



Policies and Procedures

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I. Drug Court of Winona County Overview

Introduction

The Drug Court of Winona County (DCWC) represents a collaborative effort of criminal justice stakeholders working together to break the cycle of substance abuse and criminal activity. DCWC provides individuals the opportunity to change life circumstances and become alcohol and drug free. This is accomplished by comprehensive assessment and treatment (chemical and mental health), intensive supervision, random drug and breath testing, regular court appearances and immediate sanctions and incentives. Honesty and individual accountability are at the foundation of the program.

The Drug Court of Winona County uses evidence-based practices in its delivery of services and works in collaboration with community providers for chemical health and ancillary services. Cognitive behavioral programming and enhanced mental health services are inherent pieces of the program.

The program is a minimum of 13 months, and is divided into four major phases. Movement through phases is based on accomplishment of goals and requirements.

Components for the DCWC include but is not limited to: chemical dependency assessment and treatment, assessment for participation in other programming (cognitive learning groups, mental health interventions, veterans services), random alcohol and drug testing, regular court appearances, case management meetings, attendance of community support groups, obtain employment or pursue education, participate in pro-social activities, pay program fees.

By providing coordinated substance abuse interventions with judicial oversight, the likelihood of re-arrest for any offense decreases, resulting in safer communities and reduction in crime.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Drug Court of Winona County is to enhance public safety and reduce costs to the community by providing resources and structure to offenders so they can become law abiding, sober and stable citizens who will positively influence themselves, their family and our community.

Drug Court of Winona County Goals and Objectives

- To provide all eligible participants the opportunity to participate in the Drug Court of Winona County (DCWC).
- To reduce recidivism of high risk prison or jail bound chemically dependent offenders.
- To reduce costs to the criminal justice system and the local/statewide community, by diverting repeat substance dependent felony offenders from incarceration by placing them on supervision in the DCWC program.
- To establish a systemic response by all involved county agencies to Winona County's most severe, high risk and high need, population thus yielding a safer community.

Organization and Stakeholders of the Drug Court of Winona County

DCWC Workgroup

The DCWC Workgroup provides oversight of the DCWC. The committee is comprised of volunteer representatives from the community, county employees, and the members of the Drug Court Team.

The DCWC Workgroup will meet quarterly to review the progress of the drug court. This committee is responsible for providing advice on financial decisions and major policy decisions to ensure the success and sustainability of the Drug Court of Winona County. This committee will also plan community support functions.

Court Team

The Drug Court of Winona County Team is a collaborative effort of criminal justice stakeholders with the common goal of rehabilitation of the drug court participants. Team meetings are held prior to Drug Court to review cases to be heard that day. The team is led by the judge, and is responsible for the day to day supervision and treatment of participants. Other people, including private counsel, treatment providers, and family members, may be invited to participate in the team meetings, but only after signing a confidentiality agreement.

Current Team

Judge Nancy L. Buytendorp—Third District Court
Karin Sonneman—Winona County Attorney's Office
Christine Ledebuhr—Public Defender's Office
Kathryn Jargo—Winona County Community Services
Todd Hoffe—Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center
Rena' Patterson—Department of Corrections
Nick Oswald—Department of Corrections
Kevin Kearney—Winona Police Department
Chris Cichosz—Winona County Sheriff's Office
Tom Weber—Drug Court Evaluator
Rebecca Church—Drug Court Coordinator

II. The Drug Court of Winona County

Model

The Drug Court of Winona County is a post-conviction court with a focus on High Risk/High Need adult felony offenders and probation violators. Participants will have documented substance dependence and a LS-CMI score of equal or greater than 30.

Participants in the DCWC will progress through four phases that include substance abuse and co-occurring treatment, judicial oversight, community supervision, 12 step or approved support group attendance and random and frequent drug testing. Treatment and supervision case plans will be comprehensive, re-assessed and updated to reflect accomplished goals and individual progress. The DCWC will address other obstacles that are barriers to long term sobriety: employment, education or vocational rehabilitation needs, health and medical, housing and transportation needs.

Target Population

The Drug Court of Winona will serve non-violent high risk and high need defendants from Winona County who are currently facing jail or prison because of new charges or because of non-compliance with probation conditions. These high risk / high need defendants suffer from drug or alcohol dependence and are less likely to be successful in standard treatment or rehabilitation programs.

Eligibility Criteria

All new felony offenders will be screened for the Drug Court when they are charged by the County Attorney's Office. All probationers will be screened upon the filing of probation violation reports. The offender's race, gender, religious affiliation, sexual orientation and national origin will not be considered when determining eligibility.

Offense Eligibility

1. The participant must have been found guilty by plea or after trial of a non-violent felony offense* related to their substance dependence.
2. The participant must be facing jail or prison as a consequence of the new felony offense or a violation of felony probation.

*Federally funded drug courts are prohibited by federal law from accepting "violent offenders" as defined by 42 U.S.C.A. 3797u-2.

Personal Eligibility

1. Participation in the DCWC is available to Winona County residents who are 18 years of age or older.
2. The participant must be high risk/ high need, having an LS-CMI score of equal or greater than 30 and meeting the diagnostic criteria for alcohol or drug dependence.
3. The participant must express a willingness to comply with the Drug Court requirements.

The Drug Court Team reserves the right to admit, by consensus of the team, an applicant who would not otherwise qualify under the eligibility criteria herein, provided the applicant is not disqualified by the “violent offender” designation.

The Drug Court Team reserves the right to deny, by consensus of the team, an applicant who would otherwise qualify under the eligibility criteria.

Disqualification Criteria

Violent Offenders, as that term is defined by federal law, are disqualified from DCWC.

Violent offender means a person who:

- (1) is charged with or convicted of an offense that is punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding 1 year, during the course of which:

- (a) the person carried, possessed, or used a firearm or dangerous weapon,
- (b) the person caused the death of or serious bodily injury to another person, or
- (c) the person used force against another person, without regard to whether any of the circumstances described above are an element of the offense or conduct of which or for which the person is charged or convicted;

or

- (2) has one or more prior convictions for a felony crime of violence involving the use or attempted use of force against a person with the intent to cause death or serious bodily harm

(42 U.S.C. 3797u-2).

The DCWC specifically disqualifies individuals convicted within the last ten years of murder, manslaughter, criminal sexual conduct in the 1st, 2nd or 3rd degrees, or Assault in the 1st degree.

REFERRAL, SCREENING AND ENTRY PROCESS

LEGAL SCREENING

The prosecuting attorney will review all new felony cases for age and residency eligibility and “offense” eligibility using a screening referral form. All screening forms will be sent to the DCWC coordinator.

CLINICAL SCREENING

New Felony

After the legal screening, the DCWC Coordinator will make contact with defendants who meet the initial legal eligibility criteria to determine their interest in the DCWC. Those interested will go through the assessment process, which shall include, but is not limited to, a chemical dependency evaluation and LS-CMI to determine chemical dependence, recommended level of care and risk level. Upon completion of these assessments, the assessor will provide the results to the DCWC Coordinator, who will determine eligibility.

The DCWC Coordinator shall report to the Team all defendants found to meet both the “personal” and “offense” eligibility criteria.

Probation Revocation Alternative

Probation will make referrals to the DCWC team for eligibility screening of adult felony probationers whose standing on probation supervision is in overall non-compliance and who have demonstrated an ongoing chemical dependence. Before making such a referral, DCWC Probation will review the probationer’s circumstances and determine whether he/she meets the eligibility criteria. DCWC Probation will conduct an LS-CMI re-assessment/update and DCWC Assessor will facilitate a chemical dependency evaluation or an updated chemical dependency evaluation, as needed. The DCWC Team will be notified of probationers determined to be eligible.

REFERRAL

The DCWC Team will discuss referrals to DCWC at team meetings. If a defendant is approved by the Team for entry into the program, the DCWC Coordinator will send a formal written invitation to the defendant or to the defendant’s attorney. Upon acceptance, a plea hearing or probation violation hearing will be scheduled in District Court. The defendant will then enter a plea and/or admission, conditioned upon the District Court’s approval to sentence the defendant to the Drug Court of Winona County.

ENTRY

At the sentencing hearing in which the defendant is sentenced to the DCWC, the defendant will complete and sign initial documents necessary for Drug Court participation.

CASE MANAGEMENT

The DCWC team will provide case management services for each participant. Case management is a coordinated, collaborative effort to provide linkages with other services providers to assist the participant with their needs.

CASE PLAN

All DCWC Participants will have a comprehensive, individualized case plan developed with the DCWC Team members based on each participant's needs as determined by the LS-CMI and chemical dependency assessment. The case plan will be reviewed regularly for changes and modifications. The plan may include but is not limited to the following:

1. A plan for fulfillment of criminal justice obligations.
2. Treatment and other services.
3. A plan for assuring continuity through treatment and program completion.
4. Urinalysis, breath analysis or other chemical testing.
5. Arrangements to repair the harm done to the victim and the community;
6. A plan for education and employment; housing;
7. A plan for relapse prevention and a pro-social support system in the community.
8. Regular reporting to the DCWC Judge on individual progress through journaling.

The Team will assist the participant in obtaining the collateral services that he/she needs. Such collateral services may include but are not limited to the CARE program, Veteran's Services, local employment services, Winona County Community Services, local nonprofits, and education.

PROGRESS REPORTS

The DCWC Coordinator shall gather information from the Team Probation Officer, Law Enforcement and Assessor about each participant's progress and will report that information to the Team. The Team will meet weekly prior to court to discuss the participant's progress and to address next steps, and incentives and/or sanctions.

Participant requirements:

1. Comply with the case plan.
2. Law abiding behavior.
3. Attend all required meetings and be on time. In the event a participant is unable to attend, the participant will call the coordinator or probation officer at least two hours in advance.
4. Attend all DCWC appearances and be on time.
5. Submit to urine, alcohol, or other tests as required. Refusal, stalling (15 minutes or more) and /or adulteration will be considered a positive test.
6. Submit any required reports to the DCWC as ordered.
7. Keep the DCWC Coordinator informed of current address, phone number, and whereabouts. The participant shall not change address or phone numbers without notifying the Court in advance.

8. Full-time employment or work on GED while maintaining employment; or an alternative plan approved by the DCWC Team. Each participant will provide proof of employment or employment search to the DCWC Team, and will report any changes of employment within 48 hours.
9. Submit to rehabilitative, medical or psychological programming as directed by the DCWC.
10. Pay all costs, restitution, fines, etc. ordered by the Court.
11. Pay all DCWC fees as agreed.
12. Comply with the directives of the DCWC Judge, DCWC Team, CD Treatment Providers and DCWC Probation Officer.
13. Make satisfactory progress in the program as measured by each phase requirement.

Drug Testing

Random, observed and frequent drug testing is central to the DCWC in monitoring participant compliance. The phases of the DCWC determine the frequency of drug & alcohol testing. The DCWC team members (or their designee) will be responsible for administering the drug tests and have the discretion to test at any time.

All DCWC participants will be informed about drug testing policies and procedures upon entry into drug court. Participants will be subject to urine, blood, and/or breath tests. Participants will sign an agreement to comply with the DCWC testing requirements, including direct observation of the sample submission and reporting of results to the DCWC Team.

Positive test results: If a participant admits that the urine will be positive for drugs or alcohol, a confirmation test is not necessary. However, if the participant denies using drugs or alcohol and the test results are positive, the sample will be submitted to Medtox for confirmation. Payment for confirmation testing when the participant denies using will be the responsibility of the DCWC participant. Sanctions will be imposed for positive tests, diluted samples, tampered samples and missing tests. *Those participants with a positive test, for public safety reasons, will be immediately brought into custody at the Winona County Jail and held until the next drug court session or for 48 hours, whichever occurs first.*

Additional therapeutic and/or punitive responses are determined by the DCWC Team for positive tests. Participants choosing to enter the DCWC must agree to cease the use of all mood-altering substances that would test positive during a drug test (including but not limited to narcotics, tranquilizers, sedatives, stimulants, opiates, opiate-based medications). If during the course of participation, it becomes necessary for a participant to take prescription medication; prior approval must be sought from the DCWC Team with appropriate medical documentation provided.

Phases

The DCWC, lasting a minimum of 13 months, is highly structured and has four phases. The initial phases involve intensive intervention, gradually transitioning into less intensive intervention as the participant progresses. A participant must successfully complete the current phase before transitioning to the next phase.

Phase 1

Minimum of 3 months

- A. Treatment as recommended in chemical dependency evaluation.
- B. Create case plan goals and begin working on them.
- C. Attend weekly court hearings upon completion of primary phase of treatment.
- D. Random drug and alcohol testing (12x month minimum)
- E. Attend meetings with DCWC team member at least 2x per week
- F. Attend meetings with probation officer at least 4x monthly
- G. Comply with case plan - at least 40 hours per month on requirements of case plan.*

Phase Advancement –

- A. Minimum of 30 days sober immediately prior to advancement – abstaining from all mood-altering chemicals.
- B. Compliance with attendance requirements
- C. Progress with the case plan
- D. Compliance with sanctions, if any
- E. Develop a Relapse Prevention plan
- F. Team recommendation and Participant feedback.

Phase II

Minimum of 4 months

- A. Attend court hearings 2x per month
- B. Continue treatment programming
- C. Attend meetings with DCWC team member and/or probation officer at least 2x per week
- D. Random drug and alcohol testing (8x month minimum)
- E. Work Relapse Prevention plan.
- F. Begin community service work (50 hours)
- G. Establish payment plan for program fees and begin payments.
- H. Comply with case plan - At least 40 hours per month on requirements of case plan.*

Phase Advancement –

- A. Minimum of 60 days sober immediately prior to advancement – abstaining from all mood-altering chemicals.
- B. Compliance with attendance requirements
- C. Progress with the case plan
- D. Compliance with sanctions, if any
- E. Compliance with Relapse Prevention plan
- F. Community work service completed.
- G. Compliance with payment plan for program fees.
- H. Team recommendation and participant feedback.

Phase III

Minimum of 3 months

- A. Attend court hearings one time per month
- B. Continue treatment programming as recommended
- C. Attend meetings with DCWC team member and/or probation officer
- D. Random drug and alcohol testing (8x monthly minimum)
- E. Comply with Relapse Prevention Plan.
- F. Begin community service work (20 hours)
- G. Comply with payment plan.
- H. Comply with case plan - At least 40 – 60 hours per month on requirements of case plan.*

Phase Advancement –

- A. Minimum of 90 days sober immediately prior to advancement – abstaining from all mood-altering chemicals.
- B. Compliance with attendance requirements
- C. Progress with the case plan
- D. Compliance with sanctions, if any
- E. Compliance with Relapse Prevention plan
- F. Community work service completed.
- G. Compliance with payment plan for program fees.
- H. Team recommendation and Participant feedback.

Phase IV

Minimum of 3 months

- A. Attend court hearings one time per month or noncompliance calendar as reassessed.
- B. Complete treatment programming as recommended.
- C. Attend meetings with DCWC team member and/or probation officer
- D. Random drug and alcohol testing (8x month minimum)
- E. Comply with Relapse Prevention Plan.
- F. Complete community service work. (20 hours)
- G. Develop an exit plan
- H. Complete program fee payment plan.
- I. Comply with case plan - At least 40 hours per month on requirements of case plan.*

Graduation requirements –

- I. Minimum of 180 days sober immediately prior to graduation – abstaining from all mood-altering chemicals.
- J. Compliance with attendance requirements
- K. Progress with the case plan
- L. Compliance with sanctions, if any
- M. Compliance with Relapse Prevention plan
- N. Community work service completed.
- O. Program fees satisfied.
- P. Team recommendation and Participant feedback.

* may include, but is not limited to treatment, support groups, pro-social support, mental health appointments, anger management, case management, parenting skills programming, cognitive skills programming, budgeting and banking classes, nutrition classes, development of housing and sober living plan, support groups, counseling, classes, mental health appointments, etc.

TERMINATION CRITERIA

Participants may be terminated for failure to comply with program requirements after all attempts have been made to improve attendance and motivation without success. Short of termination, the judge may take the following actions:

- Continuance in current phase and reprimand from the bench;
- Schedule more frequent court appearances;
- Schedule a termination hearing in several weeks with specific tasks to perform to avoid termination;
- One or more days in jail.

Termination may also occur if the client commits a new offense while in the program or is found to be in possession of a weapon. Input from the police will be a consideration. If the offense occurred prior to program participation, the team will review and determine an appropriate action. If terminated, the participant will return to district court for a hearing.

INCENTIVES AND SANCTIONS

Incentives are responses to compliance, perceived as positive, by the receiver. Sanctions are the imposition of a consequence, perceived as negative by the receiver, as a direct result of a prohibited activity. At each court review hearing, participants may be subject to sanctions or incentives based on their performance and program compliance for the reporting period. Both compliant and noncompliant behaviors may be addressed with incentives and sanctions ordered to reinforce the participants' choices and behaviors. The noncompliant behaviors that the participant is capable of engaging, receive more severe sanctions. When ordering sanctions, the judge considers the nature of the noncompliant behavior, the number of previous sanctions, the participant's current phase level, and the participant's attitude. Sanctions are intended for immediate imposition and will be graduated per episode of non-compliance. Incentives are awarded to recognize participants for their efforts in recovery and to reinforce their positive behaviors. Incentives are granted on an as-earned basis.

The table below outlines the schedule of responses to a variety of behaviors. The judge may choose any of the below listed incentives or sanctions after considering an individual's behavior and case history.

RESPONSES TO BEHAVIOR	
ACHIEVEMENTS	INCENTIVES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attending all court appearances ▪ Negative drug test results for period of time ▪ Attendance and participation in treatment ▪ Attendance and participation in support meetings ▪ Completion of GED ▪ College enrollment and attendance ▪ Job promotion/obtaining employment ▪ Compliance with treatment/supervision plan ▪ Voluntary speaking engagements ▪ Artwork, essays, journals ▪ Phase advancement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recognition and praise by the Judge ▪ Courtroom recognition ▪ Certificates of achievement ▪ Bus passes ▪ Movie/Event tickets or gift cards ▪ Reduction in fines and costs ▪ Decreased court appearances ▪ Phase advancement ▪ Voucher assistance ▪ #1 on Docket of choice ▪ Haircut/manicure/pedicure ▪ Grab box
CHOICES	SANCTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Missed court appearance ▪ Missed appointment with probation officer ▪ Missed support meeting ▪ Violation of court order ▪ Positive drug test ▪ Missed drug test (considered a positive drug test) ▪ Tampered drug test ▪ Missed treatment ▪ Inappropriate behavior at treatment facility ▪ New DUI or felony conviction ▪ Driving while license suspended/revoked ▪ Failure to perform sanctions ▪ Noncompliance with treatment plan ▪ Dishonesty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reprimand from the Judge ▪ Increased court appearances ▪ Increased drug testing ▪ 30 support meetings in 30 days ▪ Day reporting to probation, court or facility ▪ Curfew Imposed ▪ Increase Probation Office Visits ▪ Additional community service hours ▪ Essay presented to judge ▪ Attendance at orientation, graduation or docket ▪ Area/Association restriction ▪ Placement on EHM, GPS or SCRAM ▪ Saturday work program ▪ Sentence to jail 1 to 30 days ▪ Delay in phase change or regress to a prior phase

Program Fees

Upon entering Phase II of the Drug Court of Winona County, participants must make arrangements to start paying their program fees. The program fee is \$50 per month. *Participant case plans will address the timing and means of making payments toward the program fees.*

Confidentiality

Any program that specializes, in whole or in part, in providing treatment counseling, or assessment and referral services for offenders with AOD (Alcohol or Drug) problems must comply with the federal confidentiality regulations (42 C.F.S.s2.12(e)). The federal regulations apply to programs that receive federal funding.

Two federal laws and a set of regulations guarantee the strict confidentiality of information about persons -including offenders- receiving alcohol and drug abuse assessment and treatment services. The legal citation for these laws and regulations is 42 U.S. C. SS 290dd-3 and ee-3 and 42 C.F.R. Part 2.

These laws and regulations are designed to protect patients' privacy rights in order to attract people into treatment. The regulations restrict communications more tightly in many instances than, for example, either the doctor-patient or the attorney-client privilege. Violation of the regulations is punishable by a fine of up to \$500 for a first offense or up to \$5,000 for each subsequent offense.

Federal confidentiality laws and regulations protect information about an offender if the offender has applied for or received any AOD-related services from a program that is covered under the law. Services applied for or received can include assessment, diagnosis, individual counseling, group counseling, treatment or referral for treatment. The restrictions on disclosure apply to any information that would identify the offender as an alcoholic or other drug abuser, either directly or by implication. The general rule applies from the time the offender makes an appointment. It applies to offenders who are mandated into treatment as well as those who enter treatment voluntarily. It also applies to former clients or patients. The rule applies whether or not the person making an inquiry already has the information, has other ways of getting it, has some form of official status, is authorized by State law, or comes armed with a subpoena or search warrant.

Information that is protected by federal confidentiality regulations may always be disclosed after the offender has signed a proper consent form. The regulations also permit disclosure without the offender's consent in several situations, including medical emergencies, program evaluations and communications among program staff. Offenders who refuse to sign consent forms permitting essential communications can be excluded from treatment or provided treatment temporarily in the hope that resistance to signing the consent forms will evaporate as treatment proceeds.

Roles and Responsibilities of Team Members

Team Roles/Responsibilities:

In addition to the duties summarized below, all Team members will serve on the DCWC workgroup and attend drug court trainings including the national conference every three years, the state conference every other year and other trainings throughout the year. The drug court team will also visit an operational drug court every year. All Team members, except the evaluator, will review participant status reports and attend weekly pre-court staffing to discuss appropriate sanctions and incentives.

Judge: *The Honorable Nancy L. Buytendorp, Third Judicial District Court*

Supervises participant progress through the drug court continuum; leads the DCWC team in decision-making; presides over court proceedings, interacting directly and regularly with participants while administering sanctions and rewards.

Coordinator: *Rebecca Church*

Coordinates all aspects of the drug court, including case management and program oversight; ensures appropriate and timely completion of proposed substance abuse court program activities; facilitates case flow and activities of participating agencies; monitors the meeting of goals, objectives, and timelines of each participant; provides monitoring and contractual service quality assurance; manages and writes grants.

Prosecutor: *Karin Sonneman, Winona County Attorney*

Serves as gatekeeper/screener for access to the drug court; oversees the filing of all required legal documents; assures confidentiality requirements are met; participates in the DCWC team decision-making.

Defense Counsel: *Christine Ledebuhr, Assistant Public Defender*

Counsels and advocates for participants, ensuring that they understand their rights and responsibilities; advocates for potential participants' access to and continued participation in the drug court; assists in the screening process; assures confidentiality requirements are met; participates in the DCWC team decision-making.

Law Enforcement: *Officer Kevin Kearney, Winona County Police Liaison*

Deputy Chris Cichosz, Winona County Sheriff's Department

Serve as liaison between the DCWC Team and law enforcement officers who are tasked with compliance responsibilities; monitors participant program compliance; participate in the DCWC team decision-making.

Corrections: *Rená Patterson, Department of Corrections Supervisor*

Agent Nick Oswald, Department of Corrections

Identifies and screens eligible probation violation cases and refers cases to the Team for admission consideration; provides individual, intensive supervision and a broad range of rehabilitative and case management services within the drug court continuum, pursuant to DOC policies; organizes and presents participant progress/adjustment information; participates in the DCWC team decision-making.

Chemical Health Assessor: *Kathryn Jargo, Winona County Community Services*
Todd Hoffe, Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center

Facilitates Rule 25 assessments; Identifies and conveys treatment recommendations to the Team (including options for recommended mental health evaluations); monitors treatment effectiveness; facilitates rapid entry into treatment; provides input on various and appropriate modalities of treatment; organizes and presents progress/adjustment information at staffing; participates in the DCWC team decision-making.

Evaluator: *Thomas Weber, Criminal Justice Consultant*

Identifies performance measures directly connected to program goals and objectives; Develops an evaluation plan and data collection strategy; Conducts process and outcome evaluations.

Case Management: Case management responsibilities will be shared by the DCWC Coordinator and the probation agent with the Coordinator serving as the lead. Case management is defined as coordination of all aspects of a participant's experience in drug court. Specific services include: (a) serving as the main point of contact for participants and referrals to treatment providers and other agencies; (b) compiling/distributing participant progress reports for use by the Team; (c) coordinating the docket; (d) providing informal counseling and ensuring accountability and (e) collecting specimens.

EVALUATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

The evaluator will use both qualitative and quantitative data via interviews, review of the program data, a drug court team self-assessment on the ten key components and observation of the drug court hearings. It will compare the actual process of the drug court program to the goals and objectives.

The drug court team and workgroup will develop a plan to secure resources to sustain the drug court in the community beyond the three year grant. A media and community relations campaign, including a professionally developed website, will be developed to inform and engage the community about the progress and benefits of the Drug Court of Winona County.

Project Partners

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