

## Who is Eligible?

A participant can only be accepted into Drug Court as follows [generally stated]:

- Adult resident of Lee County, Florida
- Must have and admit to a serious drug addiction
- Must be able to work or attend school full-time and participate fully in treatment and court
- Facing felony charge(s) or Violation(s) of State Probation
- All referrals will be subject to clinical screening and final approval by the drug court team
- Must be ready and willing to be fully honest and work hard to find a lasting recovery!
- If charges are out of another FL county, transfer to Lee County may be possible

Lee County Felony Drug Court is a collaborative effort of:

- Lee County Criminal Division
- Office of the Public Defender
- Office of the State Attorney
- Lee County Sheriff's Office
- Lee County Clerk of Court
  - TLS Consulting, Inc.
- Florida Department of Corrections
  - AIM Target Programs, Inc.



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# Lee County Felony Drug Court Program



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## What is Drug Court?

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The Felony Drug Court Program is a court-supervised drug and alcohol treatment program for individuals involved in the criminal justice system with a substance abuse issue. The program is designed to divert cases from the traditional court system while helping participants recover from drug and alcohol addiction, stay in recovery and become productive members of society.

The program provides immediate and concentrated treatment, which includes supervision and monitoring by a drug court team and drug court judge. The drug court team will work with and help the participant to comply with the requirements, but participants must be committed to recovery to be successful in this program. Entry into the program is completely voluntary, but compliance is required while in the program and the participant does not decide to stay or leave the program.

# Road to Recovery

## Program Objectives

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- Teach substance abusers how to get off drugs and alcohol, and how to get into and stay in recovery;
- Stop substance abusers from committing new crimes and going to jail;
- Reduce illegal drug use;
- Improve community functioning of participants in the areas of employment, education/training and housing.

## Program Criteria

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1. Participants may be identified at booking by the Pretrial Services Intake and Investigation Unit or by the State Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, private attorneys, treatment providers, family members and the Department of Corrections.
2. Once identified, the participant is screened by a drug addiction specialist to confirm that they are appropriate for the program.
3. The participant voluntarily signs a contract agreeing to the conditions of the Drug Court Program.
4. The program is divided into specified phases. The participant moves to the next program phase when he or she completes the phase requirements.
5. In general, the participant is expected to complete the requirements between 15 and 24 months, unless recommended otherwise by the drug court team.
6. The participant is required to participate in alcohol/drug abuse treatment.
7. The participant is required to find employment and remain financially accountable.
8. Random urinalysis (UA) testing is mandated.
9. The drug court team reviews the participant's progress, addresses positive and negative behaviors and recommends to the Judge any incentives or sanctions, before each court appearance.
10. The participant will report for regular court appearances and his or her progress will be discussed with the drug court team and the drug court judge.

## Financial Obligations

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Mandatory fees are assessed pursuant to statute and as outlined in the Drug Court Handbook. Additionally, monthly fees to the treatment provider are required.



## Program Completion

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Upon graduation, if the participant is in the program for a substantive charge(s), the State Attorney's Office may dismiss the charge(s). Upon graduation, if the participant has a charge of violation of probation after a prior plea and probation sentence, the violation of probation affidavit will be dismissed, the probation will be terminated and the original conviction that was imposed will remain. Family and friends are invited to join the court as the Judge congratulates the participant for successfully completing the court supervision plan and achieving his/her goals.