



Second Judicial District Court

Adult Drug Court

Manager: Sarah Thompson

Hours of Operation: Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.; Friday: 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Court Description: Established in 1995, the Adult Drug Court was the first Specialty Court in the Second Judicial District’s General Jurisdiction Division. This Court is the largest Specialty Court and paved the way for the succeeding specialty courts in the Second Judicial District Court.

This Court is for an eligible criminal defendant diagnosed with a substance use disorder or a co-occurring disorder. The Court focuses on providing a defendant with outpatient counseling and advancing and stabilizing their education and employment. After a defendant pleads guilty, the Court may sentence them to probation with a condition they participate in, attend and successfully complete a substance or alcohol treatment program. The Court discharges the defendant and sets aside their judgment of conviction if they successfully complete their treatment programs.

Accessible Services and Support: The Adult Drug Court values a holistic approach to help a defendant pursue and stop the cycle of substance use and criminal behavior. Case management for a defendant is coordinated by a team of the judge, defense counsel and prosecutor, treatment providers, court personnel, parole and probation officers, and drug testing staff. The Court partners with local providers specializing in certain areas of expertise, such as, substance use counseling, case management, drug testing, and vocational and academic programs.

Hearings: Wednesday, 2:30 p.m.; Thursday, 10:00 a.m.; and Thursday 2:00 p.m.

Outcomes, as of September 2020:

- Since 2014, 81% of graduates have remained arrest-free.
- Graduation rates exceed the national standard of 50%.
- Adult Drug Court serves 284 participants.

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The mission of the Second Judicial District Court’s Specialty Courts is to improve quality of life, reduce recidivism, and increase community safety and awareness by engaging the drug and alcohol abusing defendant, or the defendant with a mental health illness, in an intensive, court supervised, treatment program. A multidisciplinary team of a judge, defense and prosecution counsel, court officers, treatment providers, parole and probation officers, and drug testing staff work with the defendant.