



[Martin County Court House, Fairmont, Minnesota]

We are a multi-county drug court that combines Faribault, Martin, and Jackson counties together to form one court, one staffing team, one steering committee, one policy manual and one location for all court hearings. Due to limited resources, these small, rural communities collaborate on a weekly basis to make drug court possible. FMJ Multi-County ASAC is designed to provide the Court with a sentencing alternative for adults who have serious problems with substance abuse and are involved with the legal system. ASAC is a highly structured program that combines intensive probation supervision and chemical dependency treatment and fosters regular communication between participants and court.

ASAC is unique because it represents a much closer working union between chemical dependency treatment and the criminal justice system than is traditionally seen in the criminal courts. The Court is committed to assisting with the early intervention, treatment and rehabilitation of non-violent offenders who are chemically dependent. It is a great opportunity for those who wish to change circumstances in their lives and break the cycle of drug dependency.

If you are interested in participating in the Adult Substance Abuse Court (Drug Court) please contact your defense attorney.

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*It is the policy of the Faribault, Martin, and Jackson Multi-County Adult Substance Abuse Court that no person will be discriminated against on the basis of: race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, marital status, status in regard to public assistance, disability, sexual orientation, or age.



Faribault, Martin,
& Jackson
Multi-County
Adult Substance
Abuse Court



ASAC Mission Statement

Faribault, Martin, and Jackson County District Court in the Fifth Judicial District of Minnesota will provide a Post-plea, Adult Substance Abuse Court Program to reduce chemical abuse and criminal behavior of non-violent adult offenders. ASAC's mission is to break the cycle of crime and addiction by providing chemically-addicted offenders with a multidisciplinary strategic response of treatment, support, and legal accountability, thereby enhancing the quality of life of the community. The Adult Substance Abuse Court provides strength-based interventions promoting healthy lifestyles, accountability for actions and positive family relationships through a collaborative effort between the Adult Justice System and the community. This collaboration results in educated and productive adults, healthy families, and stronger, safer communities.

The target population consists of adult residents of Faribault, Martin or Jackson Counties with chemical dependency issues who are non-violent offenders.

To succeed, the participant must be motivated to make a commitment to be drug free.

General Eligibility Factors

Participation in ASAC is available to persons 18 years of age or older, who:

- Plead guilty on a felony offense or are found in violation of probation
- Are non-violent offenders as defined by Federal Statute
- Have a diagnosis of chemical dependency
- Are able to participate in intervention activities

Goals:

Promote public safety, reduce system costs, and improve the lives of the offenders and their families.



Overview

ASAC is a four-phase program for adults having difficulty staying clean and sober. It is a collaborative effort between the District Court, County Attorney's Office, Probation Department, Public Defenders Office, Health and Human Services Department, Law Enforcement and a chemical dependency and mental health treatment provider.

By working together we seek to provide a variety of programs and consistent supervision to support and help participants maintain a drug-free life.

ASAC involves frequent court appearances, random drug testing as well as group and family counseling. The court awards incentives for compliant behavior and imposes immediate sanctions for negative behaviors.

Several months of continuous sobriety are required for graduating from ASAC. Participants who do not comply with the rules may be subject to one of a variety of types of sanctions, including jail, electric home monitoring, community service, stricter curfew, and so on.