

# *Burnett County Drug and Alcohol Court Program*

## What is Drug & Alcohol Court?

The Burnett County Drug & Alcohol Court is a court that is specifically designated and staffed to handle cases involving drug offenders through an intensive, judicially supervised program of drug treatment, rehabilitation services, and strict community supervision. It is the goal of Burnett County's Drug and Alcohol Court to provide meaningful, monitored treatment, and provide immediate consequence for non-compliance, and appropriate rewards for success.



## Admission Criteria

Persons meeting the following criteria will be considered for admission to the Burnett County Drug and Alcohol Court Program.

- Resident of Burnett County
- Offender must be found guilty of a current offense.
- Must be at least 17 years of age.
- Must be convicted of a crime which is a result of the offenders substance abuse or addiction.
- Offenders must voluntarily agree to participate and abide by all program rules.
- Those referred for possible participation shall be interviewed by staff and participate in any assessments.

## Key Components of the Drug & Alcohol Court Program

- Participant voluntarily signs a contract agreeing to the conditions of the Program.
- The program is divided into three phases. Each participant moves to the next program phase when he or she completes the phase requirements.
- Each participant is required to participate in alcohol/drug abuse treatment.
- Each participant is required to find employment/and remain financially accountable.
- Periodic urinalysis (UA) tests are mandated parts of program participation.
- Before each court appearance, the Drug & Alcohol Court Team reviews the participants progress, and addresses positive/negative behaviors and recommends to the Judge any incentives or sanctions.
- Expulsion from the program may occur if a violent offense is committed or if inadequate progress occurs.

# Benefits of Drug & Alcohol Court

## For Drug Court Participants:

- Recovery from addiction.
- Improved Physical and Mental Health.
- Improved Social/Family relationships.
- The opportunity for education and employment.
- The opportunity to become a productive member of society.

## For the Community:

- AN improved workforce.
- Reduction in the spread of substance abuse related medical problems (drug addicted babies, spread of diseases, AIDS , and or Hepatitis, etc.)
- Reduced medical costs,
- Reduction in criminal behaviors.

## Reduction in Cost of Incarceration

In Wisconsin, prison incarceration can cost approximately \$30,000 annually per offender. Burnett County's average cost is approximately \$3,000 annually per drug & alcohol court participant.



## The Burnett County Drug & Alcohol Court Team is comprised of the following individuals:

Honorable Melissa Mogen  
County Circuit Judge

Tessa Anderson  
Drug Court Coordinator

Katie Culvey  
Probation & Parole

Byron Hopke  
Burnett County MH/AODA Supervisor

Joseph Schieffer  
District Attorney

Kevin Schmidt  
Public Defender

Kris Thompson  
Aurora AODA Treatment Staff

Tracy Finch  
Investigator

Mark Schmidt  
Jail Captain

Angelica Ramirez  
SCT Attorney

Donald Chell  
Burnett County Board Member

Eldon Freese  
Burnett County Board Member

## Burnett County Drug & Alcohol Court Program

A New Way To Handle Criminal Cases  
Involving Drug & Alcohol Addicted  
Offenders  
**THAT WORKS!**

The mission of the Burnett County Drug & Alcohol Court is to reduce substance abuse and criminal behavior in order to improve the lives for offenders, families, and the community by providing intensive court supervision and drug treatment while holding offenders accountable for criminal behavior.



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