

MISSION

The mission of the Atlantic Judicial Circuit Drug Court is to reduce substance abuse and related criminal activity by providing quality substance abuse treatment and case management services.

WHAT IS DRUG COURT?

The Atlantic Judicial Circuit of Georgia's Drug Court was established in 2009 under the leadership of Superior Court Judge D. Jay Stewart to reduce substance abuse related criminal activity and recidivism by providing quality, holistic substance abuse treatment and thereby creating a safer community environment as an alternative form for offender rehabilitation. The 24-month program provides offenders intensive outpatient chemical dependency treatment that is supervised by judge.

DRUG COURT GOALS

- To assist drug court participants in becoming abstinent and maintaining sobriety;
- To minimize recidivism among drug court participants;
- To improve the quality of life of drug court participants and their families through vocational training and drug education;
- To improve public safety by reducing the crime rate in our community; and
- To pay restitution to victim and/or community, if any.

AFTER READING THE INFORMATION IN THIS BROCHURE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED AS A CANDIDATE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM, PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME BELOW AND RETURN THIS FORM BY EMAIL OR FAX TO:

GLENDA HARRIMAN
AJC DRUG COURT ADMINISTRATOR
Post Office Box 2106
Hinesville, GA 31310
Fax Number: (912) 877-0334
glenda.harriman@libertycountyga.com

Name (Print Please)

Street Address

City State Zip

Telephone Phone Alternate Phone

If you wish to be a considered as a candidate, and are out on bond, please return form within 48 hours of being released on bond to the Drug Court Administrator's office (Mail, Email, or Fax), or you can provide this to your attorney. If you are incarcerated, please complete this form and provide to your attorney.

Assessments and Group Therapy will be held at:

Recovery Place, Inc.
104-B N. Commerce Street
Hinesville, GA 31313
(912) 877-3600

Public Defender Cases Contact:
(912) 369-6338

HOW DO I BECOME A PARTICIPANT IN THE DRUG COURT PROGRAM?

Not everyone is eligible for Drug Court.

-**Submit** this brochure, complete a referral form and provide to your attorney, or email Drug Court Administrator, Glenda Harriman at:

glenda.harriman@libertycountyga.com

-**Your criminal history** will be screened by the District Attorney's Office to determine eligibility.

-**You will be interviewed** by the Drug Court Administrator's office to review program.

-**If you still wish to participant**, you will meet with our treatment provider and case manager for a clinical evaluation and alcohol assessment.

-**All the above** will be reviewed by the Drug Court Team members at a Drug Court Staff meeting.

-**If you are accepted** into Drug Court, you will meet with your attorney to complete/review the Drug Court Contract and legal paperwork for entry into Drug Court. If you are incarcerated, you will be brought over from jail on the first available Drug Court date to come before the Judge and enter the Drug Court Program; the day you sign the contract; you will begin your treatment in the Drug Court Program.

GOAL OF THE PROGRAM

The goal of the Drug Court team is to provide clients with tools to remain clean and sober. The decision is up to them and the length of the program will be based on the choices they make.

ELIGIBILITY

Persons arrested on drug charges must meet certain criteria to be eligible as a candidate for drug court. To be eligible, a defendant must have been arrested for drug or drug motivated offenses; or sentenced to a period of probation under the First Offender Act or have at least 3 years remaining on their probation sentenced; and test positive on at least one drug screen while on probation or admit to using drugs or alcohol while on probation.

Exclusionary Criteria:

Certain legal factors may exclude one from being eligible for the drug court program. These factors include:

- Conviction of any violent offense as defined by the federal government;
- Felony firearm charges;
- Sex offenders;
- Illegal Alien Status;
- Individuals with any gang affiliation;
- Pending felony charges in other jurisdictions.

Some other factors may exclude certain individuals from being eligible.

These include:

- Prior felony convictions;
- A severe physical or mental handicap that would prevent program participation, though an appropriate referral must be made.

ATLANTIC JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DRUG COURT TEAM

Superior Court Judge:	Honorable D. Jay Stewart
Court Administrator:	Glenda Harriman
Program Case Manager:	Hailey Baxter
Program Assistant:	Rebecca Sanders
Treatment Director:	Kasey Ifill
Prosecutor:	Alexis Antonucci
Defense Council:	Brandon Clark
Law Enforcement:	Jon Long, Chief Deputy Brittany Fleming Sanquettia Sibert
State Probation:	Sarah McCarthy

**For more information,
please contact:**

Glenda Harriman
Drug Court Administrator
Post Office Box 2106
Hinesville, GA 31310
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Counties that are served:

**Liberty, Long, Bryan, McIntosh,
Evans & Tattnall**

Atlantic Judicial Circuit Drug Court



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*Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
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*Evans, and *McIntosh Counties**

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