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ADULT DRUG COURT

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Fayette County Adult Drug Court is to assist non-violent, drug dependent offenders whom meet eligibility requirements utilizing best practice standards. Along with that the Fayette County Adult Drug Court will also:

1. Target and treat drug dependent individuals by coordinating community resources, appropriate treatment and job programming to reduce criminal justice intervention;
2. Increase public safety by reducing the amount of drug related crime by providing substantial supervision;
3. Reduce costs to the county by reducing the amount of drug dependent offenders incarcerated;
4. Utilize the National Association of Drug Court Professional's (NADCP) 10 key components in assisting the progress of participants.

10 KEY COMPONENTS OF ADULT DRUG COURT

Key Component #1: Drug courts integrate alcohol and other drug treatment services with justice system case processing.

Key Component #2: Using a non-adversarial approach, prosecution and defense counsel promote public safety while protecting participants' due process rights.

Key Component #3: Eligible participants are identified early and promptly placed in the drug court program.

Key Component #4: Drug courts provide access to a continuum of alcohol, drug, and other related treatment and rehabilitation services.

Key Component #5: Abstinence is monitored by frequent alcohol and other drug testing.

Key Component #6: A coordinated strategy governs drug court responses to participants' compliance.

Key Component #7: Ongoing judicial interaction with each drug court participant is essential.

Key Component #8: Monitoring and evaluation measure the achievement of program goals and gauge effectiveness.

Key Component #9: Continuing interdisciplinary education promotes effective drug court planning, implementation, and operations.

Key Component #10: Forging partnerships among drug courts, public agencies, and community-based organizations generates local support and enhances drug court program effectiveness.

*Taken from the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP).

INTRODUCTION TO FAYETTE COUNTY PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS

In 2003, Mental Health Court emerged as the first Problem-Solving Court in Fayette County. Mental Health Court's goal was to reduce the recidivism rate within the county by coordinating treatment needs to offenders with DSM-V Axis-1 offenders. After Mental Health Court proved to be a success in reducing the recidivism rates and keeping Mental Health offenders crime free, Veteran's Court emerged.

In 2014, Veteran's Court was established as the second Problem-Solving Court in Fayette County. Individuals whom served in the military were considered for Veteran's Court off of several eligibility factors. Participants were matched with treatment providers whom would best help their mental health needs and treat substance abuse disorders. As time progressed, it became apparent in Fayette County that another specific population would benefit from a diversionary court program; drug dependent offenders.

In January of 2017, the Adult Drug Court planning began. Adult Drug Court became fully operational in August after careful team planning in an effort to build a program that would benefit Fayette County drug dependent offenders.

ADULT DRUG COURT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Once accepted into the program participants are provided with a service plan and participant handbook outlining their goals for the length of the program to be completed throughout a five phase system. Average length of the program is 12-23 months. The actual time will be determined by the District Attorney and the Adult Drug Court judge, however cannot be less than 18 months. The Adult Drug Court will offer three different sentencing tracks; pre-sentence with adjudication upon graduation of the program, post-sentence track to which a participant would keep their charges and a technical violation track to which participants may participate in lieu of incarceration.

Participants will have frequent contact with their designated probation officer including random drug screenings based on a color coded system. Participants will also be expected to participate in community treatment and social programs promoting recovery. Participants will also be ordered to appear for bi-weekly reinforcement hearings in front of the designated drug court judge. When applicable the participant will receive incentives and/or sanctions from the program including but not limited to gift cards, bus passes, or additional services.

TREATMENT TEAM MEMBERS

The Adult Drug Court Treatment Team is comprised of numerous judicial and treatment officials. The Treatment Team works together in an effort to reduce recidivism of addicted participants but supplying incentives and sanctions to reduce criminal thinking and behavior. Monthly meetings are held to which the Team makes decisions of active and pending participants regarding their positive and negative behaviors. The Treatment Team works to provide a suitable solution to each participant facing sanctions in an effort to rehabilitate them back to sobriety.

Each Treatment Team member is responsible for having six (6) hours of training pertaining to substance abuse per year as long as they are a member of the team. Trainings will be coordinated by the Problem-Solving Court Coordinator.

The Treatment Team includes the following:

Judge- A court of common pleas judge is designated to oversee all Adult Drug Court participants' reinforcement hearings. The judge has the overall authority to make decisions regarding incentives and sanctions and organizational structure of the program.

Prosecutor- Attorney that represents the interest of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that advocate on behalf of public safety, victim's interests and holding the participant accountable for their obligations in the program. The prosecutor will determine the legal eligibility for all referred offenders with the power to refuse offenders participation in the program.

Defense Attorney- Attorney whom will work on behalf of the participant's interests. This member will work for the defendant when they are faced with negative sanctions with the possibility of incarceration. This team member may be a private attorney or an attorney from the public defender's office.

Probation Officer- The designated Adult Drug Court Probation Officer will be responsible for drug and alcohol testing, home visits, reporting in, enforce travel restrictions and ensuring that the participant is legally abiding by the conditions of their sentence.

Treatment Providers- The Adult Drug Court Treatment Providers are responsible for initial screening and determining clinical eligibility. They act as advocates for the participant's clinical and non-clinical needs. They develop a treatment plan and coordinate services that will result in the best possible outcome to achieve sobriety.

Expanded Service Members- Other members in attendance of Treatment Team meetings include a correctional counselor, social workers, case managers and community based forensic specialists. In sum, the Treatment Team addresses each pending participant as well as active to develop a plan for the best possible outcome when incentives and sanctions are distributed.

ADULT DRUG COURT CONTACT INFORMATION

Problem-Solving Courts Program Treatment Coordinator, Kendall Friend	(724) 430-1313
Problem-Solving Courts Program Assistant, Marlene Vignali	(724) 430-4845
Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration	(724) 430-1370
Fayette County Drug and Alcohol Commission	(724) 438-3576
Fayette County Adult Probation (Breann Barreca)	(724) 430-1251
District Attorney (Richard Bower)	(724)430-1245
Fayette County Prison (Lou Krukowsky)	(724) 430-1222
Court Administrator (Karen Kuhn)	(724) 430-1230
Public Defender (Jeff Whiteko)	(724) 430-1220
Crime Victims' Center (Megan Simms)	(724) 438-1470

TARGET POPULATION

The target population of the Adult Drug Court is individuals who have an addiction to illegal substances or alcohol to which would be a high risk of reoffending. Due to their addiction the target population would need to be amenable to treatment and rehabilitated by an alternative sanction such as Intermediate Punishment with Electronic Monitoring and/or Probation. The target population will be evaluated as to whether their addiction has contributed in part or as a whole. Participants would be expected to be of non-violent nature and charges are misdemeanor or felony charges. The team does not apply subjective criteria or personal impressions to determine participants' suitability for the program.

ADULT DRUG COURT ELIGIBILITY

Legal Eligibility

After receiving an application, the application will be processed within (five) 5 days to determine legal eligibility. Level one (1), two (2), three (3) and four (4) will be accepted into the Adult Drug Court program with varying criteria.

Levels 1 and 2:

1. The lead charge needs to be related to drug use. Both misdemeanors and felony will be considered however it is to the discretion of the District Attorney's office and presiding judge to determine who is an appropriate candidate for the program. Trafficking charges may be considered but will be at the discretion of the District Attorney's office and presiding judge.
2. No past **violent** or **sexual** offenses including juvenile adjudications may be permitted including but not limited to;
 - a. Criminal Homicide
 - b. Manslaughter
 - c. Rape
 - d. Aggravated Assault
 - e. Aggravated Assault with a Weapon
 - f. Robbery
 - g. Sexual Assault
 - h. Aggravated Indecent assault
 - i. Indecent Sexual Assault
 - j. Indecent Exposure
 - k. Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse
 - l. No Prior Violent Felony Convictions
 - m. No Prior Firearms Convictions
 - n. Assault by Prisoner
 - o. Strangulation
 - p. Incest
 - q. Escape
 - r. Arson
 - s. Incest
3. No prior Megan's Law offender will be eligible for the Adult Drug Court Program
4. The participant must be 18 years at the time of offense
5. The defendant must be a resident of Fayette County

6. After the successful graduation of the Adult Drug Court Program, the participant's attorney may petition the Court to have the charges dismissed. The dismissal of charges will be at the discretion of the presiding Adult Drug Court Judge.

Levels 3 and 4:

7. The lead charge needs to be related to drug use. Both misdemeanors and felony will be considered however it is to the discretion of the District Attorney's office and presiding judge to determine who is an appropriate candidate for the program. Trafficking charges may be considered but will be at the discretion of the District Attorney's office and presiding judge.
8. No past **violent** or **sexual** offenses including juvenile adjudications may be permitted including but not limited to;
 - a. Criminal Homicide
 - b. Manslaughter
 - c. Rape
 - d. Aggravated Assault with a Weapon
 - e. Sexual Assault
 - f. Aggravated Indecent assault
 - g. Indecent Sexual Assault
 - h. Indecent Exposure
 - i. Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse
 - j. Assault by Prisoner
 - k. Strangulation
 - l. Incest
 - m. Escape
 - n. Arson
 - o. Incest
9. Driving Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance will be considered for Adult Drug court if it is the offender's first, second or third Driving Under the Influence offense.
10. No prior Megan's Law offender will be eligible for the Adult Drug Court Program
11. The participant must be 18 years at the time of offense
12. The defendant must be a resident of Fayette County

Clinical Eligibility

After determining that the applicant is legally appropriate for the Adult Drug Court, the applicant will meet with the Treatment Coordinator to retrieve background demographic information. The Treatment Coordinator will go over the Adult Drug Court manual with the participant in an effort to see if interest in the program exists.

After determination, if the applicant requests to move forward, the applicant will sign the necessary waivers of consent to the appropriate agencies. The Treatment Coordinator will refer

the participant to schedule and attend a Drug and Alcohol assessment. The application will then be forwarded to the treatment agency specifying the applicant's legal eligibility for Adult Drug Court. After assessment, the applicant would be required to have a primary substance abuse disorder.

ADJUDICATION PROCESS

The Adult Drug Court program exists as three separate legal tracks; a pre-sentence, a post-sentence and a technical violation track. The first track that exists is the pre-sentence adjudication track. Offender's levels one and two will be eligible for the pre-sentence track where they are able to be adjudicated and not sentenced. Upon successful completion of the Drug Court Program, the charges will be dismissed. The overall plea offer is determined by the District Attorney whom has the discretion to also deny a pre-sentence adjudication dependent upon the nature of the charges. If the participant does not successfully complete the program they will be sentenced to another term to be determined by the District Attorney's office.

The second track is the post-sentence adjudication track. Levels three and four offenders will be eligible for the post-sentence adjudication track where they would be sentenced and keep their sentence but be admitted to the Adult Drug Court opposed to a term of incarceration. If the participant does not successfully complete the program they will be terminated from the program.

The third track is the technical violation adjudication track. Those whom are serving a term of probation or intermediate punishment and are awaiting court for a Gagnon 2 revocation are eligible for Drug Court. The offenders charge must be a theft related to drugs, possession or paraphernalia. Trafficking charges are at the Treatment Team's discretion. The violations must be positive drug tests. The initial charges of Possession with Intent to Deliver will be excluded. At the time of Motion for Revocation, the probation officers will refer the case to the Adult Drug Court Coordinator whom will process the case as normally and make a recommendation to the presiding judge. After approval from the District Attorney, it will be at each judge's discretion if the offender is found to be an appropriate candidate for the Drug Court program. The probation officer will submit an alternative suggested order to the presiding judge referring the case to Drug Court upon revocation.

REFERRAL PROCESS

STEP 1 – REFERRAL / APPLICATION

Defense counsel/defendant must obtain and complete the Problem-Solving Court application which is available from the Fayette County Problem-Solving Court office, the Administrative Office of Fayette County Courts or the website of the Administrative Office at www.co.fayette.pa.us. The application is then forwarded to the Problem-Solving Court office located on the 2nd floor of the Fayette County Courthouse.

Upon receiving the application the Treatment Coordinator will gather all public information and contact the defendant to come in for an initial interview and to fill out any other necessary paperwork. At this time, legal eligibility will be determined.

STEP 2 – CONFIRMATION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE DIAGNOSIS

The defendant must sign a consent form to release their last substance abuse diagnosis within the last 2 years. The defendant's substance abuse diagnosis must be primary. Defendants with a primary diagnosis of a mental health issue will not be accepted into the Adult Drug Court, but will be referred to Mental Health Court. If the applicant has never received a substance abuse assessment or treatment the coordinator will refer the defendant to a local treatment provider to receive one.

Upon confirmation of evidence of a substance abuse diagnosis and eligible legal charges the defendant's packet is included in discussion at the next scheduled treatment team meeting.

STEP 3 – NOTIFICATION OF VICTIM'S ADVOCATE

The Treatment Coordinator sends the referral form/routing slip to Victim's Advocate. The Victim's Advocate signature as well as the victim's approval or disapproval is obtained on the referral and any necessary notations are included.

STEP 4 – TREATMENT TEAM

Once diagnosis and charges are deemed eligible the defendant's packet is added to the agenda for the next scheduled treatment team meeting. Here the team discusses charges, previous record, and substance abuse diagnosis/history. The District Attorney reviews the packet and makes a plea offer.

If the District Attorney and /or treatment team does not approve Adult Drug Court, the Treatment Court Coordinator forwards a copy of declined referral back to defense counsel and /or defendant.

*Please Note: If the Treatment Team objects to the defendant's participation in Adult Drug Court for any reason those reasons will be put into writing and forwarded to the involved parties for further review and a final decision by the Judge.

STEP 5 - DEFENDANT'S REVIEW

If the District Attorney and treatment team approves Adult Drug Court, the Problem-Solving Court staff forwards the application to defense counsel for review of plea offer.

The defense counsel/defendant review plea offer and signs any relevant forms.

STEP 6 - ADULT DRUG COURT PLEA IS SCHEDULED

The Problem-Solving Court Staff compiles a list of defendants ready for plea along with case numbers and defense counsel and forwards to all parties. The Court, by court order, schedules the plea dates. The Problem-Solving Court verifies all parties are notified and the defendant enters a plea before the Adult Drug Court Judge.

STEP 7 - ADULT DRUG COURT SENTENCING DATE IS SCHEDULED

The judge, by court order, schedules a sentencing date. The Problem-Solving Court verifies all parties are notified and the defendant appears for sentencing. (The Court will hear comments from the victim(s) at the time of the defendant's sentencing.)

After all signatures are obtained, the original Service Plan is presented to the Adult Drug Court Judge at the time of sentencing for his/her signature. The Service Plan now becomes a binding document for the defendant to follow.

CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

Communication between Adult Drug Court team members is generally permitted in the context of a drug court setting. Contrary to some misconceptions, HIPPA and other confidentiality statutes (i.e. 42 C.F.R Part 2) do not prohibit treatment professionals or criminal justice professionals from sharing information related to substance abuse and mental health treatment, but do prescribe for how and under what circumstances this type of information may be disclosed (U.S. DHHS, 2003). So long as a voluntary, informed, competent waiver of the participants confidentiality and privacy rights is obtained prior to any discussion taking place, information sharing is unencumbered (45 C.F.R. §164.502 (a)).

In drug court settings, team members may ordinarily share information pursuant to a valid waiver to the degree necessary to ensure that participants are progressing adequately in treatment and complying with the conditions of the program. The Problem-Solving Court Coordinator secures such informed consent from each potential participant during the initial intake interview and the consent is valid one year after the consent is signed by the participant. (4PA Code 255.5) can be shared with the rest of the treatment team. This should entail:

1. Assessment recommendation(s);
2. The participant's presence in treatment;
3. The participant's prognosis;
4. The nature of the project the participant is involved in and recommendations for supportive services;
5. Incidence of relapse

If a staff person knowingly withholds relevant information about a participant from other team members, this omission could inadvertently interfere with that participant's treatment goals, endanger public safety, or undermine the function of the team. It is for that reason that Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) are executed with local treatment providers who send representatives to staffing on no less than a yearly basis. The MOUs specify what data elements will be shared among team members in staffing and clarify the obligations of each professional on the team, including the fact that said data may not be disclosed.

TREATMENT PROTOCOL

In order for an Adult Drug Court Applicant to be deemed eligible for the program they or their representation must present a substance abuse assessment completed by a licensed facility. The assessment must have been completed in the last 2 years and contain an eligible Axis I substance abuse diagnosis as defined by the DSM V. These include:

- Alcohol Use Disorder
- Stimulant Use Disorder
- Hallucinogen Use Disorder
- Opioid Use Disorder
- Cannabis Use Disorder*

After initial interview with the participant when they have signed the necessary waivers of consent, the Problem-Solving Court Coordinator will request all recent assessments and treatment information from the most recent treatment provider.

If the individual is accepted into the Adult Drug Court Program they are referred to Fayette County Drug and Alcohol Commission for the appropriate services if they are not participating in substance abuse treatment already. The participants will be required to undergo treatment utilizing evidence based practices including psychiatry, individual therapy, group therapy, intensive outpatient programs, mobile nursing, peer support services, social rehabilitation, and case management services.

The participants will be required to attend treatment throughout the program based on what the treatment provider's recommendations include. Participants will be reassessed at the recommendation of their treatment provider.

Progress is monitored by the Adult Drug Court Treatment Team and discussed at monthly Treatment Team meetings.

*Note: Cannabis Use Disorder will be accepted with a co-occurring substance abuse disorder due to treatment program time restrictions.

SUPERVISION & DRUG TESTING

Supervision

Supervision officers monitor participants closely in an effort to reduce technical and program violations and communicating that compliance information back to the Adult Drug Court Team. Frequent office sessions, field visits, employer contacts, telephone check-ins, and collaboration with treatment providers to coordinate substance abuse and mental health treatment all have an impact on reducing violations and improving outcomes.

Drug Testing

The success of any behavioral modification program is predicated upon certainty, on reliable monitoring of substance use. Because most drug metabolites are detectable in urine for between two and four days, urine testing is performed at least twice per week until participants are in the second phase of the program. Tests that have shorter detection windows such as breathalyzers or oral fluid tests, are administered when recent substance use is suspected or when substance use is more likely to occur, such as during weekends or holidays. Randomly selected specimens are tested periodically for a broader range of substances to detect use that may not be captured on the standard panel tests regularly employed.

The presence of drug or metabolite concentrations falling below industry or manufacturer recommended cutoff levels are not interpreted as evidence of new substance use; however, specimens are routinely examined for evidence of dilution or adulteration. Sanctions or treatment adjustments are immediately imposed or arranged for if test results are positive. Research indicates that the more frequently urine testing is performed, the better the outcomes including higher graduation rates and lowered incidents of recidivism. Participants may contest the results, and laboratory confirmation is proper procedure in these instances. The supervision officer and/or judge will determine whether or not to immediately impose the sanction in these cases until confirmation is received. The cost of all confirmed tests which were contested by the participant is added onto their program fee and must be paid in full prior to graduation.

Drug tests will be scheduled utilizing a color code system. Upon admission, each participant will be assigned a color for drug testing and will be required to call (724) 430-1251 or other designated number each morning to see if his or her color has been called. If that color is called, he/she must submit to a drug test by 3:30 pm that day at the Fayette County Adult Probation office or a pre-approved designated site. Tests conducted by a treatment provider are not sufficient for this purpose, unless approved by Adult Drug Court probation officer. All participants must provide a sample by 11:00 am on court days if their color is called.

The supervision officer assigned to the Adult Drug Court Program will be primarily responsible for administering the drug tests; however, any treatment component involved with individual participants may also at times administer drug testing and report said testing to an Adult Drug Court team member. A refusal, altered sample or failure to provide a drug test at the time of request will be viewed by the Adult Drug Court Team as a positive test and the jail sanction will

be imposed. This includes utilizing a device that attempts to falsify a urine, (a prosthesis or device containing urine that does not come from the body of the offender at the time of testing). It also includes the ingestion of any substance with intention to mask urine results including excessive amounts of certain vitamins (B, Niacin, etc.,) and herbal supplements. Additionally, a new criminal charge may be filed in regards to attempting to falsify a urine sample.

TREATMENT TEAM MEETINGS

The Adult Drug Court Treatment team meets on a monthly basis. The schedule for the Treatment Team meetings is scheduled based on everyone's availability and meeting space availability. Treatment Team meetings occur to address any problems or successes regarding the participants in the Adult Drug Court. If a problem is to occur, the team talks about possible sanctions and the best way to approach the issue from both clinical and legal facets. The Treatment Team is constantly in communication regarding participant's progress and regresses to attempt to resolve an issue in a quick manner. The Treatment Team also meets to discuss successes participants have had in the program and how to reward each participant and recognize their progress.

Emergency Treatment Team meetings can be called if is needed and all members make themselves available. The meetings are informal and the overall goal is to find the best solution for each participant to achieve sobriety and remain safe.

REINFORCEMENT HEARINGS

After Adult Drug Court participants are sentenced to fulfill the program's requirements, the participant's begin with Phase 1. Each phase of the program has different requirements that are put in place to guide the participant to the most favorable outcome. These requirements are collaboratively put together by the Treatment Team and are the same for all participants. The participants are given one of three statuses depending upon their progression in the program; positive, positive with caution or negative. The status reflects their treatment participation as well as compliance with chemical testing and supervision requirements. Reports are done at a frequency to reflect each stage and the participant is required to attend a reinforcement hearing.

During the reinforcement hearing, the presiding judge acknowledges their progress or regress at the hearing. Proposed appropriate incentives and sanctions will be applied at the judge's discretion. Incentive and sanctions are determined at Treatment Team meetings prior to the scheduled reinforcement hearing.

PHASES

The length of the Adult Drug Court Program is 12 to 23 months with an average program length of 18 months. Each participant will be expected to complete each phase requirement before progressing into another stage. Participants are also able to be demoted back to another stage as a sanction. Each participant's treatment provider is to determine their treatment needs and the participant is to abide by all recommendations by their provider.

Phase One (3 month minimum)

Phase one's overall goal is to stabilize the participant in an effort to find solutions for causes that interfere with treatment:

- Complete drug and alcohol assessment
- Secure safe and stable housing
- Possible referral to Medication Assisted Treatment if appropriate
- Compliance with prescribed medications
- Maintain compliance with chemical testing requirements
- Attend reinforcement hearings bi-weekly
- Attend reporting appointments with probation bi-weekly
- Begin community service requirement
- Maintain a positive legal status (new charges may result in termination from the Adult Drug Court Program)
- Attend support meetings as recommended by treatment provider
- Follow **ALL** treatment provider recommendations
- Roundtable with Treatment Team to discuss long-term goals and how to successfully attain them
- Advancement to Phase two will result after requirements are completed and the treatment team agrees to advancement

In the event that a participant is recommended for inpatient treatment, the Treatment Team's discretion may be applied to Phase advancement at the term of successful completion.

Phase Two (3 month minimum)

Phase two's overall goal is to address criminogenic thinking and needs which result in crime or recidivism:

- Begin to make payments on fines, costs and fees
- Follow treatment provider recommendations
- Compliance with prescribed medications
- Maintain compliance with chemical testing requirements
- Attend reinforcement hearings monthly
- Attend reporting appointments with probation monthly
- Attend support groups as recommended by treatment provider

- Complete a criminogenic needs workbook as instructed by the treatment team
- Maintain a positive legal status (new charges may result in termination from the Adult Drug Court Program)
- Continue to complete the recommended community service requirement
- If appropriate, enroll to complete GED
- Follow **ALL** treatment provider recommendations
- Roundtable with Treatment Team to discuss long-term goals and how to successfully attain them
- Advancement to Phase three will result after requirements are completed and the treatment team agrees to advancement

In the event that a participant is recommended for inpatient treatment, the Treatment Team's discretion may be applied to Phase advancement at the term of successful completion.

Phase Three (2 month minimum)

Phase three's overall goal is to begin working on maintenance and sobriety and how to remain drug free:

- Compliance with prescribed medications
- Maintain compliance with chemical testing requirements
- Attend reinforcement hearings monthly
- Attend reporting appointments with probation monthly
- Complete community service requirement
- Continue to make payments on fines, costs and fees
- Maintain a positive legal status (new charges may result in termination from the Adult Drug Court Program)
- If eligible, apply for employment and attempt to secure a stable job
- Attend support meetings as recommended by treatment provider
- Follow **ALL** treatment provider recommendations
- Roundtable with Treatment Team to discuss long-term goals and how to successfully attain them
- Advancement to Phase four will result after requirements are completed and the treatment team agrees to advancement

Phase Four (2 month minimum)

Phase four's overall goal is to be preparing the participant for reintegration back into society as a meaningful member:

- Compliance with prescribed medications
- Maintain compliance with chemical testing requirements

- Attend reinforcement hearings bi-monthly
- Attend reporting appointments with probation bi-monthly
- Complete community service requirement
- Continue to make payments on fines, costs and fees
- Maintain a positive legal status (new charges may result in termination from the Adult Drug Court Program)
- Continue employment recommendations
- Complete GED requirements
- Begin working on a graduation project and/or speech
- Attend support meetings as recommended by treatment provider
- Follow **ALL** treatment provider recommendations
- Roundtable with Treatment Team to discuss long-term goals and how to successfully attain them
- Advancement to Phase five will result after requirements are completed and the treatment team agrees to advancement

Phase Five (2 month minimum)

Phase five's overall goal is to provide the tools for attaining sobriety long-term and provide future resources:

- Compliance with prescribed medications
- Maintain compliance with chemical testing requirements
- Attend reinforcement hearings bi-monthly
- Attend reporting appointments with probation bi-monthly
- Continue to make payments on fines, costs and fees
- Maintain a positive legal status (new charges may result in termination from the Adult Drug Court Program)
- Continue employment recommendations
- Attend support meetings as recommended by treatment provider
- Follow **ALL** treatment provider recommendations
- Complete graduation project and/or speech and practice presentation with Problem Solving Court Coordinator

INCENTIVES AND SANCTIONS

Incentives and sanctions are put in place to encourage progress as a behavioral modification tool. The Adult Drug Court service plan and incentives and sanctions matrix will be available to the participants prior to their admission into the program so it is apparent what is expected. The Adult Drug Court Treatment team is knowledgeable of the idea of positive reinforcement as well as negative reinforcement and their effectiveness.

Incentives and sanctions are recommended by the Treatment Team however the presiding judge has the overall authority to provide an incentive or sanction. All incentives and sanctions are included in the reinforcement hearing reports and are expressed by the judge in open court if they agree to the proposed incentive or sanction.

Sanctions:

Offenders whom fail to comply with program requirements will be held accountable for their actions by implementing the sanction matrix. Sanctions are meant to be immediate consequences for inappropriate behavior or non-compliance. A sanction matrix is included on pages 36 and 37 of the manual.

The Adult Drug Court Treatment Team is aware that these decisions will be made objectively and not with personal biases. The Adult Drug Court Team is also aware the importance of imposing sanctions in a timely manner for the participant to be fully aware of the problem and how to correct it.

Incentives:

Incentives are awarded to participants whom have been exhibiting positive behavior and self-improvement. During reinforcement hearings, incentives are provided in an effort to recognize that the participant is working towards positive outcomes and that it should be recognized. An incentive matrix is included on page 38 of the manual. Incentives must also be provided in a timely manner after a favorable behavior or completed task is presented.

Procedure upon Violation:

As soon as possible, after a violation is made and the treatment team or probation office becomes aware of it, it will be made apparent to the Treatment Team as soon as possible. The team in extreme circumstances may communicate by e-mail or telephone prior to Treatment Team hearings. This allows to address the issue in the next upcoming court date and no later.

Safety Issues for the Public:

In an event that a violation is to occur and the participant poses an extreme danger to themselves or the public, the probation officer has the discretion to incarcerate the participant prior to reinforcement hearing.

Incarceration is used as a last resort and should only be utilized if all other options do not apply. Reasonable alternatives should be explored prior to incarceration.

Examples of safety issues that warrant violation go as follows;

- Confirmation of substance abuse that may be demonstrated by urinalysis to the extent that the participant is a danger to themselves or an imminent risk of danger to the public;
- Refusal of a drug or alcohol test that would infer that participant is a danger to themselves or an imminent risk of danger to the public;
- Absconding from the jurisdiction or fleeing from the probation officer;
- Assaultive or violent behavior;
- Substantive violations.

Upon review of the violation, the court shall review the violations and make a decision after reviewing the criminal history of the offender, the nature of the offenses and proposed solution made by the Treatment Team.

MEDICATION POLICY

Participants in the Adult Drug Court Program may be prescribed medications during their involvement as part of their treatment plans issued by their approved substance abuse or medical provider. While these medications may be necessary and beneficial it is important that the potential for substance abuse is taken into consideration. Medication necessity will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis however the following policies will typically apply:

- Participants must provide copies of all prescriptions to their probation officer and the Problem-Solving Court staff.
- Participants may be limited or prohibited from taking narcotic-based or addictive medications.
- Participants may be limited or prohibited from taking certain over-the-counter medications.
- The use of non-prescribed or illegally obtained medications or controlled substances (as defined the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device, and Cosmetic Act), or any use of medications in violation of Adult Drug Court Policy may result in sanctions or removal/termination from the Adult Drug Court Program.
- Prohibited medications include but are not limited to Xanax, Adderall, Ritalin, Hydrocodone, Oxycodone or Neurontin. These medications have been contraindicated for substance abuse users. If a licensed facility recommends prohibited medications, with provided documentation including dosage, participants may use them at their provider's discretion.

GRADUATION AND TERMINATION

Participants whom have completed all five phases of the program will be eligible for graduation. Graduation ceremonies will be scheduled at the availability of the Treatment team and presiding judge twice a year. Light refreshments will be served and graduates are encouraged to invite family and friends. At this time, the graduates will present their project and speeches.

Termination from the program will be held in reinforcement hearings. Termination occurs as a participant's refusal to comply with treatment recommendations, is unwilling to comply with recommendations of supervision and are a danger to themselves or the public. New charges may result in automatic termination from the program. Termination is a last resort of the program and if at all possible sanctions should be explored prior to termination.

Individuals may re-apply if they have graduated and experienced relapse, decompensate or re-offend. Admission is at the discretion of the District Attorney's office, Treatment Team and presiding judge as to whether a participant may be accepted back into the program.

RECONSIDERATION

Fayette County Adult Drug Court will consider all appropriate referrals on a case-by-case basis. During the consideration process, a myriad of factors are considered. Major emphasis is placed upon the offense as charged, nature of the offense, prior record and likelihood of success.

If a relevant party to the defendant's case (attorney, judge, treatment provider, etc.) feels the Problem-Solving Court team failed to consider a particularly important factor the Problem-Solving Court Manager may be contacted and asked to reconsider the application. Once the request for reconsideration has been made, the Problem Solving Court Staff will forward the information to the District Attorney's Office. The decision by the District Attorney and the Adult Drug Court Treatment Team will be final.

PARTICIPANT TRACKING

Evaluation is done to inform development and drive modifications based on data collected. Furthermore, the examination of the team's adherence to best practice standards is the main purpose of monitoring and evaluation. For this reason, it is strongly recommended that each Adult Drug Court team member has read and understood the best practice volumes available through NADCP.

In-program outcomes such as attendance at treatment, drug and alcohol test results, graduation rates, lengths of stay, technical violations and new arrests (recidivism) are tracked by using the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts' (AOPC) Problem-Solving Adult and Juvenile Courts Information System (PAJCIS) data base. All team members have access to the areas of the database germane to their respective roles on the team. Overall outcomes are available for all team members to see and can be made available to the public upon request.

Research has indicated that programs that monitor their operations on a consistent basis double their impact on crime and are twice as cost effective when they review their findings as a team and modify their policies and procedures accordingly. With regard to these findings the Adult Drug Court treatment team will convene quarterly as a team to discuss data and fidelity to the model including the ten key component outlined as our guiding principles at the beginning of this document to ensure that neither team turnover, nor *drift*, can have a negative impact on the services we provide to our participants, the community, and the county.

INFORMANT POLICY

Participants of the Fayette County Adult Drug Court are prohibited from working as a confidential informant (CI) for any law enforcement agency. Agreeing to participate as a CI will deem the individual ineligible to participate in Adult Drug Court.

PRISON SERVICES

In the event that an Adult Drug Court participant is incarcerated they are eligible to receive all available services in the prison. These include assessments, medication management, and therapy. If an individual appears to be symptomatic of their substance abuse disorder and prison services are not successful at stabilization Fayette County Drug and Alcohol Commission may complete an evaluation in the prison via Court Order to determine level of care and treatment recommendations.

***Please Note: The same process will be utilized to address any requests for inpatient drug and alcohol or mental health treatment. Level of Care and need must be determined by a licensed mental health or drug and alcohol professional.**

FAYETTE COUNTY ADULT DRUG COURT

61 East Main Street
Uniontown, PA 15425
Ph: 724-430-4845
Fx: 724-430-1001

SERVICE PLAN FOR: _____

Identifying Information:

D.O.B.: _____

SS#: _____

CC#: _____

CHARGES: _____

I, _____ agree to the following service plan as a condition of my supervision. I will abide by these stipulations throughout the course of my Court sentence. I understand that non-compliance with this service plan may result in further legal action to include incarceration. I fully agree to the following stipulations:

1. I will attend and cooperate with all Drug and Alcohol treatment deemed appropriate by a licensed outpatient Drug and Alcohol facility. I will not consume alcohol or non-prescription controlled substances or medication, nor visit places where alcohol or drugs are sold, dispensed or used. I further understand that I am not to enter bars, liquor stores, taverns, clubs, parties or places where alcohol is the main item for sale or consumption.
2. I will attend and cooperate with any treatment services which are deemed appropriate by the Fayette County Adult Drug Court Treatment Team. This includes weekly, individual psychotherapy, group therapy, medication monitoring and case management service with the Community Treatment Team.
3. I must submit to urinalysis, or such testing that may be required, upon the request of a probation/parole officer, mental health worker, or duly appointed representative of the Fayette County Adult Drug Court. This testing may include blood level testing for medication compliance. If I refuse or fail to provide a urinalysis, at the time of request, or I provide an altered urine sample, this will be viewed by the Adult Drug Court as a positive test and a potential for relapse and will result in sanction(s) being imposed.
4. I agree to take all medication currently prescribed for me by a psychiatrist or treatment provider and any medication that may be prescribed for me by a treatment provider during my entire course of treatment. This includes any IM medication that may be prescribed for me during my entire course of treatment.

5. I will meet with my Probation/Parole Officer and follow all of the terms of supervision while on supervision.
6. I understand that if I lose my medical insurance, my treatment costs will be assessed dependent upon my specific treatment program and any financial liability will be my responsibility.
7. I understand that, if I am physically able, I am required to maintain full-time employment (or part-time as agreed to by the treatment team) unless involved in an approved educational/vocational program or inpatient treatment program. I must request permission from the treatment team before I change employment, including resignations. If unemployed, I will be required to be actively searching for employment, and will perform community service until I provide verification of employment. I will not be permitted to do nothing on a daily basis.
8. I will be truthful with all treatment team members, and I will allow any representative of the Adult Drug Court Team to visit my home, place of employment, or elsewhere at any time. I will carry out all instructions given to me by the Treatment Team or its representatives;
9. If already not obtained, I will make every effort to obtain a high school diploma or GED.
10. I understand my rights to privacy under HIPPA and voluntarily agree to sign all authorizations for release of information requested by the Adult Drug Court treatment team and/or treatment provider. I understand that this condition is necessary to allow cross-reporting of my compliance with program conditions. I understand that by giving consent to the entire Treatment Team to communicate about my participation, I allow for greater sharing of information to occur than I would expect with a normal consent. I further understand that I may not revoke the release of information form until completion of or revocation from the Adult Drug Court Program, regardless of the expiration date.
11. I agree that I will comply with immediate sanctions that are within the Adult Drug Court Program guidelines until reviewed by the treatment team as directed by the treatment provider or a member of the treatment team, at the next earliest treatment team date. If I have violated this agreement in any way, I understand that reduced sanctions and possibly even incentives could be handed down if I am honest prior to being discovered in some other manner.
12. Any change to my living situation/housing will be approved by the Coordinator and probation officer and a subsequent inspection of the premises.

- 13. I will attend all reinforcement hearings scheduled by the Fayette County Adult Drug Court treatment team.
- 14. I will attend all scheduled / required meetings with the Fayette County Problem-Solving Court Staff.
- 15. I understand that the Adult Drug Court Program is divided into phases. I will make my best effort to complete all phase requirements in order to successfully graduate.
- 16. I agree to ongoing communication between and among Fayette County Adult Drug Court staff, Mental Health and/or Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities, and Adult Probation for the duration of my sentence.
- 17. I will remain under the supervision of the Adult Drug Court Program until further ordered by the court.
- 18. I understand that I may be terminated from the Adult Drug Court Program and re-sentenced should my whereabouts become unaccounted for at any time during the program. I may be removed from the program in absentia and/or a warrant may be issued for my immediate arrest.

I acknowledge that I have read, or have had read to me and understand my responsibilities as set forth herein above, and I agreed to abide by each and every rule. Further, I understand that the Adult Drug Court Program is being granted with the full understanding that I am under the supervision of Fayette County Court of Common Pleas until the expiration of my maximum sentence or until such time as I am legally discharged. I am willing to enter into this agreement to participate in the Fayette County Adult Drug Court Program.

Signature of Defendant _____

Date _____

Signature of Defense Attorney _____

Date _____

Signature of Adult Drug Court Judge _____

Date _____

Signature of Coordinator _____

Date _____

Sanctions Matrix		
Treatment/Educational Phases	Unexcused Absences Failure to call off appropriately Other treatment violations (lack of progress, disruptive, inappropriate)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Warning 2. Apology letter 3. Sanction Essay 4. Increased Community Service 5. Increased Contact/Drug test 6. Phase Extension 7. House Arrest/EM 8. Incarceration 9. Revocation

Medication Non-Compliance	Unauthorized use of medications (RX or OTC)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Warning 2. Apology letter 3. Sanction Essay 4. Increased Community Service 5. Increased Contact/Drug test 6. Phase Extension 7. House Arrest/EM 8. Incarceration 9. Revocation
Reporting	Failing to report for appointment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Warning 2. Apology letter 3. Sanction Essay 4. Increased Community Service 5. Increased Contact/Drug test 6. Phase Extension 7. House Arrest/EM 8. Incarceration 9. Revocation
General Violation	Imposed conditions Special conditions Other	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Warning 2. Increased Community Service 3. Incarceration 4. Revocation
EM Violation	Alcohol Notice Out of Window	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Warning 2. Increased Contact/Drug test 3. Phase Extension 4. Incarceration 5. Revocation
Drug Violation	Positive Drug Test Failure to Report for Drug Test	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. House Arrest/EM 2. Increased contact/testing 3. Incarceration 4. Phase Extension
Absconding	<5 days Missed Hearing Missed Probation Report Dates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bench Warrant 2. Incarceration 3. Increased contact/testing 4. Phase Extension 5. Revocation

*Offenders may be incarcerated if they appear to be a danger to themselves or to the public.

Incentives Matrix		
Treatment/Educational Programs	Completion of level of care Completing TX program Completing GED	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verbal accolade 2. PAR card stamp 3. Reduction of community service 4. Phasing early 5. Gift Card
Program Compliance	Completing Phase 1,2 or 3 Negative urine screens since last All Phase hearing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verbal accolade 2. PAR card stamp 3. Reduction of community service 4. Phasing early
Recovery Program	30 days clean 60 days clean 90 days clean 6 months clean 9 months clean 1year clean	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verbal accolade 2. PAR card stamp 3. Reduction of community service 4. Phasing early 5. Gift Card
Employment	New Job 6 months continuous employment 1 year continuous employment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verbal accolade 2. PAR card stamp 3. Reduction of community service 4. Phasing early 5. Gift Card
Treatment Team Discretion	Any behavior determined by the team as deserving recognition	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verbal accolade 2. PAR card stamp 3. Reduction of community service 4. Phasing early 5. Gift Card

Problem-Solving Court Application

61. East Main Street
Uniontown, Pa 15401
Phone - (724) 430-4845 Fax - (724) 430-1001

Date of Application: _____ Housing Needs? Yes No

Court to which would like to be considered (circle one): Mental Health Court Veteran's Court Adult Drug Court

Defendant's Name: _____ DOB: ___/___/___

Gender: M F Race: _____ Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Address: _____
_____ Phone Number: _____

Criminal Charge(s): _____

Case #(s) _____

Trial Status: Preliminary Hearing Formal Arraignment Pre-trial Conference Trial Date: _____

Is client currently receiving treatment? Y N If yes, where: _____

Drug and Alcohol Use: Y N

Alleged Mental Health Dx: _____ Alleged Substance Abuse Dx: _____

Referral Source: _____ Referral Source Phone #: _____

Branch of Service (if applicable): _____ Length of Service: _____

Type of Discharge: _____

History of VA services: _____

I wish to be considered or to refer the above individual for the Fayette County Problem-Solving Court Program. The following must be attached: **Criminal or MDJ Docket, Criminal Complaint, Affidavit of Probable Cause.**

Applicants Signature: _____
Or

Referral Source Signature: _____

Phase I (3 month minimum)

PARTICIPANT _____

ENTRY DATE _____

Requirements

Date Completed

Complete drug and alcohol assessment _____

Secure safe and stable housing _____

MAT program compliance _____

Compliance with prescribed medications _____

Maintain compliance with chemical testing requirements _____

Attend reinforcement hearings bi-weekly _____

Attend reporting appointments with probation bi-weekly _____

Begin community service requirement _____

Maintain a positive legal status _____

Attend support meetings as recommended by treatment provider _____

Roundtable participation _____

Follow **ALL** treatment provider recommendations _____

Participant: _____

Date: _____

Treatment Team Representative: _____

Date: _____

Phase II (3 month minimum)

PARTICIPANT _____

ENTRY DATE _____

Requirements

Date Completed

Begin to make payments on fines, costs and fees _____

Follow treatment provider recommendations _____

Compliance with prescribed medications _____

Maintain compliance with chemical testing requirements _____

Attend reinforcement hearings monthly _____

Attend reporting appointments with probation monthly _____

Attend support groups as recommended by treatment provider _____

Complete a criminogenic needs workbook _____

Maintain a positive legal status _____

Progress in community service requirement _____

If appropriate, enroll to complete GED _____

Roundtable participation _____

Follow **ALL** treatment provider recommendations _____

Participant: _____

Date: _____

Treatment Team Representative: _____

Date: _____

Phase III (2 month minimum)

PARTICIPANT _____

ENTRY DATE _____

Requirements

Date Completed

Compliance with prescribed medications _____

Maintain compliance with chemical testing requirements _____

Attend reinforcement hearings monthly _____

Attend reporting appointments with probation monthly _____

Complete community service requirement _____

Continue to make payments on fines, costs and fees _____

Maintain a positive legal status _____

Apply for employment and attempt to secure a stable job _____

Attend support meetings as recommended by treatment provider _____

Follow **ALL** treatment provider recommendations _____

Roundtable participation _____

Participant: _____

Date: _____

Treatment Team Representative: _____

Date: _____

Phase IV (2 month minimum)

PARTICIPANT _____

ENTRY DATE _____

Requirements

Date Completed

Compliance with prescribed medications _____

Maintain compliance with chemical testing requirements _____

Attend reinforcement hearings bi-monthly _____

Attend reporting appointments with probation bi-monthly _____

Complete community service requirement _____

Continue to make payments on fines, costs and fees _____

Maintain a positive legal status _____

Continue employment recommendations _____

Complete GED requirements _____

Begin working on a graduation project and/or speech _____

Attend support meetings as recommended by treatment provider _____

Follow **ALL** treatment provider recommendations _____

Roundtable participation _____

Participant: _____

Date: _____

Treatment Team Representative: _____

Date: _____

Phase V (2 month minimum)

PARTICIPANT _____

ENTRY DATE _____

Requirements

Date Completed

Compliance with prescribed medications _____

Maintain compliance with chemical testing requirements _____

Attend reinforcement hearings bi-monthly _____

Attend reporting appointments with probation bi-monthly _____

Continue to make payments on fines, costs and fees _____

Maintain a positive legal status _____

Continue employment recommendations _____

Attend support meetings as recommended by treatment provider _____

Follow **ALL** treatment provider recommendations _____

Complete graduation project and/or speech and practice presentation with Problem Solving Court Coordinator _____

Participant: _____

Date: _____

Treatment Team Representative: _____

Date: _____

FAYETTE COUNTY ADULT DRUG COURT

61 E. Main Street
Uniontown, PA 15401
Ph: 724-430-4845, Fx: 724-430-1001

CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I hereby authorize: Fayette County Problem-Solving Courts
61 East Main Street Uniontown, PA 15401
Uniontown, PA 15401

To release of the information of:
ADDRESS:
DOB: SSN:

Information to be released to: Fayette County District Attorney's Office
61 E. Main Street Uniontown PA 15401

For the Purpose of: Adult Drug Court Eligibility

- Information to be released:
___ Psychological Evaluations ___ Service Plans
___ Psychiatric Evaluations ___ Outpatient Clinic Report
___ Intake / Social History ___ Discharge Summary
___ Other:

I have been instructed that, in order to protect the limited confidentiality of records, my agreeing to obtain or release information is necessary and that this permission is limited for that purposes and to the person / facility / agency listed above, and will be effective during the dates listed below. I also understand that this consent is revocable at my written request except the extent that action has been taken in reliance thereon.

This consent shall be in effect from until
Cannot exceed one year (MM/DD/YR)
Date: Signature:
Date: Print Name:
Date: Parent / Guardian:
Date: Witness:

If you are legal representative of the person listed above, please check off the basis for your authority:
___ Power of Attorney (attach copy) ___ Guardianship Order (attach copy)
___ Parent of owner ___ Custody Order (attach copy)

FAYETTE COUNTY ADULT DRUG COURT

61 E. Main Street

Uniontown, PA 15401

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CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I hereby authorize: Fayette County Problem-Solving Courts
61 East Main Street, Uniontown PA 15401
Uniontown, PA 15401

To release of the information of: _____
ADDRESS: _____
DOB: _____ SSN: _____

Information to be released to: Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration
Uniontown, PA 15401

For the Purpose of: Adult Drug Court Eligibility

Information to be released:

Psychological Evaluations

Service Plans

Psychiatric Evaluations

Outpatient Clinic Report

Intake / Social History

Discharge Summary

Other: _____

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This consent shall be in effect from _____ until _____
Cannot exceed one year (MM/DD/YR)

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Print Name: _____

Date: _____ Parent / Guardian: _____

Date: _____ Witness: _____

If you are legal representative of the person listed above, please check off the basis for your authority:

Power of Attorney (attach copy)

Guardianship Order (attach copy)

Parent of owner

Custody Order (attach copy)

FAYETTE COUNTY ADULT DRUG COURT

61 E. Main Street

Uniontown, PA 15401

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CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I hereby authorize (Legal representative) _____
Name of facility, school, agency, or person

To release the information of: _____

Address

Date of Birth

Social Security Number

Information to be released to: Fayette County Problem-Solving Courts

61 East Main Street

Uniontown, PA 15401

For the Purpose of: Adult Drug Court Eligibility

Information to be released:

Psychological Evaluations

Service Plans

Psychiatric Evaluations

Outpatient Clinic Report

Intake / Social History

Discharge Summary

Other: _____

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This consent shall be in effect from _____ until _____

Cannot exceed one year (MM/DD/YR)

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent / Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Witness: _____

If you are legal representative of the person listed above, please check off the basis for your authority:

Power of Attorney (attach copy)

Guardianship Order (attach copy)

Parent of owner

Custody Order (attach copy)

FAYETTE COUNTY ADULT DRUG COURT

61 E. Main Street

Uniontown, PA 15401

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CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I hereby authorize (place of last substance abuse evaluation) _____
Name of facility, school, agency, or person

Address _____

To release the information of: _____

Address _____

_____ Date of Birth

_____ Social Security Number

Information to be released to: Fayette County Problem-Solving Courts
61 East Main Street, Suite #3
Uniontown, PA 15401

For the Purpose of: Adult Drug Court Eligibility

Information to be released:

Psychological Evaluations

Service Plans

Psychiatric Evaluations

Outpatient Clinic Report

Intake / Social History

Discharge Summary

Other: _____

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This consent shall be in effect from _____ until _____

Cannot exceed one year (MM/DD/YR)

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent / Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Witness: _____

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Power of Attorney (attach copy)

Guardianship Order (attach copy)

Parent of owner

Custody Order (attach copy)

FAYETTE COUNTY ADULT DRUG COURT

61 East Main Street
Uniontown, PA 15425
Ph: 724-430-4845
Fx: 724-420-1001

Request for Reconsideration Form

Defendant Name: _____ DOB: _____

OTN/Case Number: _____

Charges as Filed: _____

Person Requesting Reconsideration (Include relationship to the defendant):

Please Include Supportive Reasoning for Reconsideration (Supportive reasoning is defined as mitigating circumstances pertaining to the crime, psychiatric/psychological reports that may not have been available for the initial consideration, a diagnosis established after initial rejection, past records of treatment previously unavailable, etc.): _____

***Please attach all supportive documentation that is believed not to have originally been considered.**