

## History of the Waukesha County Operating While Intoxicated Treatment Court

The Waukesha County Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) Treatment Court (OTC) is the first alcohol treatment court in Wisconsin. The program is based on a drug court model, which has 10 key components that WCS integrates 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 2020, there were more than 3,800 active drug courts in the United States.



There are 74 active drug courts in Wisconsin and the Waukesha program is the first to focus solely on alcohol as the drug of choice. The WCS Waukesha County OWI Treatment Court staff consists of two full-time employees; one supervisor and one manager. Staff are members of the NADCP (National Association of Drug Court Professionals) and attend trainings on an annual basis. Planning for this program began in 2004, participants started enrolling in May 2006, and WCS began providing the service in December 2006. The program held its first graduation ceremony in June 2007, with nine graduates. Since inception, there have been 514 graduates through December 2021. There were 24 graduations in 2021.

### OWI Treatment Court Mission Statement

The mission of Waukesha County OWI Treatment Court is to protect the public by reducing recidivism among OWI offenders through intensive court supervision and treatment.

### 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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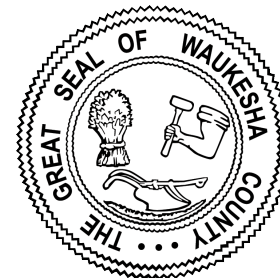
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# WAUKESHA COUNTY OWI TREATMENT COURT

Waukesha County OWI Treatment Court is a collaborative effort between Waukesha County and Wisconsin Community Services, Inc. (WCS)



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# Waukesha County Operating While Intoxicated Treatment Court

*Wisconsin's First Alcohol Treatment Court*

## What is the Waukesha County OWI Treatment Court?

The Waukesha County OWI Treatment Court offers the repeat drunk driver the opportunity to break the cycle of drunk driving, improve the chances of a sober and healthy life, and contribute to a safe community.

## How Do I Qualify to Participate?

- 18 years of age or older
- Plead guilty to 3rd or 4th OWI offense
- Waukesha County resident (at time of application and for duration of program)
- No prior violent felony convictions
- Voluntary participation
- Meet criteria of an objective risk tool
- Must be approved by the OWI team prior to sentencing

## What does the Path to Success Look Like?

You have the opportunity to:

- Increase your chances of living a healthy and sober life
- Heal relationships with family and friends
- Spend less time in jail
- Receive ongoing, individual support
- Experience freedom from alcohol dependence
- Enjoy better health

## How Long Does it Take?

The length of the program is determined by each participant's progress through the five phases. Graduation may occur within one year, but it is likely to take additional time beyond that depending on the participant's treatment needs.

## How Does the Program Work?

- Admission: Takes place at sentencing and is dependent on available openings in the program.
- Court Appearances: The Judge will actively monitor your case through regular court appearances.
- Assessment: The Addiction Resource Council conducts a Driver Safety Plan Assessment which determines your level of treatment. A list of approved treatment providers will be provided.
- Treatment and Support: Ongoing, individualized treatment is required in addition to self-help group attendance.
- Incentives & 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. Electronic monitoring, random urinalysis, and home visits are used.

## Waukesha County Operating While Intoxicated Treatment Court Program 3rd & 4th OWI Offender Phase Requirements

	PHASE I	PHASE II	PHASE III	PHASE IV	PHASE V
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 two weeks *More frequently if non-compliant
Supervision & Monitoring	Mandatory minimum jail time; SCRAM CAM w/house arrest; 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 every two weeks	Random alcohol and drug testing; Meet with case manager every two weeks	Random alcohol and drug testing; Meet with case manager every four weeks
Treatment Requirements	Treatment assessment/ or provide discharge summary with two weeks of intake; Attend one OTC Alumni meeting monthly	Comply with treatment; Begin to focus on two self-help meetings and obtain a sponsor/support person; Attend one OTC Alumni meeting monthly	Comply with treatment; Attend a minimum of two self-help meetings per week; Attend one OTC Alumni meeting monthly	Comply with treatment; Attend a minimum of two self-help meetings per week; Attend one OTC Alumni meeting monthly	Comply with treatment; Attend a minimum of two self-help meetings per week; Attend one OTC Alumni meeting monthly; Develop Relapse Prevention Plan with first 30 days
Other Requirements	Recalibrate IID monthly	Autobiography; Work toward employment or some other approved community activity; Recalibrate IID monthly	Maintain weekly contact with sponsor/support person; Work toward employment or some other approved community activity; Recalibrate IID monthly	Maintain weekly contact with sponsor/support person; Work toward employment or some other approved community activity; Recalibrate IID monthly	Maintain weekly contact with sponsor/support person; Work toward employment or some other approved community activity; Recalibrate IID monthly
In Order to Advance	Regular attendance in treatment/meetings and office visits; Minimum of 14 consecutive days of sober/clean time	Compliance with treatment/meetings; Obtain a sponsor/support person; Assess program fee; Minimum of 30 consecutive days of sober/clean time	Compliance with treatment/meetings; Create recovery and support network; Minimum of 45 consecutive days of sober/clean time	Compliance with treatment/meetings; Maintain recovery and support network; Minimum of 60 consecutive days of sober/clean time	Compliance with treatment/meetings; Finalize/demonstrate Relapse Prevention Plan; Pay all program fees; Minimum of 90 consecutive days of sober/clean time