

## Goals of Drug Court

- Promote public safety by reducing recidivism.
- Improve the quality of life of all participants with the court.
- To conserve state and local funds by providing an alternative to incarceration for non-violent drug dependent individuals.
- To reduce substance abuse dependence and to restore drug addicted individuals to being productive, law abiding, tax paying citizens.

### COST & FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

The Madison County Board was instrumental in making the Drug Court possible. The County Board's strong support and allocation of funds allows Drug Court to be operational. Special tax revenues for treatment services are provided by the Madison County Mental Health (708) Board.

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### Drug Court

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## MADISON COUNTY DRUG COURT

## Accountability & Support for Defendants Struggling with Substance Abuse



**Third Judicial Circuit  
State of Illinois**

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# MADISON COUNTY DRUG COURT

## WHAT IS DRUG COURT

In a response to Madison County's significant growth in drug related crime, local leaders formed a drug control strategy task force. Through a series of public hearings, the task force discovered a need to organize a response to the growing problem. The task force implemented a specialized court, known as a Drug Court (est. 1996), consisting of both intensive substance abuse treatment and court supervision.

## MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Madison County Adult Drug Court to enhance public safety and reduce the rate of recidivism by diverting persons with substance abuse disorders or co-occurring disorders charged with a criminal offense from the Criminal Justice system to the Drug Court for appropriate treatment and support services. In doing so the individual's quality of life will be greatly enhanced and they will be assisted in becoming honest, sober, and productive members of the community.



## REFERRAL PROCESS

- Anyone can make a referral for screening by contacting the problem solving court.
- Defendant completes assessment, performed by court designated agency to determine eligibility.
- Assessment report is reviewed by the Drug Court Team to determine acceptance into the program.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Prompt substance abuse/mental health assessment.
- Expedited treatment services, provided by Chestnut Health Systems, base upon an individual's needs.
- Regular attendance at sobriety based self-help meetings.
- Weekly and random drug screens.
- Close supervision consisting of home visits and frequent contact with officers of the Court.
- Mandatory status hearings, scheduled on a regular basis.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Must have been convicted of or have a pending non-violent Madison County felony.
- 18 years old.
- Must have a substance abuse problem
- Must reside in Madison County.
- Must be willing to participate in treatment and comply with the supervision requirements of Drug Court.
- Must sign a consent to participate, required release(es) of information and additional forms as required.

## TRACK I, TRACK II & Redeploy

- **Track I (pre-adjudicatory)**- Defendants who have little to no criminal history enter treatment and upon successful completion may have case dismissed.
- **Track II (post-adjudicatory)**- Defendants who are not eligible for Track 1, who qualify for probation and are sentenced to Drug Court as a condition of probation. Those who successfully complete requirements are eligible for early discharge from probation or possible reduction.
- **Redeploy**— Defendants who are under consideration by the state's Attorney for a sentence to Illinois Department of Corrections are considered for the program. Those who successfully complete requirements are discharge from Redeploy Probation.