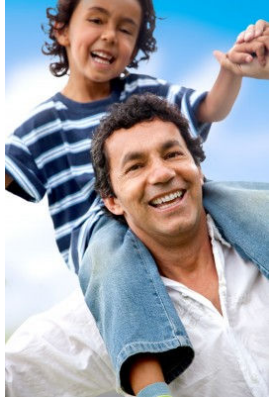


What is Dependency Drug Court?



Dependency Drug Court (DDC) is a family reunification program designed to address the issues of parents whose children have been removed

from the home by the County because of the parents' abuse of drugs or alcohol.

The goal of the program is to ensure the safety and welfare of children by helping parents resolve their substance abuse problems. Participants who qualify for acceptance into the program must comply with specific requirements of each program phase. This includes regular drug testing, individual and group counseling, frequent court appearances, and attendance in perinatal or parenting classes. Successful participants gain the skills necessary to live sober lives while raising their children in a safe and secure environment.

Mission

The mission of the Dependency Drug Court is to ensure the safety and welfare of children by helping parents address their substance abuse problems.



DDC Goals

- Introduce participants to an ongoing process of recovery designed to achieve total abstinence from illicit or illegal drugs
- Promote self-sufficiency and empower substance abusers to become productive, responsible members of society
- Increase the number and percentage of family reunifications
- Reduce the length of time to reunification. **On average, DDC families reunify with their children significantly earlier than families not in DDC**

Requirements

DDC participants are expected to meet specific requirements during each program phase, including drug testing three times per week, weekly counseling, weekly or monthly court appearances, and participation in perinatal or parenting classes. There are four program phases:

- **Phase 1 – Recovery and Planning**, including the development of a personalized treatment plan. (8 weeks)
- **Phase 2 – Assertion Skills/Conflict Resolution**, with counseling on coping and effective handling of daily challenges (8 weeks)
- **Phase 3 – Parenting**, focusing on self-sufficiency and parenting skills (10 weeks)
- **Phase 4 – Relapse Prevention** through reinforcement of skills to maintain sobriety and better care for children (8 weeks)



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Your attorney can answer many of your questions about your case and the Dependency Drug Court program.

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