

## What is Substance Abuse Court?

For those who admit to having a drug and/or alcohol problem and want to make changes in their lives, the Substance Abuse Court (SAC) may be the answer. Through a coordinated strategy of court personnel, probation staff, and treatment providers, participants will receive drug and alcohol evaluation, treatment, and supervision to help make healthier choices.

The year long, post-conviction program is designed into 4 phases. Through the use of incentives and sanctions, the SAC team will monitor and help guide participants to keep on track with court and probation conditions, as well as head in the right direction of program completion.



### Why should I choose this option?

- Reduced sentence on your charges. Participants must serve any mandatory minimum jail time on certain criminal charges prior to starting the therapeutic court
- Reduced fines and fees for treatment & supervision
- Immediate access to treatment
- Team of professionals to help you succeed!
- Built-in incentives to keep you motivated

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Clark County, WA

*District Court*

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE COURT (SAC)



*SAC meets on Tuesdays  
at 11am and 2:30pm*



## Substance Abuse Court Goals

1. Promote public safety
2. Reduce recidivism by providing assessment, education, and treatment to drug/alcohol addicted criminal offenders
3. Monitor treatment compliance through frequent court contact and supervision
4. Require strict accountability from participants and impose immediate sanctions for unacceptable behavior and reward good behavior with incentives
5. Reallocate resources to provide an effective alternative to traditional prosecution and incarceration of moderate to high risk/needs offenders
6. Reduce costs within Clark County's criminal justice system

## Who is Eligible?

The participant **must**:

1. Be a Clark County legal resident age 18 or older
2. Admit to having a substance abuse problem and voluntarily want this treatment option
3. Volunteer for the program

The participant must **NOT** have:

1. Any serious violent offenses in criminal history
2. Any other pending charges/outstanding warrants in any other jurisdiction
3. Used a firearm in the commission of any crime



"Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending "

~Author Unknown



## Mission Statement

The mission of Clark County District Court's Substance Abuse Court is to provide effective drug/alcohol treatment to eligible moderate to high risk/needs offenders, thereby reducing crime and improving the quality of life in our community. Substance Abuse Court looks to use the foremost in evidence based practices along with community collaboration, coupled with a high degree of therapeutic jurisprudence and accountability, to ensure the highest level in community safety and rehabilitation for offender populations.

"You may have to fight a battle more than once to win it."

- Margaret Thatcher

Substance Abuse Court design is based on the 10 key components

developed by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. These essential elements establish the foundation from which policies and operating procedures have been formed.