to meet and the terms of your community supervision will be intense. It is a major adjustment for most people, and it will be difficult. The benefits, however, are many. Participation in a Problem Solving Court (PSC) is truly a chance for you to change your life!

As a participant of the program, you will be expected to follow all of the instructions given by the Judge and DTC staff, as well as comply with the case plan developed by you, your case manager/probation officer, and your treatment team.

Please read this handbook carefully and refer back to it frequently while participating in DTC. Knowing the rules will help you succeed in DTC and in life after commencement. Participation in DTC is considered a privilege and not a right. The goal is that the changes you make while involved in DTC will positively influence you for the rest of your life.

PROBLEM SOLVING COURT MISSION

The mission of the Monroe County Problem Solving Court is to provide an opportunity and resources to offenders by addressing criminogenic risk factors and behaviors through supervision and treatment. The PSC affords this opportunity for change through substance abuse/mental health treatment, judicial interactions, case management, frequent drug testing, and the use of sanctions and reinforcers/incentives.

OVERVIEW

The Monroe County DTC is for adults who have been charged with one or more felony criminal offenses and are struggling with persistent substance abuse and mental health issues. The program is a collaboration between the Courts, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, Probation Department, Jail, and treatment providers.

Your participation requires frequent court appearances, active participation in your treatment plan, medication management, and cooperation with community supervision (probation). The court-ordered terms of your community supervision will be monitored by your case manager who is a certified probation officer.

Problem solving court programs are different than probation. In problem solving courts, positive and negative behavior result in a swift reaction. When you move forward and achieve success, you will be incentivized and recognized by the Court and your fellow participants. If you commit violations, sanctions will be imposed in a graduated manner, which means the severity of the situation and your progress in the program will be factored into the response.

Participation is VOLUNTARY. If you choose to become a participant, you will be expected to: follow ALL orders of the Court; follow a treatment plan which could include medication management, recovery coaching, case management, and therapy; and fully comply with every facet of these requirements.

Our expectation of your participation can be summed up in three basic rules:

- 1. Show Up**
- 2. Work Hard**
- 3. Be Honest**

While you will be receiving support from several agencies and resources, YOU are the person who will be expected to put the work into your recovery and progress. As noted, you will be expected to **actively** participate in the program, which may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- 1. Personal Investment:** You must be personally invested in your own recovery, which includes both mental health needs as well as sobriety.
- 2. Treatment:** This may include meetings in group and/or individual settings; meetings with a Recovery Coach; meetings with treatment staff/counselors; and possible inpatient stays as needed and/or as recommended by the DTC team. Treatment will also include random drug tests.
- 3. Medication Management:** Your required treatment agency will provide all psychotropic and/or medically-assisted treatment (MAT) medications. You agree to take all medication as prescribed and follow all recommendations of your treatment provider and/or medical professionals. You may be required to participate in observed medication management. Specific information regarding this expectation is located on page 6 “Medication.”
- 4. Community Supervision:** This will include: regular meetings with your case manager (probation officer); contacts at your home, place of employment, or self-help meetings; and random drug tests.
- 5. Successful Completion:** You must successfully work your way through the phases of the program as well as have all fees paid in full to graduate from the program.

If you are accepted into the DTC by the Team, you will be required to plead guilty to at least one felony offense. Judgment and conviction are withheld pending your successful completion of the program. Upon completion of DTC, charges are dismissed.

If you entered the DTC program due to a probation violation/ petition to revoke (PTR) and you successfully complete the program, only the PTR will be dismissed, not the originating offense you were placed on probation under.

If the Team decides to terminate you from the program, a petition to terminate your participation in the program will be filed and you will be brought before the Court for more traditional court hearings and proceedings.

THE DTC TEAM

After collaborating with the DTC Team, the Problem Solving Court Judge will make all final decisions regarding issues that occur during your participation. The DTC Team consists of the following members:

Drug Court/Reentry Court/Veterans Court Team (voting) members:

- Problem Solving Court Judge, Monroe Circuit Court
- Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Monroe County Prosecutor's Office
- Deputy Public Defender, Monroe County Public Defender's Office
- Problem Solving Court Program Director, Monroe Circuit Court Probation Department
- Centerstone (Community Mental Health Center) Representative
- Amethyst House Counselor
- Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist (Veterans Court only)
- Law enforcement Representative
- Community Liaisons for Recovery and/or Treatment

Non-voting members:

- Drug Treatment Court Case Managers/Probation Officers
- Problem Solving Court Field Officers/Community Corrections Officers

DTC HEARINGS

Drug Court is held every Wednesday at 8:00 am. In the beginning of your participation, you will be required to attend court every week. As you demonstrate positive progress, you will advance to bi-weekly, monthly, and bi-monthly court appearances. Failure to appear for any court hearing to which you have been ordered may result in a warrant being issued for your arrest. If you have questions about your court appearances, you should contact your case manager (probation officer).

PROGRESS REPORTS

Before each DTC court hearing, the Team members meet and discuss participant progress reports. Your progress report includes your attendance, participation, and cooperation in all aspects of the program.

If you are making positive progress toward meeting your case plan objectives, program requirements may be reduced and/or incentives may be provided.

If negative behavior has occurred, the Court will discuss this with you and determine future action, which will include a sanction. Sanctions can include (but are not limited to) increased monitoring, community service, returning to an earlier phase of the program or treatment, day reporting, jail time, or termination from the program.

The DTC Program also utilizes therapeutic adjustments, which are alterations to participants' treatment requirements that are intended to address unmet clinical or social service needs and are not intended as an incentive or sanction. The DTC Team, in consultation with a treatment provider, may use such adjustments to respond to identified behaviors. Therapeutic adjustments may include, but are not limited to: assessment for/referral to inpatient or outpatient treatment; increased level of treatment; referral to educational programs; increase/decrease in support group meeting attendance; other modifications to the existing treatment plan; referral for housing, employment or other program; use of evidence-based responses through case management or in-house services such as Change Companies Interactive Journaling or assistance in obtaining needed assistance in the community.

DRUG TESTING

You will be required to submit to random drug testing throughout the duration of your participation in DTC. You will be placed on an automated drug test call system through the probation department, which randomly selects who is chosen each day to submit to a drug test. You will be contacted by telephone and/or text message by 6:00 am on any day you are required to appear. **Any day you do not have a working phone line, you will be required to appear in person between 7am-9am to see if you have been scheduled for a drug test.** Failure to have a working phone/ability to receive notification will not be a valid excuse for missing a drug test.

You are also required to submit to drug testing any time the Court, your case manager, other PSC staff, and/or treatment personnel order you to submit to a test.

Failure to appear for a drug test is considered a positive test. A dilute drug test is considered a positive test. Both of these situations will result in a sanction. All drug tests will be observed.

DAY REPORTING

You will be on Day Reporting for at least the first three to four months of the DTC Program. Release from this requirement must be earned. Participants may be returned to Day Reporting at any time during their participation in the program as deemed necessary by the DTC Team.

For PSC participants, Day Reporting is held daily (7 days per week), including **holidays** (unless otherwise announced in advance), at the Monroe County Community Corrections office. You must report between 7:00 am and 8:00 am. You will be notified by phone and/or text to advise if you must appear that day for testing.

MEDICATION

DTC participants will be required, as a condition of Program participation, to disclose to the DTC case manager all prescription and over-the-counter medications being taken. Participants' failure to disclose medication use as required will result in sanctions being imposed by the DTC Team.

Participants will be required to notify their case manager/probation officer immediately upon being prescribed any legend drug, narcotic drug, or controlled substance, and they will be required to bring all prescription medications, in the original containers, to each meeting with their case manager to ensure the participant is taking the medication as directed.

Participants are required to notify their case manager immediately upon a licensed physician/healthcare practitioner prescribing or recommending an over-the-counter medication. If an over-the-counter medication has not been prescribed or recommended by a licensed physician/healthcare practitioner, program participants will not possess, ingest, or use any over-the-counter medication without first obtaining permission from a PSC case manager (or PSC Presiding Judge), except in the case of a medical emergency. The following medications (name brand or generics) can be taken without prior authorization from case manager:

- Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs): Ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil), Aspirin, Naproxen (Aleve), Acetaminophen (Tylenol).
- Antihistamines: Claritin, Allegra, Zyrtec, Nasacourt, Flonase, Clarinex.
- GI Problems: Pepto Bismol, Kaopectate, Immodium, Alka Seltzer, Zantac, Prilosec, Nexium
- Cough & Cold: Alka Seltzer Cold/ Flu tablets, Advil Cold/Flu capsules (capsule form of medication only. Syrups may contain alcohol and are not authorized). If identification is required to purchase an item, the item is NOT pre-authorized.
- Antibiotics as prescribed.

IDENTIFICATION OF PHYSICIANS/HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

Program participants will be required to identify each physician/healthcare professional they are being treated by, and will be required to sign and update consents for release of confidential information to allow their case manager or other members of the PSC Team to contact these physicians/healthcare providers when needed.

MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT)

The decision whether or not to allow the use of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for addiction will be made on a case-by-case basis, with due consideration given to the available local treatment and problem-solving court resources, the person's substance abuse evaluation, the needs of the participant, and public safety. Any decision made by the PSC Judge whether or not to permit the use of MAT will be made in reliance on evidence or consultation with Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA)-certified experts.

FINANCES/FEEES

- \$25 / month Problem Solving Court User Fee.
- \$150 Public Defender fee may also be ordered by the court.
- Treatment costs are the responsibility of the participant.
- Drug testing fees must be paid by participants. The costs range from \$10 to \$25 per drug test.
- Average User Fees plus drug testing: approximately \$150/month during Phase I, II, and III of the program (Phase I through Phase II typically takes one year to complete). Phases IV and V average \$50 /month.
- If you are placed on electronic monitoring for any reason, you would also be responsible for those costs.

Participants will work with their case manager to set up on a weekly payment schedule for all fees owed.

All outstanding fees must be paid in full to graduate from the program.

CONFIDENTIALITY

State and federal law requires your identity and privacy be protected. The Problem Solving Court Program personnel have policies and procedures to guard your privacy. To participate in this program, you will be required to sign Releases of Information (ROIs) for the sole purpose of collaboration with other providers regarding your treatment, participation, and progress. If you have more questions about how confidentiality applies in a PSC, please talk with your case manager. **Please advise family members that if you have not signed a Release of Information specifically for them, PSC staff will not be able to speak with them.**

COURTROOM/DTCETIQUETTE

Your behavior should reflect that you are in Court and it is expected of you to treat the judge, service providers, and other participants with respect. You are expected to remain in the courtroom for the duration of that week's session unless excused early by the judge. By remaining in the courtroom for the entire session, you are providing support to other participants. **Do not bring food or drinks into the courtroom.**

You are expected to dress appropriately for court, appointments, and treatment sessions. Clothing bearing violent, racist, sexist, and/or drug or alcohol-related themes is considered inappropriate. Please remove your hat when entering the courtroom. Turn off or silence all cell phones and other electronic devices. Please make all attempts to find daycare for your child when you come to court or group.

PEOPLE, PLACES, & THINGS

The DTC Team and Court may order that you have no contact with certain people, places, or things we believe are detrimental to your success. This may include family members, friends, and/or other participants.

The Team and Court must approve any living arrangements, including where you live and with whom. PSC field officers will be meeting with you at your home at random times therefore you must sleep at your primary residence unless you get permission to spend the night somewhere else.

You agree to report any romantic relationships, however casual, to your case manager.

RECOVERY MEETINGS & PROSOCIAL ACTIVITIES

You may be required to attend recovery meetings such as Narcotics Anonymous or Alcoholics Anonymous weekly. You may also be required to participate in healthy activities. If so, you will be required to provide proof of such. PSC staff will frequently visit meetings and activities to ensure participants are attending and participating in a respectful manner.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE (LOA)

The Leave of Absence (LOA) request form is located in the Day Reporting lobby. LOA request forms must be used to request to be absent from court supervision or other PSC requirements or when requesting to travel out-of-county. When requesting an LOA, unless it is an emergency situation, the LOA form must be submitted to your case manager prior to the Team meetings on Mondays at noon.

Note: you must be enrolled in at least Phase III to be eligible to travel out-of-county. However, if you need to be out-of-county just for the day for work purposes, an LOA is not required, rather you just need to let your case manager know in advance.

You must have Team approval before being allowed to be excused from court supervision, other PSC requirements, or to travel out-of-county. Do not assume your request for an LOA has been approved; your case manager will let you know the Team's decision.

CLOSINGS & CANCELLATIONS

You will be notified by text message and/or phone if Court has been cancelled for any reason.

PROGRAM RULES PER COURT ORDERS

Upon agreeing to enter the PSC Program, the Court will read to you a series of rules and expectations on the record. Below are those rules as written in the court document you will sign as well as what they mean for you.

- 1. I have read and agree to adhere to all of the conditions outlined in the participant handbook. I will meet as directed with the Drug Treatment Court (DTC) personnel, treatment providers, and other persons or agencies and will allow DTC personnel to visit me at my home, job, and elsewhere.** *[NOTE: You must appear before the Court as ordered and must show up for any and all appointments and scheduled obligations. Your case manager, field officer, and/or recovery coach may visit you at home or work to check on your progress.]*
- 2. I will answer all questions asked of me by the Court, DTC Case Managers, other DTC personnel, and treatment providers honestly.** *[NOTE: You will answer all questions asked of you by the Court, DTC Program personnel, and treatment providers honestly. You will tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. You will not omit information.]*
- 3. I agree to sign a consent for release of confidential information upon your request of the DTC, authorizing the DTC to speak with any treating physician(s). I also agree to notify my Case Manager of any contact with Law Enforcement and Health Care personnel within 24 hours of any such occurrence.** *[Note: You agree to execute any necessary release(s) of confidential information to enable full and unrestricted exchange of information between the Court, PSC personnel, and my treatment providers. I further agree that my participation and progress in treatment may be openly discussed in public hearings of the DTC, regardless of my right to confidentiality as provided by federal and state law. I will sign the necessary documentation to allow members of the DTC team to share information with each other. My information may also be discussed in front of other participants at PSC hearings.]*
- 4. I will provide 72 hours advance written notice to the DTC of any change of address or telephone number. I will not leave the State of Indiana or Monroe County without the written permission of the DTC. I will abide by any curfew that may be imposed.** *[NOTE: You will follow the procedures for requesting a Leave of Absence (LOA) when requesting permission to leave the state.]*
- 5. I will seek and maintain suitable employment or pursue an approved course of study or vocational training. I will attend adult basic education (GED/TASC) or other classes as directed. I will notify my DTC Case Manager before any change of employment or educational status.**
- 6. I will complete a substance abuse evaluation and will complete substance abuse treatment as directed. I agree that my participation and progress in substance abuse treatment may be openly discussed in the public hearings of the Drug Treatment Court, regardless of my right to confidentiality as provided by federal and state law.** *[Note: treatment may include assessment and treatment for any co-occurring mental health issues. I will fully cooperate with all treatment recommendations, will cooperate with personnel, and will follow through with any and all recommendations they make, including taking medication as prescribed.]*
- 7. I understand and agree that I am subject to assessment under the Indiana Risk Assessment System as a condition of my participation in the Monroe County Drug Treatment Court. I hereby authorize staff to enter the results of the assessments conducted during my participation in the Monroe County Drug Treatment Court in the Indiana Risk Assessment System database. I understand that the results of the assessments conducted during my participation in the Monroe County Drug Treatment Court are accessible by any authorized Indiana Risk Assessment System database user in connection with his or her official duties.**
- 8. I will not consume or possess any alcohol beverage (including low-alcohol beers and any product containing alcohol that may be ingested) and shall not possess, consume, inhale or inject controlled substances unless prescribed for valid medical reasons by a properly licensed healthcare provider. I will not consume, inhale, inject, or apply any consumer product, medication or other substance where the act of doing so is contrary to the manufacturer's specifications or intended use with the purpose to obtain a high, euphoria, hallucination, or any kind of intoxication. I will not use a vape of any kind. I will submit to drug and alcohol tests at my expense as directed by the Drug Treatment Court or treatment providers.** *[Note: I will not use illegal drugs or medication for which I do not have a prescription. I will not use anything with the intention of becoming intoxicated and/or high.]*
- 9. I will not enter any establishment that sells or serves alcoholic beverages, other than a family restaurant, grocery store, or pharmacy.** *[Note: I will not consume alcohol in any form, including any prescription medication, over-the counter medication, or mouthwash that may contain alcohol.]*

10. I will not commit any criminal offense or operate a motor vehicle without being properly licensed. I will not associate with anyone actively involved in any criminal activity. I will report any arrest, criminal charges, or traffic citations to the Drug Treatment Court within 24 hours of any such occurrence.
11. I will not associate or have contact with anyone actively using a controlled substance or alcohol, without permission from the Drug Treatment Court. *Note: I will not spend time with people who use drugs and/or alcohol.*
12. I will not carry, use or possess any firearm, destructive device or dangerous weapon.
13. I will: (a) Pay the Drug Treatment Court Monthly User Program Fee of \$25.00, (b) Pay _____, (c) Pay the cost of treatment and alcohol/drug tests, (d) Make a weekly payment towards fees, and (e) Pay monetary restitution as directed through the Clerk to reimburse any victims who have incurred damages as a result of the offense(s) to which I have pleaded guilty. I agree to the release of my cash bond(s) to be applied to these obligations.
14. I consent, as a condition of my voluntary participation in the Drug Treatment Court, to the imposition of sanctions, including incarceration and other restraints on my freedom, for any violation of the rules and conditions of the Drug Treatment Court. *[Note: I accept sanctions that may imposed against me if/when I violate any of the above-listed rules. Sanctions may include but are not limited to, serving time in jail and/or on electronic monitoring.]*

I, the named Defendant, do hereby acknowledge my understanding of, and expressly waive, the following rights:

1. My constitutional right to a speedy trial and my statutory right to be sentenced within thirty (30) days of my plea(s) of guilty;
2. My right to confidentiality of my participation in substance abuse treatment and in public Drug Treatment Court hearings;
3. My constitutional rights against self-incrimination and search and seizure related to my participation in the Drug Court. All searches will be conducted based on reasonable suspicion.
4. Extradition to the State of Indiana and this Court if I am arrested. I will be responsible for all costs of any such extradition.

PHASES OF PROGRAM

There are five phases in the DTC Program. You will be expected to meet specific objectives to complete each phase before moving to the next phase and eventually graduating from the program.

Phase I commences upon formal acceptance into the program. Each phase carries supervision requirements for the participant which may vary depending on risk and needs as indicated by the Indiana Risk Assessment System (IRAS). At any point in the participant's progression through the program phases, specific requirements may be modified upon the recommendation of a PSC case manager and consensus of the Team.

PHASE I – Stabilization (No color on Day Reporting)

Length of phase: 30 days, could be up to 60 days.

Expected Activities During Phase I:

- a. Participant will be referred to and successfully complete detoxification or inpatient treatment if deemed appropriate.
- b. Participant will begin the Day Reporting Program.
- c. Participant will comply with a designated curfew.
- d. Participant will submit to two-three drug tests per week.
- e. Participant will begin an intensive outpatient program.
- f. Participant will obtain suitable housing.
- g. Participant will seek gainful employment, if able.
- h. Participant will report for weekly court appearances.

Expected Benchmarks for Movement to Phase II:

- a. Participant must achieve at least 30 days of sobriety.
- b. Participant must be participating in an intensive outpatient program.
- c. Incentive for completing phase: Released from curfew.

PHASE II – Treatment Phase – (Day Reporters or Color reds/yellows)

Length of phase: Participant could enter into this phase by the 3 month mark and completes it by the 9-month mark.

Expected Activities During Phase II:

- a. Participant will participate in an intensive outpatient program,
- b. Participant will obtain suitable, verifiable employment or be enrollment in an approved course of study.
- c. Participant will begin making payments toward financial obligations.
- d. Participant will report for weekly court appearances.
- e. Participant will continue on Day Reporting until released to "red" status.
- f. Participant will submit to 2-3-three drug tests per week.
- g. Participant will maintain suitable housing.

Expected Benchmarks for Movement to Phase III:

- a. Participant must maintain a minimum of 120 days of continuous sobriety.
- b. Participant must complete the main phase portion of an intensive outpatient program.
- c. Participant must have obtained a sponsor.
- d. Participant must have demonstrated a consistent payment schedule.
- e. Incentive for completing phase: Released from Day Reporting, moved to bi-weekly court appearances.

PHASE III – Living Sober Phase - Greens

Length of phase: Participant could enter into this phase by the 12-month mark and completes by the 18-month mark.

Expected Activities During Phase III:

- a. Participant will adhere to a treatment aftercare plan.
- b. Participant will attend a minimum of three support group meetings per week.
- c. Participant will have regular contact with sponsor.
- d. Participant will begin drafting a Life/Relapse Prevention Plan.
- e. Participant will begin phase with biweekly court appearances and progress to monthly court appearances.
- f. Participant will submit to one-two drug tests per week.
- g. Participant will begin working toward obtaining a TASC/GED if applicable.
- h. Participant will obtain a valid operator's license if legally possible/appropriate.
- i. Participant will maintain suitable employment or pursue a course of study.
- j. Participant will maintain suitable housing.

Expected Benchmarks for Movement to Phase IV:

- a. Participant must have a minimum of 180 days of sobriety.
- b. Participant must have completed a Life/Relapse Prevention Plan.
- c. Incentive for completing phase: Moved to bi-monthly court appearances.

PHASE IV – Relapse Prevention Plan Phase - Blues

Length of phase: Participant could enter into this phase by the 18-month mark and completes it by the 21-month mark.

Expected Activities During Phase IV:

- a. Participant will maintain sobriety.
- b. Participant will attend support group meetings and maintain contact with sponsor.
- c. Participant will focus on Relapse Prevention Plan.
- d. Participant will report for bi-monthly court appearances.
- e. Participant will submit to one drug screen per week.
- f. Participant will obtain a GED/TASC, if applicable.
- g. Participant will maintain suitable employment or pursue a course of study.
- h. Participant will be reunified with children, if applicable.
- i. Participant will begin a community service project.

Expected Benchmarks for Movement to Phase V:

- a. Participant must maintain sobriety.
- b. Participant must attend support group meetings and maintain contact with sponsor.
- c. Participant must demonstrate ability to work toward Relapse Prevention Plan goals.
- d. Incentive for completing phase: Moved to 'unsupervised' (non-reporting) status.

PHASE V – Unsupervised/Non-reporting Phase - Raspberry

Length of phase: Participant is expected to enter into this phase by the 21-month mark and completes by the 24-month mark.

Expected Activities During Phase V:

- a. Participant will remain substance free.
- b. Participant will attend support group meetings and maintain contact with sponsor.
- c. Participant will submit to random drug tests.
- d. Participant will comply with all conditions of program agreement, including residing in Monroe County, committing no new offenses, and notifying Program staff of any changes in address or employment.
- e. Participant will pay all fees associated with the Program and treatment fees in full.
- f. Participant will utilize Relapse Prevention Plan.

Expected Benchmarks to Graduate from Program:

- a. Participant must maintain one year of continuous sobriety.
- b. Participant must have all Program fees and restitution paid in full.
- c. Participant must be gainfully employed or pursuing a course of study.
- d. Incentives for completing program: Graduation from program and dismissal of charge/PTR

Graduation/Commencement

Upon your completion of the program, a graduation/commencement celebration will be held in your honor. This is a time for you to invite your family, friends, and other supporters to celebrate your achievements.

At the commencement ceremony, the Prosecuting Attorney will request that the Court dismiss the felony charges that were part of your agreement to enter the DTC. If you entered the DTC program due to a probation violation/ petition to revoke (PTR) and you successfully complete the program, at the commencement ceremony the Prosecutor will request that the Court dismiss the PTR (the originating offense you were placed on probation under will not be dismissed).

Continuing Care

After commencement, treatment services you have had prior to graduation will continue to be available to you.

Termination from the program

A participant may be terminated from the program at any time. Voting members of the DTC Team will make the decision to recommend a Petition to Terminate be filed against the participant. When this happens, the case manager will file the necessary paperwork with the Court. A Termination Hearing will be held and the Court will ultimately decide if there is enough evidence to terminate participation.

Issues that may lead to termination include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Consistently failing to appear for court;
2. Consistently failing to appear for appointments, including but not limited to treatment, case management, therapy, Day Reporting and probation appointments;
3. Consistently failing to submit to drug testing;
4. Consistently consuming drugs and/or alcohol;
5. Consistently failing to comply with your treatment plan, being unsatisfactorily discharged from treatment, or demonstrating a lack of progress by failing to cooperate with the treatment program;
6. Chronic dishonesty;
7. Behavior that puts people's safety at risk and/or jeopardizes their success in the program. This could include, but is not limited to, inviting other participants to take part in situations known to be a violation of treatment court rules; threatening other participants or staff; offering drugs to a participant; using drugs or alcohol with participants; supplying urine/adulterants to others and/or receiving such items from others;
8. Behavior that creates issues of program integrity or public safety;
9. Consistent non-compliance with sanctions;
10. Altering or attempting to alter a drug test;
11. Criminal conduct (even if new charges are not filed);
12. Significant lack of progress or excessive stagnation in the treatment program; in such cases, the treatment team may place the individual on a specific time frame to complete a phase of the program or to graduate;
13. Depending on the seriousness of the violation, it is usually not one but instead a combination of violations and a lack of progress over time that creates the grounds for discharge from the program; however, if one violation and/or risk to public safety is great enough, termination may be based on a single violation.

CONCLUSION

The goal of the Monroe County PSC Program is to support you in leading a more fulfilling life with the hope to prevent further involvement in the criminal justice system. Members of the DTC Team are here to guide you through the process; however, it is ultimately your choice whether to participate and success is your responsibility. You must be committed to the program, including treatment, medication, and sobriety, as a way to improve your life.

PSC PERSONNEL AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Monroe Circuit Court Judge Mary Ellen Diekhoff presides over all of the Monroe County Problem Solving Court (PSC) Programs. After collaborating with the DTC Team, she will make all final decisions regarding issues that occur during your participation. In addition to Judge Diekhoff, the DTC Team consists of the following members:

DRUG COURT/REENTRY COURT/VETERANS COURT TEAM (VOTING) MEMBERS:

- Honorable Mary Ellen Diekhoff, Judge, Monroe Circuit Court V
- Monroe County Prosecutor's Office: Chris Pierce
- Monroe County Public Defender's Office: Phyllis Emerick
- Monroe Circuit Court Probation Department: Steve Malone, Problem Solving Court Program Director
- Centerstone: Kristin Ritter, Outpatient Counselor
- Amethyst House: Desirae Draluck, Outpatient Counselor
- Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist (Veterans Court only): Mark Mayhew
- Law enforcement representative: Melissa Stone, Social Worker Bloomington Police Department (BPD)
- IU Behavioral Health: Annie Cheek, Outpatient Counselor/Administrator

Non-voting members:

- Drug Treatment Court Case Managers – Rhonda Welp/Kara Mahuron/Richard Greco/Ted Berry/Morgan Michalski
- Problem Solving Court Field Officers/Community Corrections Officers – Riley Hollis and Tyler Parrish

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