

BALTIMORE CITY DRUG TREATMENT COURT

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How the program works

- **Participants are screened and assessed for eligibility**
- **Participants plead guilty to their offense(s) and sign a drug court contract**
- **Participants are drug-tested at least twice weekly**
- **Participants report to probation agents twice weekly**
- **Participants attend intensive substance abuse treatment**
- **Participants report to court for regular progress conferences**
- **Participants perform volunteer service**
- **Participants graduate after they comply with program rules and are drug-free for no less than nine months**

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Substance Abuse Treatment and Education Program



District Court of Baltimore City DRUG TREATMENT COURT

Hon. Jamey Hueston, Judge-in-Charge

What Is Drug Treatment Court?

Drug courts are the most effective justice intervention for treating drug-addicted people.

- Drug courts reduce crime
- Drug courts save money
- Drug courts restore lives
- Drug courts save children and reunite families
- Drug courts promote the birth of many drug-free babies

The Baltimore City Drug Treatment Court provides the following:

- Intensive substance abuse treatment
- Mental health treatment
- Judicial supervision
- Probation and case management support
- Job training
- Job placement
- Mediation
- Life skills training
- GED assistance
- Bus passes
- Meaningful volunteer placement
- Support group

Vision

The Baltimore City Drug Treatment Court envisions a Baltimore made safer by the reduction of addiction-driven crime and the positive integration of the offender into family and community.

Eligibility

- At least 18 years old and a resident of Baltimore City
- No convictions within the past five years for crimes of violence, drug kingpin, or possession or use of a firearm
- No convictions for child abuse, rape, sexual offenses, or homicide
- Current offense is not for any of the crimes listed above
- Diagnosed with a serious or chronic substance abuse problem
- Not on active parole or outstanding warrants or detainers
- Assessed as suitable and amenable to treatment

Goals

- Divert defendants who are clinically assessed as chronically drug-addicted who present a low risk to public safety into the treatment system with intense criminal justice supervision and judicial monitoring;
- Provide an alternative to incarceration for offenders charged with drug involved crime; in turn, providing the judiciary with a cost-effective sentencing option, freeing valuable incarceration resources for violent offenders, and reducing pre-trial jail time.

