

REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility Criteria

Individuals with substance use issues who are convicted of certain nonviolent felony or misdemeanor charges and receive probation are eligible to participate in RC.

Other individuals who are identified as being high-risk/high need, are already on probation, and whose supervision can be modified may also be support.

Finally, any individual who is eligible for an intermediate sanction may request to participate in the program.

Participant Expectations

Upon enrollment in RC, participants will be expected to follow all program rules, including Justice Services Department requirements.

Program rules are explained in detail in the *Recovery Court Participant Handbook*, and all participants sign an agreement to follow these rules. As part of the program, participants are required to:

- Comply with Probation;
- Participate in the recommended level of treatment;
- Attend group and individual counseling;
- Submit to frequent random drug testing;
- Engage in case management; and
- Attend bi-weekly Court Sessions.

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RECOVERY COURT

16th Judicial District

Durham County Recovery Court operates under the Administrative Office of the Courts in accordance with N.C.G.S.7A-793.

ABOUT

The Durham County Recovery Court (RC) is a voluntary, judicially supervised treatment opportunity to address chemical dependency and serves as an alternative to incarceration.

The goal of this program is to provide individuals living with substance use disorders the treatment, structure, and support they need to change their lives.

RC's motto: **Show Up. Be Honest. Try.**

Program Structure

Participants enroll in RC for a minimum of 12 months. The program consists of five graduated stages, during which individuals receive substance use treatment and case management, participate in Court sessions, and submit to random drug screenings. Program phases include:

- **Phase I - Orientation**
- **Phase II - Change**
- **Phase III - Self-Sufficiency**
- **Phase IV - Advanced**
- **Phase V - Aftercare**

PROGRAM GOALS

- Reduce drug dependency and alcoholism among participants.
- Break the cycle of drug addiction and crime.
- Increase personal, family, and social accountability for participants.
- Promote cooperation, coordination, and collaboration between the justice system and community organizations.

SERVICES

To support participants throughout the program and help them sustain their recovery after graduation, RC provides the following services:

- Substance use disorder treatment
- Cognitive Behavioral Intervention (CBI)
- Case management
- Employment assistance
- Education assistance
- Basic needs assistance (e.g., housing, clothing, food, and transportation)
- Referrals to other community providers

Expanded Services

For participants who require a higher level of care to achieve their treatment goals, RC now offers Comprehensive Outpatient Substance Use Treatment services. The Durham County Justice Services Department provides these services 5 days a week for 4 hours each day.

These services build upon the offerings found in Intensive Outpatient Treatment (IOP) and are designed to address the broader spectrum of needs that may have led to the individual's involvement with the justice system.

Expanded services include:

- More intensive level of case management
- Peer support in both group and individual settings
- *Strategies for Change* manualized group and individual work
- Education services
- Employment services
- Individual counseling

THE RC TEAM

Judge leads the DTC team, presides over biweekly Court sessions, and makes final decisions on any sanctions to be imposed.

Coordinator serves as Court administrator and is responsible for conducting screenings and intakes, overseeing fiscal and contractual obligations, ensuring policies and procedures are followed, managing data collection, and scheduling court sessions and staff meetings.

Prosecutor advocates on behalf of public safety and victim's interests and makes decisions on continued program enrollment based on treatment progress.

Defense Attorney represents participants, ensuring that their rights are protected and advocating for their legal interests.

Law Enforcement Liaison provides the team with information on prospective or current participants and reports on any law enforcement contact with the participant.

Probation Officer conducts home/employment visits and enforces curfews and travel restrictions.

Case Manager helps develop individual case management plans, conducts drug testing, and assists with supportive services.

Treatment Providers manage the delivery of treatment services and provide clinical case management.

Peer Support provides guidance and support to individuals struggling with substance abuse, trauma and /or mental health issues.