

**Orange County Superior Court  
Harbor/West Justice Centers**

**WHAT IS DUI COURT?**

The Orange County DUI Court Program is a court supervised, comprehensive treatment collaborative for non-violent Offenders. This sheet will provide a synopsis of the Program, its goals, and its requirements for the Offender and his/her Counsel. A more detailed description of the Program can be found in the Participant's Handbook located at **DUICourt.occourts.org**. The DUI Court uses a team concept consisting of representatives from the County Health Care Agency (HCA), Probation Department (PROB), the District Attorney's Office (DA) and the Public Defender's Office (PD). Criteria for eligibility for the HJC/WJC DUI courts are: **2<sup>nd</sup> DUI offense with a BAC of .20 or higher, 2<sup>nd</sup> DUI offense with priors within a short period of time (i.e., 1 year), 3<sup>rd</sup> DUI offense.**

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

The Offender must:

Reside in Orange County through his/her time in the Program.

Be at least 18 years old.

Have no history of violence, sexual crimes, or drug trafficking.

Admit to having a history of alcohol/substance abuse.

Live in a drug/alcohol free environment.

**PROGRAM PHASES**

**WINDOW PHASE- AT LEAST 14 DAYS:**

- HCA and PROB will conduct an interview to determine if the Offender is suitable for the DUI Court Program.
- If the Offender is found suitable, the Court will take a guilty plea to the DUI charge and the Offender will be accepted into the DUI Court Program.
- The Offender will be introduced to the Program and start attending group counseling, individual counseling, Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings, and reporting weekly to PROB Officer.
- Alcohol/ drug testing 3 times a week.
- Weekly court appearances.

**ORIENTATION PHASE-AT LEAST 21 DAYS:**

- The Offender accepts the terms and conditions of DUI Court and opts to continue participation.
- Attend one group and one individual counseling session and 5-7 AA meetings per week, and report weekly to PROB Officer.
- Abide by 10:00 p.m. in-house curfew.
- Alcohol/drug testing 3 times a week.
- Weekly or Bi-weekly court appearances.

**PHASE ONE- AT LEAST 90 DAYS:**

- Must be recommended by the Team for advancement and advanced by the Court.
- Attend one group and two individual counseling sessions and 4 AA meetings per week, and report weekly to PROB Officer.
- Abide by 10:00 p.m. in-house curfew.
- Alcohol/drug testing 2 times a week.
- Bi-weekly (or more as needed) court appearance.

**PHASE TWO- AT LEAST 120 DAYS:**

- Must be recommended by the Team for advancement and advanced by the Court.
- Attend one group and two individual counseling sessions and 3 AA meetings per week, a MADD panel meeting, and report weekly to Probation Officer.
- Abide by midnight in-house curfew.
- Alcohol/drug testing 2 times a week.
- Bi-weekly (or more as needed) court appearances.

**PHASE THREE- AT LEAST 120 DAYS:**

- Must be recommended by the Team for advancement and advanced by the Court.
- Attend one group and one individual counseling session and 2 AA meetings per week, and report weekly to Probation Officer.
- Complete 8 hours of Volunteer Service.
- Serve mandatory jail sentence (usually served as electronic home confinement).
- Mentor new DUI Court participants.
- Abide by midnight in-house curfew.
- Alcohol/drug testing once per week.
- Monthly (or more as needed) court appearances.

**SOME ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Must remain sober during the Program.
- Must be gainfully employed.
- Must have a sponsor.
- Must complete a DMV approved SB38 Program.
- Must attend all Court ordered activities.
- Must submit to random searches and testing.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- There is a monthly fee for the services provided by the Health Care Agency and the Probation Department. The fees will be paid by the participant, based on their ability to pay.
- The Program is not an easy alternative to jail; it will require time, effort, coordination, support and will be trying in different ways for each individual as they confront their issues with alcohol. Each participant will receive counseling and support as they face the addiction that landed them in the program. In the end, the Program will be a positive life changing experience for every participant.
- The rules of the Program are not flexible and exceptions will **not** be granted. Sanctions will be imposed for violations of any rule, court order, or instruction and are detailed in the Participants' Handbook which is located on the DUI court website ([DUIcourt.occourts.org](http://DUIcourt.occourts.org)).

I have read and understood the DUI Court information sheet and would like to continue on to the evaluation.

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