

ADULT FELONY PROGRAM

Program Abstract

The Genesee County Circuit Court received a Drug Court Planning Grant from the Michigan Supreme Court in April 2000. The chief judge appointed a presiding judge and a Drug Court Planning Committee was formed.

A delegation was sent to the 6th Annual Conference of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. The group returned with a commitment to begin a drug court in our community. The chief judges of the circuit and district courts signed a joint local administrative order endorsing the concept of a countywide drug court.

Adult felony participants will be identified at the time of the pre-bail investigation by the staff of Pre-Trial Services. Referrals will include drug offenses or other non-violent offenses, where a history of drug use is established.

The prosecutor will review the targeted cases before the initial pre-trial to determine if the drug court option will be offered.

The drug court protocol consists of three phases, the first of which is known as the **Stabilization Phase**. This is the most intensive level of participation and includes by-weekly contact with the court. The participant progresses to less intensive reporting schedules over the course of the 12-month program.

The other phases are the **Treatment Phase**, followed by the **Transition Phase**. The latter phase is an opportunity to expand educational opportunities and begin a process of reintegration with the community in a drug free lifestyle.

The above program will compliment existing operations in the Genesee County Circuit Court, Family Division. Funded by a Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant, the Family Division will operate a **juvenile drug court** including intensive case management, drug testing, sanctions/rewards and frequent judicial contact.

The 67th and 68th District Courts receive funding from the Michigan Office of Drug Control Policy and the Michigan Department of Community Corrections to establish intensive supervision caseloads for repeat offenders and for a drug testing center. Over the course of the next fiscal year, the **district courts will evolve these programs into therapeutic model drug courts with assigned judicial resources.**

The drug court coordinator position for which the current application seeks funding will assist with grant coordination and planning for all of the courts in Genesee County.