
*Adult Drug
Treatment
Court
locations*

York County Superior
Courthouse. Alfred

Cumberland County
Superior Courthouse,
Portland

Androscoggin County
Superior Courthouse,
Auburn

Penobscot County
Superior Courthouse,
Bangor

Washington County
District Courthouses,
Machias and Calais

*Maine's Adult
Drug Treatment
Courts*



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Serving York,
Cumberland,
Androscoggin,
Penobscot, and
Washington Counties



What is the Adult Drug Treatment Court?

Drug treatment courts are special dockets or programs within the court designed to reduce recidivism and substance abuse by adult offenders and to increase the likelihood of rehabilitation. This is accomplished through intensive judicial monitoring; specialized treatment, frequent and random drug testing, case management services, and other needed services. These services may include housing, employment, and medical care, among others.

Clients complying with program expectations are acknowledged by the court and may receive a variety of contributed tangible rewards such as gas and phone cards or movie tickets. Noncompliance is sanctioned.

Maine's adult drug treatment courts were created by statute in August of 2000, and became operational in April of 2001. Judges from the Superior Court and District Court preside over these courts, which are located in Alfred, Portland, Auburn, Bangor, and Machias and Calais on alternating weeks.

How does the Adult Drug Treatment Court Operate?

Potential clients are referred from a variety of sources such as defense attorneys, district attorneys, judges, jail staff, family members, and offenders themselves. Referrals are made to the case manager at the respective site. A screening appointment to determine eligibility is held as soon as possible. If the individual has a significant substance abuse problem and is in the process of being adjudicated, he or she will be referred on for a comprehensive evaluation. The drug court team, consisting of the judge, prosecutor, defense attorney, treatment provider, case manager, probation and parole officer, and law enforcement representative determine whether an individual will be accepted into the program. Successful clients participate for a minimum of one year, at the end of which they will complete the sentence agreed upon at admission. This may involve a period of probation. Any jail time is typically served prior to beginning the program.

Differential Substance Abuse Treatment (DSAT) is the primary model for substance abuse services provided to clients. This intensive cognitive-behavioral approach is offered by certified clinicians in community agencies under contract to the Maine Office of Substance Abuse.

Case management services are provided by Maine Pretrial Services also under contract to the Office of Substance Abuse. Case managers meet frequently with clients, test for drugs and alcohol, monitor and report progress to the court, and assist in accessing services.

Outcomes

The Office of Substance Abuse has funded a succession of annual evaluations in the effort to identify successes and challenges in this program. As of November, 2005, 1127 individuals have been referred to the Adult Drug Treatment Court. Of these, 456 have been admitted. 183 clients have successfully completed the program for a graduation rate of 56%, which is significantly higher than the national average for adult drug courts. The recidivism rates for program participants has been 17.5% as compared to 33.1% for a control group of offenders not participating in the drug court.

Making a referral:

To make a referral, contact the case manager at the Adult Drug Treatment Court serving your county.

York County – 282-1226

Cumberland County – 774-1501

Androscoggin County – 786-4851

Penobscot County – 945-4807

Washington County – 454-0880

For other questions please contact the Diversion and Rehabilitation Coordinator for the Administrative Office of the Courts at 287-4021.