



#### **Recovery Courts Save Money**

**Incarcerating people who use substances costs between \$20,000 and \$50,000 per individual each year.**

**Compared to other options, Recovery Court Programs usually cost less than \$2,500 per person each year.**



**The first Drug Court was started in 1989 in Florida. In 1994, there were only 12 Drug courts; now there are 2,840 Drug Courts Nationwide.**

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## **Chippewa County Recovery Court**

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**MISSION:** To increase community safety and restore sober, productive, and law-abiding citizens to the community by breaking the cycle of addiction through effective, long-term treatment with intensive court supervision

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## What is Recovery Court?

Recovery Courts are highly effective interventions for treating individuals with substance use disorders.

Recovery Courts **REDUCE DRUG USE**. Recovery Courts **REDUCE CRIME**. Recovery Courts **SAVE MONEY**. Recovery Courts **RESTORE LIVES**. Recovery Courts **SAVE CHILDREN AND RE-UNITE FAMILIES**.

Eligible individuals must be 18 years of age, struggling with substance misuse and/or addiction, charged with a Felony offense, and on probation or facing a probation sentence. These individuals may be referred to the Recovery Court instead of going through the traditional justice system.

Recovery Courts aim to keep participants in treatment long enough for it to be effective while supervising them closely. Participants must agree to engage in the program for a minimum of one year and are required to:

- Receive intensive treatment and necessary services to help them live a life in recovery.
- Be accountable to the Recovery Court Judge for meeting obligations to the court, society, themselves, and their families.
- Undergo regular and random drug and alcohol testing.
- Appear in court frequently, allowing the Judge to review their progress, reward them for successes, and impose sanctions if they fail to meet their obligations.
- Before each court appearance, the Recovery Court Treatment Team evaluates the participants' progress, discusses positive and negative behaviors, and recommends any incentives or sanctions to the Judge.

## Key Components

- Each participant undergoes an eligibility assessment for the program. Once deemed eligible, they voluntarily sign a contract agreeing to the program's conditions.
- An individual treatment plan is created and updated throughout the program.
- The program consists of five phases. Participants advance to the next phase once they complete all requirements and demonstrate adequate progress in their program.
- Every participant is required to engage in alcohol and drug abuse treatment in addition to any other programming recommended by the treatment team.
- If necessary, participants must establish employment, enroll in higher education, participate in community service, or obtain their High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED) or General Educational Development (GED) certificate.
- Random urinalysis or breathalyzer tests are mandated throughout the program.
- Recovery Court participants must regularly appear before the Judge. They will also meet regularly with their probation agent and case manager.
- Participants may be terminated or suspended from the program if they commit a new offense or fail to make progress in the program phases.

## Benefits of Recovery Court

### **For the Recovery Court Participants:**

- Studies show that Recovery Court participants were significantly less likely than the matched comparison offenders to relapse to drug or alcohol use, and those who did relapse used substantially less.
- Recovery Court participants report committing significantly fewer criminal acts than the comparison offenders after participating in the program.
- Participants discovered less family conflict than the comparison offenders at eighteen months.
- Recovery Court participants were also more likely than the comparison offenders to be enrolled in school at six months.
- Improved social and family relationships.
- The opportunity to become a productive member of society.
- A favorable disposition to a court case

### **For the Community:**

- An improved workforce
- Reduction in the spread of substance abuse-related medical problems (Drug addicted babies, spread of disease, AIDS, hepatitis, etc.)
- Reduced medical costs
- Reduction in criminal behaviors
- Decrease in expenses from taxpayers