



Douglas County DUI/Drug Court Treatment Program State Court of Douglas County

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Judge Brian K. Fortner
DUI/Drug Court Judges
8700 Hospital Drive
Douglasville, GA. 30134

LOCATED IN THE:
Old Douglas County
Courthouse
Lower Level
12431 Veteran's Memorial
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General Program Information

What is DUI/Drug Court?

DUI/Drug Court is a voluntary, pre/post-conviction, treatment-based program for those who have either been convicted multiple times for driving while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs or have a substance abuse problem and meet one of the below criteria. The DUI/Drug Court program offers enhanced supervision, counseling, and treatment to help participants function in the community with continuing support. The program has two tracks, each one lasting a minimum of 18 months.

Eligibility Criteria:

- live in Douglas County OR be within 5 miles of the county border in a county that does not offer Misdemeanor DUI/Drug court (currently Paulding and Carroll);
- be charged with their 2nd DUI in 5 years or 3rd or more lifetime;
- have a prior drug conviction, and a current new drug charge;
- have a prior drug conviction, and the current case involves drugs either directly or indirectly;
- clearly have a drug or alcohol problem based on facts presented to the prosecutor or is voluntarily trying to get help for a drug/alcohol problem;
- be 17 years of age or older;
- show an indication of alcohol/drug abuse of dependence;
- must have a valid immigration status with no ICE (immigration) holds.

Disqualifying Criteria:

- prior convictions for violent felonies or current charges (either felony or misdemeanor) involving the use of force against another;
- active out-of-state warrants; and
- A co-occurring serious mental illness, such as schizophrenia, or mental disability that would prohibit meaningful participation in our treatment program; defendant may then be considered for HOPE court
- Known and active affiliation with a verified gang

No offender will be excluded solely based on his or her sex, race, religion, age, national origin, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, or physical disability

Benefits of the program include:

- less jail time;
- in DUI cases: a reduction of fine(s), conditioned upon successful completion the first 3 phases.
- community service credit of up to 200 sentenced hours
- affordable treatment and alcohol/drug testing;
- supervision in meeting license reinstatement requirements;
- possible license saving on those with multiple drug convictions; and
- support in achieving sobriety.

Cost

For Track 1 and 2 - the cost of the program is \$260 per month for the first 12 months for treatment, Court fees, drug and alcohol screening and \$105 per month for the next 6 months. Anyone remaining in the program for more than 18 months will continue to pay a \$75.00 fee to include supervision, screening and treatments costs, until participant graduates from the program. There is a sliding scale application process for lower income participants. Track 3 participants will pay a \$100 per month fee that will include supervision and drug screening costs. Treatment costs will be paid to the provider they choose for ASAM level I treatment.

Phases

DUI/Drug Court is divided into phases that each has a minimum duration; how long a participant is in a particular phase depends on the participant's level of compliance and readiness to progress in the program. In the higher phases, the program requirements lessen.

Court Status Hearings

In Phases I through III or IV, participants are required to attend court two times per month depending on the Track they are placed in. In the last phase of the program participants will attend once per month. Track 3 will attend court as directed but usually once every other month.

Treatment

Each participant accepted into the Douglas County DUI/Drug Court Program Track 1 or 2 will be required to attend treatment sessions at the DUI Court treatment facility, which is located at 12431 Veteran's Memorial Highway LOWER LEVEL, Douglasville, GA 30134. **Group treatment** sessions figure prominently into all phases of the program. When you inquire about the program you will be informed of the treatment days and times. You will also be required to attend individual sessions as deemed appropriate by your treatment provider but at a minimum of 1 time per month until the final phase. Track 3 will attend as required by their provider for ASAM Level I classes.

Alcohol /Drug Testing

Drug testing is performed on a random basis; however, a breath or urine specimen may be required at any time. All Drug testing will be conducted at the DUI/Drug Court Office, Douglas County courthouse on DUI/Drug court days, or at your residence during home visits by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

Support Group Meetings

Participants are not required to attend formal support group meetings, such as those offered by Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, SMART Recovery, and/or other organizations; however, you will be encouraged to reach out to community support groups as you progress through the program. You may be required to attend such meetings should the team deem it to be appropriate for your treatment.