

Why Recovery Court?

Drugs and alcohol wreck lives. For those who want to change their lives in our community, JRC may be the answer. Participants will receive drug and alcohol treatment and education in life skills. They will build self-esteem, self-respect, and self-confidence. Participants will be able to think more clearly and feel healthier. When participants graduate, they will have control of their life. They will have learned skills that will allow them to avoid criminal behavior and continue a drug-free life that is fulfilling and productive. They will have the support of the court system, the JRC team, and the community because they will have succeeded. Participants have the opportunity to be a productive member of society.



Sanctions: If you do not comply with program rules, the Judge will impose immediate sanctions. Some sanctions include reprimands, writing essays, court visits, Restorative Community Service, detention, and termination from the program. If terminated from Recovery Court, you will be sentenced within the standard sentencing range for your offense.

Rewards and Incentives: When you follow the JRC rules, the Judge/team will reward you. Rewards include public recognition of your achievements, reduction of mandates, applause, sobriety coins & cups, and gifts. Graduation from Recovery Court is a public celebration where you are recognized in a special ceremony.



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CLARK COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Juvenile Recovery Court

Information Pamphlet



Therapeutic Specialty Courts

What is Juvenile Recovery Court?

It is a court-supervised program to reduce substance abuse, criminal behavior and increase responsibility through intense court intervention and treatment. Frequent drug testing, drug treatment, court appearances, and sanctions and rewards are used to promote long-term sobriety, accountability, and productive lifestyles.

How is Recovery Court different?

In Juvenile Recovery Court, the judge, prosecutor, defense attorneys, probation counselors, police, and treatment providers are a team. The Juvenile Recovery Court (JRC) works together in a supportive way to help participants change their life and achieve personal and program goals. The team meets every week to review each participant's progress based on shared information from treatment, probation, police, school, and others. During weekly court hearings, participants receive sanctions and rewards based on their progress for that week.

What does it cost?

The cost of participation in JRC is your commitment. Completing JRC will not be easy and will require a lot of hard work from you. If you have health insurance, the treatment provider may ask for insurance information from you or your parents.

Who is eligible?

Current charges must be:

- ☞ Drug or alcohol related offenses
- ☞ Deferred offenses that are drug related
- ☞ Probation Violation
- ☞ Youth that are currently on probation, have a drug problem and in need of intensive services not available through typical probation services

You cannot participate if:

- ☞ You have a current sex offense or certain violent crimes
- ☞ You are unwilling to address mental health issues
- ☞ You are currently taking prescription pain narcotics

You must:

- ☞ Be willing and able to attend weekly court hearings
- ☞ Have a Clark County, Washington residence
- ☞ Volunteer for the program
- ☞ Admit to a drug/alcohol addiction and want treatment
- ☞ Have parents or support persons that will participate with you

If a new charge is a misdemeanor, the charge may not be filed if you complete Recovery Court. If you are adjudicated on a new charge filed by the Prosecuting Attorney and wish to participate, you must plead guilty to the charges. If eligible for Deferred sentencing, your case may be dismissed after completing the JRC program. In all cases, you must sign a Recovery Court Contract, Waiver of Speedy Sentencing, and Releases of Information.

What are program requirements?

The Juvenile Recovery Court is tough! We will help participants obtain the tools to succeed in becoming sober and productive. If you are considering JRC to get out of Detention or to beat the system, you will not succeed. If you have an honest desire to rid your life of drugs, this program is for you! The program typically takes **at least one year to graduate from.**

You are required to do the following:

- ☞ Attend court regularly to report on your progress
- ☞ Attend individual and/or group drug treatment
- ☞ Submit to multiple, random, supervised drug tests
- ☞ Agree to a curfew and curfew/home checks
- ☞ Check in with a Probation Counselor
- ☞ Attend other programs as determined by the Recovery Court Team.