

What does treatment consist of?

Our community offers various Drug and Alcohol programs for adolescents. Each program varies in what they offer.

Typical outpatient services can include:

Adolescent Group treatment: 2 groups per week

Family and Self Help Groups: 1-2 Groups per month

Individual Session: 1 session per month

Services may be obtained through:

- Agape' Unlimited in Bremerton
- Kitsap Mental Health Services
- Tribal Wellness Centers
- Healthy Whole Solutions in Port Orchard, or another approved private provider.

Participants who require a higher level of care will be referred to appropriate in-patient facilities/programs.

How long is the program?

Treatment can take as long as the youth needs to be successful in their recovery. Typically, it will be a minimum of 6 months.



This mosaic picture was created by treatment-involved youth, including Drug Court participants. It is proudly displayed at the Kitsap County Youth Services Center reception area.

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DRUG COURT



SUPERIOR COURT OF KITSAP COUNTY

Juvenile and Family Court Services

What is Juvenile Drug Court?

Juvenile Drug Court is a voluntary, treatment-based program aimed at intervening in drug/alcohol use and criminal behavior through intense supervision and participation in treatment services.

How long is the program?

Drug Court is a minimum of one-year for felony-level offenses, and nine (9) months for non-felony offenses. The program must be completed within two (2) years.

Who is eligible for Drug Court?

Youth are referred to Drug Court after being charged with an offense by the prosecutor. Youth may have a history of drug and/or alcohol use, or drugs and/or alcohol may have been involved in the commission of the crime. The youth cannot be charged, or have a history of, a sex offense, serious, violent offense, an offense in which the Respondent used a firearm, or an offense where the Respondent caused substantial or great bodily harm or death to another person (RCW 2.28.170).

To qualify for the Drug Court program a youth's level of substance abuse must be such that treatment and education will be substantially beneficial to them, and the youth must want to participate in treatment and education. Further, there must be adequate services available that address the needs of the youth. Finally, the youth's family must be supportive of the program and agree to participate.

What are the basic requirements of Drug Court?

- Participation in a drug and alcohol evaluation and treatment as recommended by the treatment provider;
- School attendance and participation or employed, if education is complete;
- Random drug testing, including weekends and holidays;
- Mandatory court appearances- weekly or bi-monthly;
- Weekly contact with probation officer;
- Requirement to follow the rules of the residence/placement; and
- Pay any restitution owed.

What sanctions can be expected for not complying with the conditions of Drug Court?

Drug Court is a treatment-based program. Sanctions in Drug Court increase or decrease in severity as needed to support the youth in getting clean and sober. Some of the sanctions that can be used include:

- Community service work
- Written assignments
- Increased drug testing
- Increased treatment
- Increased participation in self-help groups
- Work Crew
- Electronic Home Monitoring
- Time in custody
- Termination from Drug Court

How do participants benefit by entering and completing Drug Court?

- Participants will get drug/alcohol education and treatment that will help them move forward in their life.
- Upon graduation, the charge(s) that were referred to Drug Court will be dismissed with prejudice.
- If the underlying offense(s) is/are drug or alcohol offense(s), or other offense(s) that requires Department of Licensing (DOL) notification/action, the DOL will not be notified.
- The participant's accomplishments will be recognized during a graduation ceremony.

What is the opt-out period?

Drug Court is a voluntary program. During the first 2 weeks in Drug Court participants may opt-out of Drug Court and return their case to the juvenile court without losing any rights. Once participants have completed the 2 weeks trial period, known as the opt-out period, they will still be able to get out of Drug Court with the Judge's permission. However, participants will lose their right to a trial. This means that guilt will be determined solely by the Judge's review of the police report.

When does Drug Court meet?

Juvenile drug court sessions are currently held on Thursday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. at the Kitsap County Youth Services Center.

