

What are the responsibilities of a Drug Court panelist?

- Commit to one evening per month with training provided – Minimum of one year commitment in the program
- Conduct self in a manner that promotes recovery and a healthy lifestyle
- Be actively involved and treat individuals in a respectable and courteous manner
- Humbly approach the recovery process recognizing relapse and the struggles with recovery

How do I get involved in the Drug Court Program?

Contact Information:

Juvenile Court Services at
(712) 279-6586

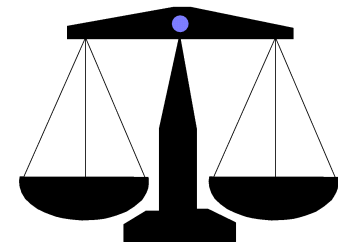
or

Department of Corrections at
(712) 252-0590

Supporters of the Woodbury County Community Drug Court Program:

- Judges
- County Attorney’s Office
- Public Defender’s Office
- Woodbury County Bar Association
- Juvenile Court Services
- Social Service Agencies
- Department of Corrections
- Service Providers
- Recovery Community
- Police / Sheriff Departments
- Iowa Legislature
- Woodbury County Board of Supervisors
- Faith Based Community
- Iowa Judicial Branch
- Area Colleges and Universities

**THE
WOODBURY
COUNTY
COMMUNITY
DRUG COURT
PROGRAM**



Mission Statement:

“To reduce recidivism in the juvenile and criminal justice systems caused by substance abuse and dependency

by combining the wisdom of the judiciary with the creativity of community volunteer judges to craft innovative treatment solutions.”

What is the Woodbury County Community Drug Court Program?

Drug Court is an evidence-based community program facilitated by volunteer community panels for juvenile and adult substance abusing offenders that supports treatment, recovery and accountability.

This Woodbury County Community Drug Court began in 1999 and has held over 8000 hearings. The Drug Court has produced independently verified outcomes exceeding the national average.

Most substance abusers / addicts have slipped into a cycle of continual life failures. Drug Courts assist offenders in piecing together small successes thereby inducing internalized changes and lasting recovery.

Drug Court panels hold weekly status hearings with offenders to review the terms of the offender’s probation and treatment and emphasize ways to recognize positive change.

The Drug Court is an evidence based approach to dealing with substance abusing offenders.

Drug Court utilizes frequent hearings to monitor and hold offenders accountable.

Drug Court partners with treatment providers and community resources to achieve positive outcomes.

The average duration for offenders in the program is 12-16 months.

Program parameters for the Drug Court are continually reviewed to ensure program integrity.

Who does the Woodbury County Community Drug Court serve?

- Non-violent substance abusers / addicts
- Juveniles and adults in the criminal/juvenile justice system
- Participants are involved as a result of terms and conditions of probation

Why Community Panels?

- Many drug courts follow a judge-led model, but Woodbury County uses a community panel approach
- Community panels bring the creativity and diversity of

non-system involved individuals to assist in reducing substance abuse among our citizens

- Drug Court provides lay people an opportunity to be involved in the court process
- True community corrective approach
- Serves to broaden community’s knowledge of the court, treatment and recovery processes
- Involves a holistic approach
- Represents a cross-section of people, occupations and educational levels within the community

What are the attributes of a Drug Court panelist?

- Positive, CAN DO person
- Problem solving open minded person that has a desire and willingness to assist others who are trapped in a substance abusing or addicted cycle
- Persons that seek to continually educate themselves regarding abuse, addiction and effective treatment modes
- Persons able to understand the impact that substance abuse has on the community and its resources
- Team orientated
- Recognize strengths in others when behaviors suggest otherwise

