

Monroe County

OWI TREATMENT COURT



MISSION STATEMENT

By providing intensive monitoring, individualized treatment and comprehensive services to substance dependent OWI offenders we seek to enhance public health and safety for the community and enable participants to break the cycle of addiction and reduce recidivism.

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THE OWI TREATMENT COURT

TEAM

- ❖ A Circuit Court Judge
- ❖ An OWI Court Coordinator
- ❖ A Probation/Parole Agent
- ❖ A Prosecutor
- ❖ A Public Defender
- ❖ Treatment Personnel
- ❖ An Evaluator
- ❖ Sheriff's Department
- ❖ Case Manager
- ❖ Others as appointed

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Potential candidates meeting the following criteria will be considered for admission to the Monroe County OWI Treatment Court

- ❖ Monroe County Resident
- ❖ 18 years of age or older
- ❖ Convicted of Felony OWI 4th (with PBT of .2 or higher at arrest, or drug related), OWI 5th, or OWI 6th
- ❖ Agree to abide by Program rules
- ❖ Meet diagnostic criteria for substance dependency
- ❖ Supervised by WI Department of Corrections

Exclusionary Provision

- ❖ Prior Criminal Offenses
 - ❖ Substance Abuse Treatment History
 - ❖ Present offense factors
 - ❖ Motivation for change
 - ❖ Offenses including Homicide
 - ❖ Offenses considered to be “predatory” in relation to drug distribution
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COMPLAINCE & MONITORING

- ❖ A total of 807 urine drug screens performed, 2% were found to be positive or adulterated in some way
- ❖ Bi-Weekly and Monthly meetings with Case manager and Probation Officer (DOC)
- ❖ Bi-Weekly and Monthly court sessions (depending on status in program)
- ❖ An additional 312 days of alcohol monitoring through equipment at high risk times – no violations
- ❖ Incentives rewarded to reinforce positive behavior changes. Program infractions met with sanctions. Relapse and continued using behavior are responded to

with therapeutic adjustments, typically increased treatment.

CLOSER LOOK AT THIS YEAR

01/01/2020-12/31/2020

- ❖ 12 participants active at some point during this year
 - ❖ Client range in age from 29 – 63 majority 30-40 group
 - ❖ 7 Graduations
 - ❖ 1 termination
 - ❖ 0 pending referrals
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Show Up. Be Honest. Try.

COST EFFECTIVENESS

- ❖ Participants on the program eligible for a portion of their jail sentence to be served at home on electronic monitoring.
 - ❖ Cost savings this year for EMP days only = **\$32,590**
 - ❖ Cost Savings for EMP & Stayed jail from beginning of the program **\$693, 055**
 - ❖ The OWI Court also generates money in the form of a monthly fee = \$50.00/month/client
 - ❖ Clients also assume the cost of equipment usage
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If You Are Interested In OWI Court

- ❖ Contact your attorney to discuss your options.
- ❖ Your attorney should contact OWI Treatment Court Coordinator Tara Nichols at 608-269-8821 to submit the referral.
- ❖ The team will review your case to see if you are suitable to proceed with Risk Assessment and AODA/Driver’s Safety Plan Assessment
- ❖ Once the assessments are complete, the team will review the results and take a vote on whether or not you meet entry requirements and will be accepted into OWI Treatment Court.
- ❖ You will be notified by the Court whether you are accepted into Treatment Court or if you do not meet entry requirements.