MISSION
The Davidson County Drug Court Program is committed to providing a quality treatment program that will promote positive change in criminal and addictive behaviors for the purpose of successfully reintegrating offenders into society.

VISION
The Davidson County Drug Court Program wishes to be known for creating a model program dedicated to holistically addressing the range of treatment needs of the people we serve.

Combined with supervision, the residential program uses a uniquely modified therapeutic community approach which combines treatment and supervision to arrest their addiction and co-morbid mental health disorders to enable them to become productive members of the community.

We strive, in partnership with the community, to become the creative and comprehensive provider of treatment services in the criminal justice system.

We emphasize maintaining a responsive, effective, and well-coordinated continuum of care, and we promote a respect for the dignity of our clients and staff.

We are committed to professional excellence, integrity, and improvement in all we do.

* Statement of Non-Discrimination Due to Disability *

Davidson County Drug Court does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its program. Information in requesting accommodation and/or auxiliary aids or services can be found at: www.nashville.gov/support_services/ADA/adaadacomplia.htm or by calling the Metropolitan Government ADA office at telephone (615) 862-8744 or TTY (615) 862-8951.

*** Davidson County Drug Court reserves the right to make appropriate changes as deemed necessary to program procedures and/or policies. ***

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PROGRAM SERVICES

Inpatient Long Term Treatment
Intensive Outpatient Program
Mental Health Dual-Diagnosis Treatment
Individual and Group Counseling
12 Step Program Groups
Relapse Prevention
Psychiatric Evaluations
Gender-Specific Vocational Training
Job Readiness through Community Agencies
GED and Basic Education Training

PURPOSE

The Davidson County Drug Court Program is a diversionary program that provides for the supervision of non-violent offenders with substance abuse problems combined with intensive treatment and other integrated services. The key to making this program successful is Developing Character During Confinement (DC4). We have successfully developed a community that allows offenders to address their chemical dependency and mental health issues as well as make modifications to their criminal behavior.

HISTORY

In 1995, Judge Seth Norman of the Division IV Criminal Court became aware of a program called “Drug Court” that was attempting to combat the lack of treatment for chemically dependent offenders. The program was offered in the form of Federal grants through the United States Department of Justice. Judge Norman submitted application for funding a drug court program in Davidson County. The Davidson County Drug Court started as an outpatient drug treatment program in 1997 and quickly added an inpatient residential program.

Developing Character During Confinement

The Davidson County Drug Court Program (DC4) consists of a long term residential facility (approximately 18 months in length), intensive outpatient program, and a mental health dual-diagnosis program which operate under the direct supervision of the Division IV Criminal Court in the 20th Judicial District of Tennessee (Nashville/Davidson County). Judge Seth W. Norman presides over both Division IV Criminal Court and DC4.

ELIGIBILITY

This is a voluntary program. The Drug Court will not accept any individual unless the District Attorney General and/or sentencing Judge in the county of the conviction agree to the placement.

- Adult males or females with substance abuse dependency and/or mental health diagnosis convicted of a non-violent felony or misdemeanor in Davidson County.
- Must be capable of and willing to participate in Drug Court Programming.
- Medical and Mental Health History will need to be submitted at the time of referral to ensure the appropriateness of the client for the program.

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