

MISSION

Davidson County Drug Court 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

Davidson County Drug Court 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: 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 DISCLAIMER

The material presented in this manual is largely the result of DC4's experience in working with the unique treatment modality offered to the residents of the program.

Davidson County Drug Court

Presiding Judge, Hon. Jennifer L. Smith



- **DEDICATED TO MEETING THE TREATMENT NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE WE SERVE**
- **PARTNERED WITH AGENCIES AT EVERY LEVEL**
- **EMPHASIZE USING A LONG-TERM APPROACH TO MAINTAIN A RESPONSIVE AND EFFECTIVE CONTINUUM OF SERVICES**

PROGRAM SERVICES

Inpatient Long-Term Treatment
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/HiSET and Basic Education Training

PURPOSE

Davidson County Drug Court 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 W. 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 the application for funding a drug court program in Davidson County. Davidson County Drug Court started as an outpatient drug treatment program in 1997 and quickly added an inpatient residential program.



REFERRAL PROCESS

Referrals for DC4 must be clients who have felony/misdemeanor offenses, whether in the bound over phase, a probation violation, or both. The offense(s) do not have to be drug related but must have a recent history of **substance abuse along with a mental health diagnoses**. The defendant will need 30 to 45 days of detox prior to placement in the program; this includes jail detoxification.

The defendants should enter a plea in the County of origin and sentenced to Community Corrections or sentenced probation with the condition to be supervised by Davidson County Community Corrections. A transfer order will need to be signed by the sentencing Judge, defendant, and the defendant's attorney if the case originated outside of Davidson County. When referring a client for Drug Court screening, please allow 4 weeks for the completion of the assessment process. When referring a client, please provide the following information: Name, date of birth, social security number, case number(s), County case is pending, current charge and any pending court dates.

The Assessor will contact the referring agency with the status of referral. If accepted in the program and there are no beds available for placement, the client's name will be placed on a waiting list. The client will be set on the docket as soon as there is a bed available, assuming all legal paperwork has been received.

Developing Character During Confinement

Davidson County Drug Court (DC4) consists of a long-term residential facility (approximately 18-24 months in length) 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 and Davidson County). DC4 is presided over by Division IV Judge, Hon. Jennifer L. Smith.

ELIGIBILITY

This is a voluntary program. DC4 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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