

## CRITERIA FOR COMPLETION

The client will have completed the Juvenile Drug Court Program when he/she has:

### Court Ordered Diversion Program

- 1) Completed his/her goals and objectives of the treatment plan.
- 2) Remained drug/alcohol free for at least four months.
- 3) Paid all fines and fees.
- 4) Completed court sanctions.
- 5) Continues to pursue academic or vocational goals.

### Intervention & Outpatient Treatment Program

- 1) All the above except paying of fines and completing court sanctions.

### Results

- 1) For Court-Ordered clients, the charges will be dismissed from the client's permanent record.
- 2) Improved family communication.
- 3) A chance to start a drug and alcohol free life.

## Polk County Drug Court Juvenile Team

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Presiding Judge

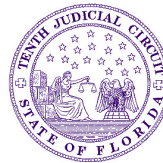
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**Polk County  
Juvenile  
Drug Court  
Treatment  
Program**

**POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE**  
**BARTOW, FLORIDA**

## Polk County Drug Court Juvenile Treatment Programs

**Court Ordered Diversion Program** Is a diversionary or court-ordered 4 to 12 month, multi-phase program that brings together the combined energy of the court system along with parental and judicial authority in order to break the early addiction cycle of an adolescent client. It addresses the disease of substance abuse, encompassing the environmental, social, physical, and emotional aspects of the client.

**Outpatient Treatment Program** Is a minimum of 4 month, multi-phase program with the same purpose except the client is voluntary. The two placements listed in the next column are also used in addressing the same issues. The difference is that positive drug screens are not reported to the courts. However, progress reports will be sent to the referral source. Example: If the school board is involved, a report is sent to them. Parent participation is required.

### “Changing People, Places and Things” Two Placements

**Intervention** Is psycho-education focusing on decision-making, life skills, self-esteem and family communication. The client and parent will be expected to participate in separate sessions on substance abuse education, relapse education, relapse prevention and relationships. There will be individual and family sessions to promote insight and positive behavioral change. Frequent random drug screens and Support Group meetings weekly, HIV/AIDS education class.

**Substance Abuse and Chemical Dependency Treatment** focuses on abstinence through individual and group counseling, the recovery model, decision-making skills, peer and family relationships. Clients process the cause and effects of substance abuse in their lives. This placement includes individual and group therapy, random drug screens, Support Group meetings and HIV/AIDS education class. Such topics as honesty, positive thinking, trust, acceptance, self-esteem, forgiveness and consequences of using drugs/alcohol are discussed in treatment. A Treatment Plan is individualized to client needs.

### What are the Requirements?

A written commitment from the client and parent(s) or guardian including:

- ◆ 4 to 12 month program participation
- ◆ compliance with all court sanctions
- ◆ on-going communications between parent/guardian and the Drug Court program counselor.
- ◆ continued participation and attendance in school.

For an appointment, call (863) 534-4612. An appointment is given for a client and parent to meet with the juvenile counselor. If placement is needed, a treatment plan is developed with the client. An in-house laboratory provides quick turn-around on drug screen results.