

Drug Court Goals

- **Reduce** crime and violence related to illegal drug usage
- **Stop** the “revolving door” of arrest, release, and readdiction and arrest
- **Curtail** high levels of drug related crime in the City of St. Louis
- **Increase** judicial control and supervision
- **Improve** treatment results
- **Reduce** illegal drug usage
- **Relieve** jail overcrowding

“The reason there is so much growing interest is that there is so much growing evidence that they (drug courts) work.”

--Claire McCaskill, Missouri State Auditor

CITY OF ST. LOUIS DRUG COURTS

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SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Drug abuse **assessment** and **treatment**
- Frequent **reviews** by the Judge
- Mandatory random **drug testing**
- **Education** programs and assistance
- Intensely **supervised** case management
- **Job** assistance/placement
- **Housing** assistance
- **Health & mental health** assessment, referral services, and treatment

**For Adult Drug Court Information,
contact the Drug Court
Administrator at (314) 589-6702**

**For Juvenile & Family Drug Court
Information, contact the Drug Court
Coordinator at (314) 641-8653**



City of St. Louis Drug Courts

**Adult Felony Drug Court
Juvenile Drug Court
Family Drug Court**

The City of St. Louis Drug Courts are committed to providing treatment, wrap-around resources, and opportunities to drug abusing/addicted participants in order to equip them with the tools necessary to be drug-free, productive contributors to their families and the community.

General Program Description

The City of St. Louis Drug Court Program is a voluntary court-supervised, diversionary, comprehensive drug treatment program for non-violent offenders. It features a non-adversarial team approach to a rigorous program that includes frequent court appearances before the Judge, random drug testing, individual/group treatment, and self-help meetings. It is NOT an easy way out of jail/prison. Successful completion of the program results in the dismissal of the criminal charge. In Family Drug Court, successful completion results in regaining legal custody of the child(ren).

Adult Felony Drug Court Fee: \$250
Family Drug Court Fee: \$100

Drug Court Paths

Path I (Pre-Treatment) – most intensive; includes group & individual counseling, weekly court appearances, and frequent drug testing

Path II (Primary Treatment) – designed to maintain regularly structured activities; must attend treatment as required and obtain/maintain employment or enter formal academic program

Path III (Aftercare) – addresses ongoing recovery needs while maintaining total abstinence from all drugs, including alcohol; focus is on daily living skills and support for a clean and sober lifestyle

Length of Program (minimum):

Adult Felony Drug Court → 11 months
Family Drug Court → 11 months
Juvenile Drug Court → 8 months

Incentives

Cooperation and participation in the program gets recognized by the Judge through one or more of the following: praise and applause, credits towards court fees, store vouchers, movie tickets, free coupons/tickets, being placed early on the docket, and fewer court appearances.

Sanctions

Failure to comply with the program may result in the Judge ordering one or more of the following: increased drug testing, increased time/intensity of treatment, increased frequency of court appearances, journaling/written assignments, community service, incarceration, or termination from the program.

Requirements to Graduate

Participants must complete the three paths successfully including attending all court hearings, self-help meetings, treatment, urinalysis tests, and appointments with case managers while maintaining sobriety and employment/formal education program. In other words, participants will be drug-free, law abiding, tax paying, productive citizens.

Graduation

Graduation ceremonies are held regularly to celebrate the hard work and success of drug court completers. Among friends, family, and community, graduates receive a framed certificate and letter of nolle prosequi stating that the case is officially dismissed and Family Drug Court graduates receive legal custody of their children. Guest speakers acknowledge the efficacy of the program and the success of the participants



Did You Know???

City of St. Louis

- Over 900 individuals have graduated from St. Louis Drug Courts (12/2006)
- 26 babies have been born drug free to St. Louis Drug Court participants (12/2006)
- For every additional \$1 spent, the St. Louis Adult Drug Court saves tax payers \$6.32
- Recidivism rate for St. Louis Adult Drug Court graduates is about 11% compared to 45% for those not in drug court

Missouri

- 55% of juveniles committed to DYS have a history of substance abuse
- Incarceration costs at least \$12,731 per year per inmate; drug court treatment costs \$5,042
- Almost half (48%) of all high school seniors have smoked marijuana
- In 38% of the child fatalities in 2000, drugs and alcohol were the primary risk factors

National

- Drug users are more likely than nonusers to commit crimes
- Among state prisoners to be released in 1999, 84% were involved with alcohol or drugs at the time of their offense
- Percentage of persons reporting any illicit drug use continues to rise (42% in 2001)
- Median of 59.7% of male juvenile detainees and 45.9% of female juvenile detainees tested positive for drug use in 2002
- Projected overall cost of drug abuse to society in 2000 was to \$160.7 billion
- Overall, recidivism for drug court graduates is 4% compared to about 45% for those not in drug court
- Lifetime cost per person with FAS ranges from approximately \$860,000 to \$4.2 million