

Adult Drug Court

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply?

- Individuals with pending criminal charges and/or probation violations.
- Individuals must have a substance use and/or alcohol use disorder.
- Transfers are permitted from throughout the state of South Carolina, however individuals must be willing to relocate to the tri-county area for the duration of the program.

How to apply?

- Applications may be completed by defense attorneys or other individuals on behalf of the applicant.
- Applications may be emailed to the coordinator.
- Applications may be submitted online on the Solicitor's Office webpage.
- Application to the program is \$100.

What services are provided?

- Drug counseling
- Medication-assisted treatment
- Housing assistance
- Transportation assistance
- Employment assistance
- Other counseling, as needed

What are the requirements?

- Attend court sessions
- Pay court fees
- Attend a minimum of two self-help meetings per week
- Submit to random drug and alcohol testing
- Attend all treatment sessions
- Attain and maintain full-time employment
- Pay all restitution to crime victims, if applicable

What happens at the conclusion?

- Upon successful completion, all charges are dismissed and/or probation ended. If the individual entered the program on pending criminal charges, that criminal record is eligible for expungement.
- Upon unsuccessful completion, the charges become convictions or probation is violated and the case returns to court for the negotiated sentence imposition.

**For more information, please contact
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BERKELEY COUNTY ADULT DRUG COURT



The Berkeley County Adult Drug Court provides a cost-effective alternative to traditional prosecution and incarceration of offenders with substance use and/or alcohol use disorders. Crime will be reduced and offenders rehabilitated through intensive court supervision and treatment.

Drug Court is available for individuals with pending criminal charges and/or probation violations. Entry into the program requires a guilty plea to charges and/or probation violations with a negotiated sentence and deferral upon successful completion of the program. The program lasts a minimum of 15 months. Upon successful completion of Drug Court, the charges will be dismissed or the probation supervision ended.

Drug Court is a collaborative, multi-disciplinary team that includes a judge, prosecutor, defense attorney, treatment, testing, coordinator, probation, law enforcement and vocational rehabilitation. The Berkeley County Drug Court is operated by team members who are part of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP). The program follows the national Drug Court model and incorporates the ten key components and best practices. Participants are required to attend court appearances, pay court fees, attend self-help meetings, submit to random drug testing, attend all treatment sessions, pay restitution to victims, and have full-time employment.

The goal of Drug Court is to lead people living with substance use disorders out of the justice system and into lives of recovery and stability. By doing so, Drug Court reduces recidivism and enhances public safety.

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