

Mission Statement

The Boone County Drug Court promotes public safety, reduces recidivism and enhances the quality of life for the community and the individual by helping substance dependent persons in the criminal justice system achieve and maintain recovery through expedited and enhanced access to a continuum of treatment and support services while under intensive court supervision.



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17th Judicial Circuit Boone County Drug Court



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Boone County Drug Court is a post-adjudicatory problem-solving court which targets high risk/high needs clients who have been convicted of a non-violent felony and have a diagnosis of a substance use dependence disorder. The program is funded by the State of Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, Adult Redeploy Illinois. The goal of the program is to divert 25% of individuals who would have been incarcerated in the Illinois Department of Corrections, by safely providing intensive supervision in the community, which offers cost savings to our community and state.

Eligibility Criteria

A Boone County Drug Court participant must:

- * Be a Boone County resident
- * Be charged with a probation-eligible felony that does not meet exclusionary criteria
- * Admit to a substance abuse problem and be diagnosed with a substance use dependence diagnosis
- * Demonstrate a willingness to participate in the program on a voluntary basis
- * Meet criteria as high risk/high needs on a validated risk assessment tool

Exclusionary Criteria

Individuals who have been charged with the following crimes are excluded from eligibility: first degree murder; second degree murder; predatory criminal sexual assault of a child; aggravated criminal sexual assault; criminal sexual assault; armed robbery; aggravated arson; arson; aggravated kidnapping; kidnapping; aggravated battery resulting in great bodily harm or permanent disability; stalking; aggravated stalking; and any offense involving the discharge of a firearm. Any offense that is non-probationable where the prosecutor is unwilling to amend to a probationable offense are also excluded from eligibility.

Program Information

The Drug Court process is very structured and intensive, making treatment available at the dosage indicated by a treatment assessment, while at the same time closely monitoring compliance with terms of a probation order.

The Drug Court Team consists of a dedicated Judge, Court Coordinator, Prosecutor, Defense Counsel/ Public Defender, Probation Officers, Recovery Coaches, Treatment Providers and Law Enforcement. Every decision of Drug Court is made as a team with the goal of helping individuals be as successful as possible in the program, with the Judge having the final decision.

Anyone can make a referral to Drug Court by submitting a completed Referral Form to the Court Coordinator. This form is available in the Boone County Probation Department, or on our website at boonecountyil.gov.

For more information, please contact Boone County Probation at 815-544-9806.

