

DWI Court Goals

- Increase public safety
- Reduce impaired driving
- Participants remain clean and sober
- Reduce alcohol and drug related crime
- Reduce expensive incarceration costs
- Improve quality of life for participants

DWI Court Services

- One-on-one judicial interaction
- Intensive probation supervision
- Substance abuse treatment, counseling services and support groups
- Alcohol and drug monitoring and testing
- Cognitive skills programming
- Community service
- Victim Impact Panel
- Education and employment assistance
- Driver's license reinstatement assistance

Funding

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

Cost

Participants are required to pay program, alcohol monitoring, and ignition interlock fees. Participants also may be required to satisfy other court ordered obligations.

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"You must take personal responsibility . You cannot change the circumstances, the seasons, or the wind, but you can change yourself. That is something you have charge of." ~Jim Rohn



White Earth Nation/ Mahnomen County DWI Court



Mahnomen County Courthouse
311 N. Main
Mahnomen, Minnesota 56557

*serving Mahnomen County and portions of
the White Earth Nation*

What is the White Earth Nation/ Mahnomen County DWI Court?

The White Earth Nation/Mahnomen County DWI Court is designed for repeat DWI offenders who want to live a sober, crime-free and satisfying lifestyle.

DWI Court participants must make regular appearances before the designated DWI Court judge. The participants are subject to regular “visits” at home or work by law enforcement and probation agents and are subject to a curfew.

Participants receive treatment, are tested for drugs and alcohol, perform community service and attend support and sponsorship meetings.

DWI Court participants are offered every opportunity to succeed in the program.

Participants enter the DWI Court program voluntarily. Participants are required to pay program fees in addition to fees for alcohol monitoring and restitution.

The White Earth Nation/Mahnomen County DWI Court Team consists of criminal justice professionals, including the presiding judge, Tribal Judge, prosecuting attorneys, probation agents, treatment providers, law enforcement and a program coordinator. DWI Court works closely with the, White Earth Tribal Police, and other city police departments.

“If there is no struggle, there is no progress.”

~ Frederick Douglass

DWI Court's purpose is to increase public safety, reduce repeat DWI offenses and create healthier families and communities.

MISSION STATEMENT

The White Earth/Mahnomen County DWI Court will provide accountability and culturally specific treatment to the high risk/high need DWI offender thereby enhancing public safety and creating healthier families and communities.

The White Earth/Mahnomen County DWI Court hopes to accomplish this mission by achieving the following goals:

- Promote public safety by reducing the number of DWI incidents, thereby saving lives.
- Provide individualized, culturally specific treatment programming as a sustainable alternative to incarceration.
- Assist high risk/high need DWI offenders to become productive citizens and healthy family members.

“Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.” -Maria Robinson

Who is eligible for DWI Court?

Participants are evaluated by the DWI Court team on a case-by-case basis. The general requirements include:

- The participant must be a repeat DWI offender.
- The participant must be a Mahnomen County resident and be at least 18 years of age.
- The participant must complete a chemical use assessment, be diagnosed as chemically dependent and be able to obtain treatment from the state consolidated fund, private insurance or other sources
- Other factors considered are the nature of the offense and the participant’s suitability for rehabilitation.
- The participant must voluntarily commit to participate in DWI Court.

What is the DWI Court process?

Participants are screened for eligibility by the DWI Court team. If offenders are accepted into DWI Court, they enter a plea and are sentenced to the DWI Court as a condition of probation. DWI Court is a three (GMD cases) or four (felony) phase program. Initially, participants attend court bi-weekly, are randomly drug tested and must successfully complete treatment and all recommended continuing care requirements such as attendance at weekly support group meetings. The DWI Court team is in frequent contact with treatment providers, law enforcement officers and probation agents for continuous monitoring.

Each phase of the program is designed with specific expectations. Participants receive credit for fulfilling the program requirements one phase at a time. The program is designed to last a minimum of eighteen months. Any violations of the DWI Court rules are addressed immediately and are usually resolved within two weeks.

After graduation from the program, participants remain on probation for the remainder of their probationary term.

Mentorship, special self-help activities and an alumni group are available to all successful participants.

“To the question of your life, you are the only answer. To the problems of your life, you are the only solution.” ~Jo Coudert, Advice From A Failure

If you are interested in the program, please contact Tria Mann, DWI Court Coordinator, at 218-998-8460 or at tria.mann@courts.state.mn.us