

What does treatment consist of?

Meeting with a licensed drug and alcohol service provider.

Typical services can include:

- Outpatient adolescent treatment groups
- Individual treatment sessions
- Random urinalysis
- Participants who require a higher level of care may be referred to in-patient treatment.

Engaging youth and families.

The drug court team work with participants to create individualized case plans and set goals. Youth will be empowered to set desirable and achievable goals throughout the duration of the program. Case plans will be created with youth and their family, focusing on risk level, areas of need and identifying appropriate services. These case plans will form the pathways in which goal attainment will be achieved. Conversations with the youth and families start at the initial intake process and continues through the program.



This mosaic 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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Kitsap County Juvenile and Family Court Services

Juvenile Drug Court (JDC)



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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 months for non-felony offenses. The program must be completed within two years.

Who is eligible for Drug Court?

Youth are referred to Drug Court after being charged with an offense by the prosecutor. Youth must have a current substance abuse disorder and/or history of drug/alcohol use. Drugs/alcohol may have been involved in the commission of the crime. Youth cannot currently be charged with, 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 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 relevant services available that address the needs of the youth. Finally, the youth's family must be supportive of the program and agree to participate.

Basic requirements of Drug Court?

- Youth must complete a drug and alcohol evaluation and follow through with recommendations by the treatment provider.
- School attendance and participation, or employment if education is complete.
- Random drug testing.
- Mandatory court appearances weekly, bi-monthly or as required.
- Weekly contact with probation officer and case monitor.
- Follow the rules of the home/placement.
- Follow through with counseling and services as recommended.

Drug Court is a therapeutic and incentive-based program. Incentives may include:

- Gift cards
- Monthly drawings
- Judicial praise
- Goal achievement rewards
- Fewer court appearances/early out cards

What sanctions can be imposed for non-compliance with conditions of Drug Court?

- Community restitution work
- Writing assignments
- Chores at home
- Electronic Home Monitoring
- Detention
- Termination from Drug Court

How do participants benefit from Drug Court?

- Participants will receive drug/alcohol education and treatment, and opportunities for skill development.
- Family, school and community collaboration and engagement.
- Supportive relationships and team approach.
- Upon graduation, the charge(s) referred to Drug Court will be dismissed with prejudice.

What is the opt-out period?

During the first month trial period, known as the "opt-out" period, participants may choose to have their case returned to the Juvenile Court. All their rights will be restored except for the right to a timely adjudication which will start at the next court hearing. Once participants have completed the opt-out period, they will sign a final order and can only withdraw from the program after a request is made to the judge. If a withdrawal is approved, participants do not have a right to trial and the judge will determine guilt based on the police report(s).

When does Drug Court meet?

Court hearings are held on Thursday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. at the Kitsap County Youth Services Center.

Graduation and completion!

Upon completion of the program, there will be a graduation and the charge(s) referred to ITC will be dismissed.