History of the Waukesha County Drug Treatment Court

The Waukesha County Drug Treatment Court (DTC) is one of 25 Drug Treatment Courts in Wisconsin and was implemented in 2012. The program is based on the national drug treatment court model which has 10 key components that Wisconsin Community Services, Inc. (WCS) integrated and follows. The drug court model has been around since 1989 when the first drug court was established in Miami-Dade County, Florida. As of December 2020, there were more than 3,800 active drug courts in the US.



The WCS Waukesha County DTC staff consists of four full-time employees; one supervisor, two case managers, and a peer services coordinator. Staff are members of the NADCP (National Association of Drug Court Professionals) and attend national and local trainings on an annual basis. Planning for this program began in 2011 and participants started enrolling in March 2012. Since the inception of the program, there have been 206 graduates through December 2021. A total of 20 individuals graduated from the program in 2021.

Drug Treatment Court Mission Statement

The mission of Waukesha County
Drug Treatment Court is to advance public
safety, reduce crime, reduce costs to our community,
and improve individual and community health by
providing intensive, integrated, evidence-based
court supervision and comprehensive treatment
services for drug dependent offenders.

Wisconsin Community Services, Inc. Mission Statement

WCS advocates for justice and community safety, providing innovative opportunities for individuals to overcome adversity.

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WAUKESHA COUNTY DRUG TREATMENT COURT

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Complete Participant Handbook is available on the Waukesha County website at http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/
CourtDivisions.aspx?id=25216
or on the WCS website at http://www.wiscs.org/ProgramDescriptions.aspx?
ProgramID=85

Waukesha County Drug Treatment Court

What is the Drug Treatment Court?

The Waukesha County Drug Treatment Court offers participants the opportunity to break the cycle of addiction, improve the chances of a sober, crime free, and healthy life and contribute to a safe community.

How Do I Qualify to Participate?

- 18 years of age or older
- Waukesha County resident
- Drug or alcohol dependency
- No violent criminal record
- Case pending with potential for at least 1 year in prison
- Victim approval (if applicable)
- If an individual is on probation or extended supervision, participation in DTC is dependent upon the approval of his or her agent

What does the Path to Success Look Like?

You have the opportunity to:

- Increase your chances of living a healthy, crime free and sober life
- Heal relationships with family and friends
- Spend less time in jail
- Receive ongoing, individual support
- Experience freedom from drug dependence
- Amend current charges to a lesser charge

How Long Does it Take?

The length of the program is determined by each participant's progress through the five phases. Graduation may occur after a minimum of 14 months in the program, but it is likely to take additional time beyond that depending on the participant's treatment needs.

How Does the Program Work?

- Submit an application to the D.A.'s office
- Assessment: Potential participants must meet with WCS to complete the RANT and the GAIN-SS
- Admission: Takes place at court, after the Deferred Prosecution Agreement is executed.
- Court Appearances: The Judge will actively monitor your case through regular court appearances.
- Treatment and Support: Ongoing, individualized treatment is required in addition to self-help group attendance.
- Incentives and Sanctions: Rewards are given for positive behavior and sanctions are imposed for inappropriate behavior.
- Case Management: Your Case Manager will provide support and monitoring to assist you in reaching your goals.
- Program components may include: Random drug and alcohol testing, referrals to community resources, and home visits.

Waukesha County Drug Treatment Court Phase Requirements

Phase Requirements					
	PHASE I	PHASE II	PHASE III	PHASE IV	PHASE V
	60 days (8 weeks)	90 days (12 weeks)	90 days (12 weeks)	90 days (12 weeks)	90 days (12 weeks)
Court Obligations	Appear before the Judge weekly	 Appear before the Judge every two weeks *More frequently if non-compliant 	Appear before the Judge every four weeks *More frequently if non-compliant	Appear before the Judge every four weeks *More frequently if non-compliant	 Appear before the Judge every four weeks *More frequently if non-compliant
Supervision & Monitoring	 Random alcohol and drug testing Meet with case manager at least one time per week 	 Random alcohol and drug testing Meet with case manager at least one time per week 	Random alcohol and drug testing Meet with case manager at least every two weeks	 Random alcohol and drug testing Meet with case manager at least every two weeks 	 Random alcohol and drug testing Meet with case manager at least every four weeks
Treatment Requirements	 Treatment assessment at HHS Assess for MAT Attend one DTC Alumni meeting and one self-help meeting 	 Comply with treatment Attend one DTC Alumni meeting monthly 	Comply with treatment Attend three self-help meeting/week Attend one DTC Alumni meeting monthly	Comply with treatment Attend two self-help meetings/week Attend one DTC Alumni meeting monthly	 Comply with treatment Attend two self-help meeting/week Attend one DTC Alumni meeting monthly
Other Requirements	 Develop a relationship with assigned mentor Safety review of home, car, phone, etc. 	Autobiography (rough draft)	Maintain weekly contact with sponsor/support person	Maintain weekly contact with sponsor/support person	 Maintain weekly contact with sponsor/support person Develop Relapse Prevention Plan within first 30 days
Other Requirements	 Regular attendance at treatment & office visits Complete Safety Review Minimum of 14 consecutive days of sober/clean time 	 Compliance with Treatment/meetings & Supervision Obtain sponsor/ support person Autobiography (rough draft) Minimum of 30 consecutive days of sober/clean time 	 Compliance with Treatment/meetings & Supervision Create recovery/support network Autobiography (final draft) Attend on sober social event Minimum of 45 consecutive days of sober/clean time 	 Compliance with Treatment/meetings & Supervision Maintain recovery support network Minimum of 60 consecutive days of sober/clean time 	 Compliance with Treatment/meetings & Supervision Maintain recovery network Finalize/demonstrate Relapse Prevention Plan Pay all program fees (one week prior to graduation) Minimum of 90 consecutive days of sober/clean time