

## Cost

Participants are required to pay a Correctional Service Fee and a \$300 DWI Court Participant Fee. Additional cost may include: treatment, alcohol monitoring & testing, ignition interlock device, fines, and restitution.

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Fourth Judicial District Adult DWI Court program is to increase public safety and reduce the number of alcohol related traffic deaths and injuries by effectively partnering the justice system and community resources to focus on the specific issues of repeat DWI offenders.

## Funding

The program is funded through grants from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and other local and state support.

## A Partnership of:

- Fourth Judicial District Court
- Hennepin County Department of Community Corrections & Rehabilitation (DOCCR)
- Hennepin County Health & Human Services
- Hennepin County Public Defender's Office
- Hennepin County Sheriff's Office
- Hennepin County Attorney's Office
- Minneapolis City Attorney's Office
- Minneapolis Police Department & other suburban police departments
- Minnesota Department of Public Safety
- Minnesotans for Safe Driving
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
- Park Avenue Center

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## DWI Court Schedule

**Thursday:** Judicial Court Reviews: 9:00AM or 10:30AM  
Pleas & Sentencing: 11:30AM

**Friday:** Judicial Court Reviews: 9:00AM  
Pleas & Sentencing: 10:00AM

## Onsite DWI Court Community Support Groups and Programming Schedule

**Thursday:** Women's AA Group: 8:00 AM-9:00AM  
DWI Intro to Recovery: 8:00AM-9:00 AM

**Friday:** DWI Court Orientation: 7:30AM-11:00 AM  
Parachute Open AA Group: 10:00AM-11:00AM



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## Adult DWI Court



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**What is Adult DWI Court?** The Fourth Judicial District Adult DWI Court is designed for repeat DWI offenders who are striving to live a sober, crime-free lifestyle. An eligible defendant who enters a guilty plea or is convicted of DWI has the option of participating in this 18 month program as an alternative to traditional criminal probation. DWI Court participants are offered every opportunity to complete and graduate from the program which results in an early discharge from probation. DWI Court is a zero tolerance program regarding alcohol/drug use and impaired driving. The program couples frequent judicial court reviews and intensive probation supervision, along with input from a multi-disciplinary team of professionals led by the DWI Court judge. Participants who fail to comply with treatment and program requirements are subject to sanctions, such as: increased alcohol monitoring and drug testing, increased judicial court reviews, increased probation supervision, Sentence to Service (community service), and periods of incarceration.

**Who is eligible?** Eligibility is evaluated by the DWI Court Team on a case-by-case basis. Program entry is voluntary. General requirements include:

- Participant must be a repeat DWI offender
- The current alcohol-related DWI charge must have occurred in Hennepin County and is a presumptive probation case
- Participant must be a Hennepin County resident and 18 years of age or older
- Participant must have a moderate or severe substance use disorder and an eligible score on the Impaired Driving Assessment (IDA)
- Violent offenders are ineligible

### **Referral Process:**

- Counsel reviews the DWI Court eligibility criteria before making a referral.
- Counsel negotiates a default sentence with the prosecutor in the event the client is ineligible or declines to participate. The offer is entered in MNCIS.
- Counsel calls 612-348-9743 or emails Rachel.Nelson@courts.state.mn.us to schedule a Friday 7:30 A.M. DWI Court orientation & court appearance date with presiding Judge. Counsel's appearance is not necessary.
- Client is encouraged to complete a chemical health assessment prior to orientation & brings a copy. May also obtain at orientation.
- Client arrives on time to orientation for an overview of the program, meets with probation staff & volunteers, observes a court review hearing, and reviews chemical health assessment options with an assessor. Client also completes an IDA. Orientation ends around noon.
- The DWI Court Team determines eligibility within 2 weeks of orientation & communicates next steps to counsel; schedule a plea hearing or refer back to original court if ineligible.
- If a plea is entered in DWI Court, client is placed on conditional release pending sentencing in about 8 weeks and begins Phase 1 of the program.

### **Program Phases & Advancement**

**Criteria:** Each phase of the program is designed with specific expectations toward graduation. The minimum length of intensive program participation is 18 months. The following criteria occurs during Phases I, II, and III, along with the additional criteria noted in each phase.

- Attend three recovery support groups a week
- Meet with probation as directed
- Submit to random drug/alcohol testing as directed
- Adhere to curfew
- Submit to random, unannounced home checks by law enforcement

### **Phase I: Pre-Trial Engagement & Orientation**

#### **Most intensive phase ( 8 weeks)**

- Complete four Introduction to Recovery classes (Thursdays 8:00am-9:00am)
- Attend weekly judicial court reviews
- Develop and adhere to treatment plan

#### **Phase II: Treatment & Continuing Care- ( 8 months minimum)**

- Attend judicial court reviews every other week
- Adhere to treatment or continuing care plan
- Complete any Sentence-to-Service days per sentencing order
- Complete victim impact panel
- Prepare a relapse prevention plan
- Seek or secure employment/education/training
- Develop plan for driver's license reinstatement and ignition interlock

#### **Phase III: Sustained Recovery— ( 8 months minimum)**

- Attend judicial court reviews every four weeks
- Adhere to treatment or continuing care plan
- Complete cognitive-behavioral group if ordered
- Maintain employment/education/training
- Satisfy DWI court participant fee and any other court related fines/fees
- Seek driver's license reinstatement and ignition interlock

#### **Phase IV: Administrative Probation Least intensive phase ( 2 years minimum)**

- Abide by the Administrative Probation Contract; signed upon graduation.
- Upon completion of phase 4, the participant is discharged from probation.