

**LOWNDES COUNTY
DUI COURT**

**PARTICIPANT
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INTRODUCTION TO THE LOWNDES COUNTY STATE COURT DUI COURT

What is the Lowndes County DUI Court and when did it begin?

The Lowndes County State DUI Court was implemented in July of 2017 with Judge Ellen S Golden presiding as the DUI Court Judge.

The DUI Court operates on a TEAM (Together Each Achieves More) concept. The Team is composed of Judge(s), Solicitor-General's Office, Law Enforcement, a Defense Attorney, a Court Coordinator, a Probation Officer and Licensed Substance Abuse Treatment Professionals. All Team members work together to support each participant in addressing and combating the substance abuse issues that brought them into the criminal justice system. The Team meets every two weeks in a meeting called Staffing to review the progress of each participant. Also every two weeks, participants attend a court session called a Status Conference to meet with the Team and receive an update on their progress. The Team follows and complies with all national and state standards and best practices for accountability courts and DUI courts.¹

What is the primary mission of the Lowndes County DUI Court?

The primary mission of the Lowndes County DUI Court (DUI Court) is to increase public safety and save lives by reducing recidivism of persons with alcohol and drug use disorders. The DUI Court seeks to accomplish this by facilitating substance use treatment and rehabilitation, providing increased supervision, and requiring participant accountability. The Court strives to return to the community individuals who have addressed substance use issues and have become better equipped to maintain their sobriety which will provide them a better quality of life, have a positive impact and to improve the community as a whole, and increase public safety.

Is the DUI Court effective?

The DUI Court provides an opportunity for early treatment intervention. A study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) found that: (1) repeat DUI offenders who graduated from a DUI Court were up to 65% less likely to be rearrested for a new DUI offense; and (2) all DUI Court participants had a recidivism (relapse) rate of only 15 % whether or not they graduated or were terminated. Similar offenders who did not attend a DUI Court had a recidivism rate of up to 35%.² Through enhanced supervision, counseling, and treatment, the goal of this Court is to improve the quality of each participant's life and reduce repeat offenses to improve community safety. Graduates will have a solid foundation to build upon for a sober, healthy and productive future.

¹ The DUI Court complies with: *Georgia Adult DUI Court Standards*, promulgated by the Judicial Council of Georgia; the *Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards, Volume I & II*, published by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP); *Defining Drug Courts: The Key Components*, published by the NADCP; and the *Ten Guiding Principles of DWI Courts*, published by the National Center for DWI Courts (NCDC).

² *An Evaluation of the Three Georgia DUI Courts*, U.S. Dept. of Transportation, NHTSA DOT HS 811 450, March 2011.

What are the Supervision, Counseling, and Treatment Components?

First, (a referral is made to the DUI Court and an application is submitted to the court). The participant then meets with a licensed substance abuse treatment clinician for a Risk/Needs Assessment (Level of Service Inventory –Revised (LSI-R)) to determine the level of care needed to develop a Treatment Plan. The treatment provider will make all necessary referrals for other co-occurring disorders, other counseling needs, and/or medical needs as deemed necessary.

Services Offered to the Participant in the program:

Drug Screening

Group Counseling

Individual Counseling

Risk Reduction Class

Clinical Evaluations

Additional Services available through the treatment provider or by referral:

Anger Management

Domestic Violence Counseling

Family Counseling

Mental Health Counseling

Defensive Driving

Shoplifting and Theft Intervention

The Program requires a ***minimum*** of twelve (15) months and consists of the Orientation and four phases:

TREATMENT OVERVIEW

Orientation	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	AFTERCARE
LSI-R Risk/Assessment Initial meeting with DUI Court Coordinator Sentencing Initial Meeting with Probation Officer Baseline Drug Test Initial Meeting with Treatment Provider for intake assessment (\$50)	Attend 3 Group Counseling Sessions per week (6 hours per week) Attend 2 Individual Counseling Sessions Attend a minimum of 1 Community Support Meetings per week Report to Probation Weekly Expect Random Drug/Alcohol Screens Expect random home visits by law enforcement Attend DUI Court Sessions Bi-Weekly Complete Clinical Evaluation Complete a Mental Health Evaluation Make weekly payments for treatment services Make monthly payments to probation Curfew 9:00 PM	Attend 2 Group Counseling Sessions per week (3 hours per week) Attend 2 Individual Counseling Sessions Attend a minimum of 2 Community Support Meetings per week Report to Probation Twice a Month Expect Random Drug/Alcohol Screens Expect random home visits by law enforcement Attend DUI Court Sessions Bi-Weekly Attend and Complete DUI School/Risk Reduction Program Make weekly payments for treatment services Make monthly payments to probation Curfew 10:00 PM	Attend 1 Group Counseling Session per week (1.5 hours per week) Attend 1 Individual Counseling Session Attend a minimum of 3 Community Support Meetings per week Report to Probation Monthly Expect Random Drug/Alcohol Screens Expect random home visits by law enforcement Attend the 1st DUI Court Session Monthly Make weekly payments for treatment services Make monthly payments to probation Curfew 11:00 PM	Report to Probation Monthly Expect Random Drug/Alcohol Screens Attend the 1st DUI Court Session Monthly Make monthly payments to probation
→ Time will vary	→ Minimum 17 weeks	→ Minimum 17 weeks	→ Minimum 17 weeks	→→→→ Minimum 3 months

Requirements of Participant for each Phase

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Individual treatment plans may determine a need for additional requirements/contact

Projects

Ready to begin the process	Drugs of Abuse Presentation	Bring a family member	Life Story	Exit Interview
Understand the process; capable of participation	Understand personal relationship w/substance use; Increase awareness of risk/problems of use	Identify changes needed in their personal relationship w/substance use	Identify supports/strategies needed to maintain change in their personal relationship w/substance use	Sit down with team members to discuss time in DUI Court.

I. PHASES OF THE DUI COURT PROGRAM

Intake and Orientation

- Referral
- LSI-R Risk/Assessment
- Initial meeting with DUI Court Coordinator to review DUI Court Contracts and Handbook
- Sentencing
- Initial Meeting with Probation Officer/Baseline Drug Test Administered
- Initial Meeting with Treatment Provider for intake assessment (\$50)
- Expect random home visits by law
- Attend a minimum of 1 Community Support Meetings per week
- Report to Probation Weekly
- Curfew 9:00 PM
- Payment of \$100 Participation Fee

Phase 1 – (approximately 17 weeks)

Goals:

1. Participant will be able to identify their own behavior related to substance use and how that aligns with various models of addiction. Participant will begin to explore their personal relationships with drugs and/or alcohol and where he or she falls in the spectrum of substance use disorders.
2. Participant will actively demonstrate readiness to change by internalizing personal problems related to substance use, using positive change talk and I statements in group process.
3. Participant will demonstrate stability with the structure, schedule and accountability of both treatment and supervision within the program.

Tasks:

- **9:00 PM – 6:00AM Curfew (unless at work/school/counseling/community support meeting) Must provide a work schedule/meeting sign in sheet for verification**
- Attend 3 Group Counseling Sessions with assigned Counselor (**6 hours per week**)
- Report to Lowndes County Probation Services weekly
- Every other week: Status Conference at the Courthouse
- **Minimum** of one Community Support Meeting per week or as designated by the Treatment Plan
- **Minimum** of two individual meetings with Counselor
- Complete Clinical Evaluation
- Complete a Mental Health Evaluation
- Random alcohol/drug screens
- Review of DUI Court Handbook with Probation Officer
- All fees must remain current with Lowndes County Probation Services and Redirect
- No pending petitions or sanctions
- **Minimum** of 2 weeks without a Court sanction

- Must have a minimum of 3 consecutive clean UDS/ EtG⁴ , with no Dilute, Elevated EtG , and Suspect tests ³ in no less than the 2 weeks prior to phase-up
- Participant must be clinically appropriate for phase progression.

In order to complete this phase, the participant shall understand and verbalize the risk and problems associated with their personal relationship with substance use.

Phase 2 – (approximately 17 weeks)

Goals:

1. Participant will be able to recognize/verbalize changes they need to make in any high risk patterns and/or behaviors associated with their substance use.
2. Participant will be able to recognize their personal motives for use, situations that trigger the desire to use and verbalize coping skills to successfully avoid use.
3. Participant will develop a personal narrative around their current abstinence that supports their desire to make positive changes in their substance use patterns and behaviors.
4. Demonstrate continued stability within the structure of the program and maintain abstinence for a minimum of 60 consecutive days.

Tasks:

- **10:00 PM – 6:00AM Curfew (unless at work/school/counseling/community support meeting) Must provide a work schedule/meeting sign in sheet for verification**
- Attend 2 Group Counseling Sessions per week (3 hours per week)
- Report to Lowndes County Probation Services bi-weekly
- Every other week: Status Conference at the Courthouse
- **Minimum** of two Community Support Meetings per week or as designated by the Treatment Plan
- **Minimum** of two individual meetings with Counselor or as prescribed by the Treatment Plan
- Random alcohol/drug screens
- Completion of DUI School
- All fees must remain current with Lowndes County Probation Services and Redirect
- **Minimum** of 60 days without a Court sanction, positive screen, Dilute test, Elevated EtG, or Suspect test.
- Participant must be clinically appropriate for phase progression.

In order to complete this phase, the participant must be able to identify/verbalize changes he/she needs to make in their personal relationship with substance use.

Phase 3 – (approximately 17 weeks)

Goals:

⁴ EtG- Ethyl Glucuronide is a metabolite only produced by the human body from exposure to Ethyl Alcohol.

³ An Elevated test is a test that shows the presence of Etg between 200 and 499 ng/ml (500 or greater is a positive). A Dilute test is a test where creatinine is below 20 ng/ml. A Suspect test is a test showing the presence of Etg between 100 and 199 ng/ml and significant evidence of attempted dilution

1. Participant will be able to verbalize the meaning of Relapse in terms of patterns and behaviors associated with their relationship with substance use.
2. Participant will be able to demonstrate continued stability within the structure of the program and maintain abstinence for a minimum of 60 consecutive days.

Tasks:

- **11:00 PM – 6:00AM Curfew (unless at work/school/counseling/community support meeting) Must provide a work schedule/meeting sign in sheet for verification**
- Attend 1 Group Counseling Session per week (1.5 hours per week)
- Report to Lowndes County Probation Services monthly
- Attend 1st Status Conference at the Courthouse of the month
- **Minimum** of three Community Support meetings per week or as designated per the Treatment Plan
- **Minimum** of 1 individual counseling sessions with Counselor
- Random alcohol/drug screens
- All fees must remain current with Lowndes County Probation Services and Redirect
- **Minimum** of 60 days without a Court sanction, positive screen, Dilute test, Elevated EtG, or Suspect test.
- Participant must be clinically appropriate for phase progression.

In order to complete this phase, the participant must be able to identify/verbalize and utilize supports to sustain changes in their personal relationship with substance use.

Phase 4 Aftercare- (approximately 3 months)

Goals:

1. Participant will effectively demonstrate the coping skills necessary to remain abstinent from substance use with decreased structure and support from a formal treatment setting.
2. Participant will actively engage in a process of self-evaluation to identify past problem behaviors and be able to verbalize changes to others.
3. Participant will be able to utilize “action plans” to support changes, model positive coping skills and use assertive communication skills in all aspects of their life.

Tasks:

- Report to Lowndes County Probation Services monthly
- Attend the 1st Status Conference at the Courthouse of the month
- Random alcohol/drug screens
- All fees must remain current with Lowndes County Probation Services
- **Minimum** of 120 days without a Court sanction, positive screen, Dilute test, Elevated EtG, or Suspect test.
- No new or pending petitions or sanctions within a 60 days period
- Participant must be clinically appropriate to graduate.
- Participant may graduate at the last status conference attended in the aftercare phase.

In order to complete this phase, the participant must be able to verbalize “what’s different about my personal relationship with substance use and how I maintain a healthy lifestyle”.

Phase Progression

For any phase progression, participants must be clinically appropriate and have met clinical obligations to change phases. Counselors will evaluate projects, participation in group and individual sessions, time in current phase, drug and alcohol test results, etc. to determine a participant’s readiness to move to the next phase.

Phase Regression

At any time during the program, a participant may be moved back to a previous phase based upon the level of care/intervention needed. If a participant is not meeting the requirements for their current phase, they may be phased back.

Determination of Level of Treatment, Increase, & Outsourcing

The participant’s level of treatment will be determined by the licensed clinicians based upon the level of need. Should a counselor determine a participant needs an increased level of care and treatment, including intensive outpatient/inpatient treatment such as In-Patient Residency, a Counselor and the DUI Court Team will help the participant’s family coordinate placement at such a facility. Seeking alternative treatment outside of the Lowndes County DUI Court is not allowed without prior approval of the counselor and Team. Should a counselor determine a participant has other medical needs, the counselor will make the appropriate referrals in which the participant will be required to follow up with. Treatment plans will be updated if said referrals are made.

Projects

Projects will be given in each phase of treatment. Participants are expected to apply themselves to the best of their ability and will meet with their Counselor to review each project. The completed assignments will reflect a participant’s progress and are an integral part of the treatment process.

Curfew

All participants in the program will have a curfew. This is for the purpose of the home visits. Anyone found to be out after curfew will have a sanction imposed by the court. Participants may submit a travel request for permission for a curfew extension at least two weeks prior to the night in question. Please note, not all requests will be granted. **There will be no curfew extensions granted while in Phase I of the program.**

Community Support Meetings

Community Support meetings provide social activities for participants who are working on their personal recovery. Community Support meetings are educational in nature and are not treatment. Different meetings provide different kinds of support and structure. It is important that you find a meeting (s) that you are comfortable with and that provides for your recovery needs. The maximum number of meetings in 1 day that will count for DUI court requirements is 1. Any meetings attended beyond one per day will be for your personal benefit only. Attendance at Community Support meetings is a requirement of the DUI Court and will be a part of your treatment plan. These meetings are a weekly requirement and it is your responsibility to remain current. Community Support meetings are designed to help build an additional support system outside of treatment and the judicial process to help you succeed once you graduate from the program. If you are found to be

altering any signature or provide false signatures from the meetings you did not attend, a sanction will be imposed by the court.

<u>Approved Community Support</u>	<u>NOT APPROVED</u>
Alcoholics Anonymous	Church Groups
Narcotics Anonymous	Life Groups
Celebrate Recovery	Program Treatment Sessions
Anger Management	Risk Reduction
Couples Counseling	MADD
Grief Counseling	Volunteer Activities
Parenting Classes	Wellness Meetings
Depression Groups	Health Support Meetings
Domestic Violence Support Group	

Graduation

In order to reach the “Ready to Graduate” status in the program, a participant must meet all previous phase requirements, including completion of all treatment obligations, remaining current with all DUI Court and probation fees, attending all required appointments with the Probation Officer, and appearing for all drug screens. Participant must also have no positive UDS, Elevated test, Dilute test, or Suspect test for 120 days.

A major goal of the DUI Court Team is to support each participant as he or she progresses through the phases toward graduation from the DUI Court program. Graduation is an important milestone, providing the participant and the DUI Court team an opportunity to reflect on the personal journey each participant has experienced during the program. Participants are encouraged to maintain his or her relationship with the court after graduation as alumni or mentor to other participants.

II. APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR WHILE IN THE DUI COURT PROGRAM

A. Fourth Amendment Waiver & Search And Arrest Requirements

All participants must, at any time, without warning, probable cause, articulable suspicion or a search warrant, provide a sample of blood, breath, urine, saliva or other bodily substance and submit to searches of his/her residence, workplace, vehicle, containers, records and all other locations and items, by any law enforcement officer, probation officer or parole officer.

As a participant in DUI Court, you are required to submit your person, vehicle, place of residence or area to search and seizure of narcotics, drugs or other contraband at any time of the day or night with or without a search warrant, without prior notice, and without probable cause by any peace officer or probation officer.

B. Honesty

It is the responsibility of the participant to disclose any violation of the terms of probation to their Counselor, Probation Officer, and the DUI Court Office. Honesty is a core component of the Lowndes County DUI Court. Dishonesty will only impede recovery and hold back progression through the Program. Dishonesty of any form such as lying, tampering with or

adulterating drug screens, presenting fraudulent documents, etc. will not be tolerated and will subject a participant to substantial sanctions. Defrauding or lying may lead to termination from the DUI Court and/or substantial confinement time. Honesty is essential to successful participation in the Lowndes County DUI Court.

C. In the Courtroom

NO PHONES ALLOWED IN THE JUDICIAL COMPLEX.

Attendance in Status Conference is mandatory. Court sessions are held every two weeks. Schedules of DUI Court Status Conference dates are provided at orientation. (Participants will be notified of any schedule or date changes in a timely manner.) It is the responsibility of the participant to know the dates of Court sessions.

Punctuality is required. Court begins at 10:30am. At 10:31 a person is considered **LATE** and will be sanctioned as deemed necessary by the DUI Court team.

It is not appropriate to wear hats, sunglasses, clothes displaying offensive language or advertising drugs or alcohol in the courtroom. Loud and disruptive behavior is unacceptable. Participants are required to remain attentive and not read or sleep in the courtroom. No food or drinks are allowed in the Courtroom.

When addressed by the Judge, one should respond by speaking clearly and directly.
All participants should remain until dismissed. The Court will appropriately address violations of Courtroom behavior.

D. Counseling at Redirect Counseling Services, Inc.

1. Do not come to group or individual appointments under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Coming to Redirect under the influence will result in sanctions by the Court.
2. Groups begin on time. Attendance and participation in the whole group session is required to receive credit for group. Being late to group will be reported to the DUI Court team and sanctions may result.
3. Confidentiality in group is required since it ensures the opportunity for open discussions and sharing. What is said in group stays in group. Please maintain the confidentiality of everyone in the group.
4. Free expression of thoughts and feelings is encouraged in group; however, violence, threats or intimidation are not allowed. Please be respectful and attentive to peers. Speak one at a time and listen when peers are sharing. Please avoid cross talking or side conversations.
5. Let the Counselor know if an emergency or illness arises which might necessitate leaving a group early or missing a group. Discuss any situation with the Counselor to get approval before leaving or not attending a group or an appointment.
6. Dress code: No skimpy tank tops, short shorts or short skirts. Clothing must cover all undergarments. Clothing with obscene language or advertising alcohol/drugs is not permitted. If a participant comes to group dressed inappropriately, they may be asked to leave. Any missed group will be reported to the team and may result in sanctions.
7. Cell phones, laptops, or any electronic devices should be turned off during group and individual appointments.
8. Visitors are not allowed at group.
9. Smoking is permitted outside only. Please put cigarette butts in appropriate receptacles (not on the floor or the ground).
10. No littering in the parking lot or in the building. Please help us keep the facility clean by putting trash in trash cans, etc.

11. Destroying or defacing property at Redirect may result in sanctions or arrest.
12. When arriving at Redirect for group or an appointment with a Counselor, participants should check- in at the window.
13. Please be considerate of other clients and Redirect staff.

E. Meeting Attendance, Place of Residence and Leave Requests

No leave requests will be granted in Phase 1.

A participant is required to attend all meetings as assigned. Failure to attend will result in progressive sanctions. Special requests to be excused from meetings will be discussed during Staffing and must be approved by the DUI Court Team. Requests to miss any DUI Court Status Conference, check ins with probation, group meetings, to leave the jurisdiction of the Court (Lowndes County area) or stay at a residence other than your primary residence of record must meet the following requirements:

- A. All requests are to be submitted in writing **a minimum of two weeks in advance to your Probation Officer**. Leave Request Forms are available from your Probation Officer or on the DUI Court Coordinator. The form **must be completed and returned** before the two-week deadline prior to the requested date of leave.
- B. All requests must have verified documentation attached, for example, a note from a doctor, school or work explaining the situation and signed by a person in authority. The documentation must include a phone number where you can be reached.
- C. Factors the team will consider when evaluating a leave request include but are not limited to:
 - 1) Compliance with Treatment Plan;
 - 2) Compliance with probation requirements;
 - 3) Recent drug and alcohol screen results; and
 - 4) Compliance with financial responsibilities and any payment plans.

No leave requests will be granted in Phase 1.

If a request is granted, a participant must report to their Probation Officer for a drug test the day following the end of the leave. In the event of a sudden illness and/or death of an immediate family member, contact your Counselor and your Probation Officer for possible leave without the leave request paperwork. (For the purposes of this manual, “immediate family” includes spouse, children, siblings, parents, and grandparents only.)

If a Group Meeting, random call-in, or check-in with probation is missed and no prior consent had been obtained, a participant is required to report to their Probation Officer by 9 a.m. the following day. If an appointment is missed during the weekend, reporting in the following Monday by 9 a.m. is required. All unexcused absences are subject to sanctions to be determined by the DUI Court Team.

A participant is required by the DUI Court to stay at their primary residence on record every night unless permission has been obtained to be away from that residence overnight. **Leaving the jurisdiction of the Court (Lowndes County area) for any reason requires prior notice and approval by the DUI Court team.**

A participant is required to be accessible by phone by any member of the DUI Court Team at all times. Failure to respond to a message in a reasonable period of time (2 hours) may result in sanctions by the Court. If a cell phone is lost or disconnected, and/or the participant is unreachable for any reason, the participant should immediately notify the Probation Officer.

A firm appointment with a counselor or probation officer must be kept. If a cancellation of the appointment is required, at least 24 hours’ advance notice must be given. Failure to notify Redirect or Lowndes County Probation Services of cancellation of the appointment at least 24 hours in advance may result in a sanction.

F. Inclement Weather

In the case of inclement weather, any scheduled status conferences, probation petition hearings, probation appointments, or other matters taking place in the Courthouse will be rescheduled.

G. Finances

As a condition of participation in the DUI Court, each person is responsible for the cost of treatment and supervision. Therefore, seeking and maintaining employment is a condition of continued participation. Participants who are employed are less likely to use alcohol and/or other drugs when they are working, and it is known that those who work have a higher degree of self-esteem due to being productive. If a participant has a documented disability that limits or prevents employment, The DUI Court Team will address it on a case-by-case basis.

Each participant is responsible for payment to Redirect Counseling including \$50 to enroll into counseling and \$50 a week after that. The \$50.00 fee covers all group counseling, individual counseling, and drug-screens. In addition, the participant is responsible for \$54 per month to Lowndes County Probation Services for supervision fees.

Monthly payments to Lowndes County Probation Services are due by the 15th of each month.

If a participant is unable to meet their financial obligations, it is their responsibility to discuss the situation with the Coordinator to develop a solution. If a person should, at any time, accrue an overdue amount of, they will be placed on a weekly payment plan. Please note that any overdue amounts or failure to make payments as directed by a payment plan will subject a participant to appropriate sanctions by the Court.

H. Medication

A participant is responsible for all substances put into their body.

Do not use, **internally or externally**, products containing alcohol such as cough/cold syrup, hair tonic, perfume, medicinal alcohol, after-shave lotion, mouthwash and flavoring extracts (lemon, vanilla, etc). It is the participant's responsibility to read the labels on products and avoid the consumption of alcohol in any form. Do not eat items that contain poppy seeds.

It is the participant's responsibility to inform any medical professionals of his or her status in the DUI Court program and what substances are not allowed for consumption. Participants should take the Medical & Physicians Forms (available by the Court Coordinator and given to you by your Counselor) to any visit to a doctor's office. Once the forms have been completed by the doctor, the forms and a copy of any prescriptions should be turned into your Counselor. All written prescriptions must be shown to the participant's Counselor **before filling. No prescription drug of any kind should be taken without prior notice and approval by the Counselor. No prescription drug is to be taken without the approval and prescription of a physician.** Failure to follow these requirements will result in a petition from the court.

Psychiatric and Adult Attention Deficit medications: Medications required to treat mental health issues are allowed and encouraged, if needed, for participant's stability in the program. In order to take these medications, when entering the program, the participant must have completed a psychiatric assessment/evaluation by a qualified physician (psychologist/psychiatrist) within the past six months and provide a copy of this evaluation and explanation of diagnosis to the DUI Court Counselor. For participants that are already in the program

and need to be evaluated for psychiatric medications, the standard procedure for obtaining prescription medications applies. All participants are required to provide a signed Release of Information to the Counselor for the prescribing physician in order to coordinate care and services.

At the end of this handbook are a list of prohibited substances and a list of medications that can be taken without prior approval. These lists are only a guide and not meant to be all-inclusive. If a participant has any concerns, they should contact their Counselor before taking medications of any kind.

I. Drug Testing (Policies and Procedures)

It is the expectation of this Program that each participant will remain abstinent from all mood-altering substances throughout the course of their involvement with the DUI Court, including post-graduation if the probation term has not expired. Frequent and random drug testing is used to monitor a participant's compliance. Often a person may not be able to stop using drugs and alcohol immediately, and recovery will not occur overnight; however, any use of illegal drugs will result in sanctions. All participants will be held accountable for everything they put in their body. This is not intended as punishment, but serves to encourage abstinence and accountability. The ultimate goal of drug testing is to provide accountability and confirmation of the progress towards recovery. Honestly admitting use prior to the drug screen will be taken into account in the sanctioning process. Conversely, not admitting to, and/or denying new use after a positive result on a drug screen may result in a more severe sanction.

Call-in system for Urine Drug Screen (UDS):

All Participants are required to participate in the Lowndes County DUI Court random testing system. Participants must have access to a phone capable of mandatory, daily calls to the DUI Court automated testing system. Written instructions are provided by the DUI Court staff during the orientation meeting. You must call in to the alcohol/drug testing line each day to see if you are scheduled for a screen. The phone number for drug testing is (229) 234-3986. Each day's information will be available from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. You will have until 9:00am the following day to report for your test. If you miss or are unable to access the day's reporting instructions for whatever reason, including technical problems with the phone line, it is YOUR responsibility to report to the probation office during scheduled alcohol/drug testing hours. If you miss a scheduled test, you will be sanctioned.

Unless you are told to report elsewhere, alcohol/drug testing will be conducted at:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
Lowndes County Probation
601 N. Lee St. Valdosta, Ga. 31601

You must be prepared to submit a specimen during the specified hours. Failure to submit a specimen will be considered a positive screen. Tampering with or adulterating a urine specimen will result in sanctions ranging from jail to termination from the DUI Court program.

If a random call in drug screen is missed and no prior consent had been obtained, a participant is required to report to their Probation Officer by 9 a.m. the following business day.

A participant may be asked to submit a sample at any time by any member of the DUI Court Team. They must be prepared to submit the specimen at the time of the request to whomever asks, be it a Counselor, a Probation Officer, Law Enforcement, or the Coordinator. **Failure to appear for a drug test, refusal to provide a sample for a test or submit to a random test will be grounds for a sanction or the issuance of a petition to revoke probation.**

Tampering with or diluting a drug screen may result in a sanction or the issuance of a petition for the revocation of probation and may be grounds for termination from the Lowndes County DUI Court.
SANCTION WILL BE DOUBLED FOR DENIAL OF USE WHEN LAB RESULTS CONFIRM A POSITIVE SCREEN.

Participants must provide a testable sample, one that is not “dilute” or “tampered with”. “Dilute” urine tests are classified as those tests having a reading indicating a urine creatinine level of less than 20 mg/dL and a specific gravity of less than 1.003. (Creatinine is the substance in urine resulting from muscle breakdown. Specific Gravity is the concentration of dissolved materials relative to the amount of liquid.) In a diluted urine sample, it is possible that drugs may still be present in the urine but be below the cut-off level of the drug assay. A “tampered” sample is one where the urine is in a condition that is not testable due to intentional interference or other chemical reaction. Presenting a sample that is either dilute or tampered with is a sanctionable offense. Any attempt to provide urine that is not the participant’s urine is a serious offense that may result in significant sanctions or dismissal from the program.

Upon the request for a drug screen:

- A participant indicates either a denial or admission to alcohol and/or drug use. **Honesty is a crucial component for recovery and participation in the Lowndes County DUI Court. The Court may favorably consider self-disclosure of use a mitigating circumstance when sanctions are imposed.**
 - The only people allowed in the testing area at the time of administration of the tests are the participant and the individual overseeing the collection of the sample.
 - A sample is to be submitted within one (1) hour of request. Failure to produce a sample will result in a sanction or a warrant accompanied by a petition for revocation.
 - Purses, coats, bags, etc. are not allowed in the testing area.
 - Shirtsleeves should be rolled up to the elbow and removal of any additional clothing item may be made to ensure the validity of a specimen.
 - The test cup must be filled to a minimum 1/3 level to be adequate for testing.
 - Collection of urine sample will be observed. In the event a drug screen cannot be observed, a temperature strip will be used to ensure sample integrity. If a urine sample does not provide an acceptable reading on the temperature strip, the participant will be required to provide a valid sample before leaving the collection site.
 - Use of an artificial device or substance of any type to alter the test will result in significant sanctions which may include termination from the program.
- **Failure to comply with any of the above guidelines or refusing to provide a urine sample is considered a sanctionable offense.**

If a participant provides a sample that tests positive or dilute, the participant may request the sample to be sent to an independent lab for a confirmation test. Requests for confirmation must be made immediately after notification of the positive or dilute test. A payment of \$30.00 for the confirmation test will be required if the lab results come back that the sample was in fact positive or dilute. If the lab does not confirm the positive or dilute result, the participant will not be required to pay the lab fee.

The EtG (ethyl glucuronide) Test can detect the ingestion of alcohol for a considerable time period after consumption. This technology is used to monitor participants’ compliance. **Any test with an EtG level 500 ng/mL or above will be considered a “positive” drug screen for the purpose of petitioning a participant for a revocation or sanctions.** Any value between zero and 500 ng/mL is consistent with the conclusion that alcohol was present in the participant, and could result in increased testing or use of other testing methods. While as a participant may not be petitioned for a positive EtG level below 500 ng/ml, the DUI Court Team may

consider it positive and evidence of the consumption of alcohol as far as treatment plans and phase progression. Positive, Elevated, Dilute, or Elevated tests will delay eligibility for phase progression or Graduation.

J. Incentives and Rewards

The Lowndes County DUI Court Team recognizes compliance and good behavior as a critical factor to a successful recovery. Participants are provided incentives and receive rewards for active participation, consistent attendance and successful compliance with Program conditions.

Incentives are given for completion of DUI School, ignition interlock installation, clinical evaluation completion, completion of a health screening with lab work, license reinstatement and phase progression. Rewards for participation can include, but are not limited to a driving permit after 120 days, possible fine suspension, credit for community service hours, gift certificates, goods provided by sponsors and individual recognition by a Judge and other Team members. Community service credit is given in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. Alcohol Risk Reduction/DUI School

If a participant is required to complete the Alcohol Risk Reduction/DUI School, they will receive credit for 20 hours of community service when you submit a copy of your certificate to your Counselor within the **first phase** of treatment.

2. Phase Movement

Community service credit will also be awarded as follows for completion of each Phase of the DUI Court:

Phase 1 – 40 hours

Phase 2 – 40 hours

Phase 3 – 40 hours

Graduation – 40 hours

Complete VIP in any phase – 20 hours

3. Health Screening

If a participant completes a health screening at the local health department that includes lab work, the participant will receive 20 hours of community service credit.

4. Clinical Evaluation

The clinical evaluation must be completed in order to move from phase 1 to phase 2. The participant may choose where to go for the clinical evaluation as long as the evaluator is listed on the Georgia DBHDD DUI registry. The participant must get more information about this from their probation officer or the court coordinator. Upon completion of the evaluation, the participant will receive 20 hours of community service credit.

5. Ignition Interlock Installation

50 hours of community service credit are awarded upon the completed installation of the Ignition Interlock Device and proof of that installation has been shown to the DUI Court.

6. Full License Reinstatement

Once the temporary Interlock permit expires and a participant receives full license privileges from the Department of Driver's Services, they must bring a copy of their driver's license and documentation of interlock removal to the probation officer. Upon receipt of all documentation, 50 hours of community service credit will be awarded.

7. Certificates of Eligibility for Ignition Interlock

If a DUI Court participant's license was suspended as a result of a 2nd conviction for DUI in a 5-year period, the license suspension would have been for a 12-month period without eligibility for a permit before the participant is required to obtain ignition interlock for 6 additional months. A participant may be eligible to obtain a limited permit with ignition interlock after serving 4 months of the suspension if the participant is meeting the requirements of the program. In order to qualify for obtaining a permit after 4 months, the participant must meet the following criteria:

1. Completed Phase 1;
2. Completed 120 days with no positive drug/alcohol screens and no dilute screens;
3. Had no sanctions within the most recent 120 days
4. Current with community support meetings
5. Current with all payments or current with a payment plan; and
6. Does not have any pending charges in other cases that are traffic related.

A participant must have permission from the court to obtain the permit.

K. Driver's License Reinstatement

Once a participant is a candidate for license reinstatement, the DUI Court Team will provide all necessary assistance to help them meet the requirements as set forth by the Georgia Department of Driver's Services. A participant may:

1. Request that the Court Coordinator obtain a copy of their driving history. The Coordinator will review the history and provide a written statement about the status of the license and how to obtain reinstatement.
2. Any participant completing DUI School should give a copy of this certificate to their Counselor (required to phase up from phase 2 to phase 3).
3. All DUI Court fees must be current or a payment plan that has been approved by the DUI Court Coordinator must be in place.
4. If needed, Counselors will provide a Treatment Completion Certificate to participants in compliance with their Treatment Plan. Requests should be made two weeks in advance. Treatment Completion Certificate issuance is based on:
 - a. progression to Aftercare
 - b. no use of alcohol/drugs in violation of DUI Court rules, including having no Elevated, Dilute, or Suspect tests, for a minimum of 90 days prior to issuance
 - c. compliance with current Treatment Plan
 - d. no sanctions within the last 60 days
 - e. receipt of driving history from the Coordinator

III. COMPLIANCE AND VIOLATIONS

A. Probation

If a participant is on probation in another county, they must disclose their Probation Officer's name and contact information as well as the charges that resulted in that probation sentence. The Lowndes County DUI Court will keep in touch with the other Probation Officer throughout the person's participation in the Lowndes County DUI Court.

Participation in the Lowndes County DUI Court is a condition of a probationary sentence. If conditions of a sentence or any conditions of the DUI Court Agreement (**or** any rules outlined in the Handbook) are violated, sanctions may be imposed OR a petition for revocation may be submitted

resulting in the participant appearing before a Judge for the probation violation allegations. A participant has the right to admit or deny the violation. If they deny, a hearing will be scheduled on a future Court date. The DUI Court Team will make a recommendation to the Court regarding sanctions (see below). In determining the recommendation, the DUI Court Team may take into consideration whether the participant took responsibility by admitting the violation. The Court is not bound by this recommendation and can increase/decrease the sanction or designate an entirely different sanction. The Judge does not participate or have any input into the recommendation to be made by the Team at the hearing. The Judge considers each case separately and always will provide the participant an opportunity to be heard.

Depending on the nature of the allegation, a probation violation warrant may be requested. The determination for whether an arrest warrant is issued is based on the seriousness of the violation, community safety, prior history of sanctions and appropriateness based upon participant's compliance. The issuance of a probation warrant is in the sole discretion of the Court.

B. Sanctions

All conditions of the DUI Court Participant Agreement that are signed on the day of orientation and all rules in this handbook are conditions of a probationary sentence. Failure to comply with those conditions may subject a person to sanctions and/or a probation revocation. Sanction will be doubled for denial of use when lab results confirm a positive screen. Sanctionable offenses include but are not limited to:

- Dilute urine sample
- Tampered-with urine sample
- Positive drug screen on urine sample
- Positive breath test or ETG
- Missed random drug screen
- Attempt to falsify drug screen
- Missed group meeting
- Missed appointment
- Missed status conference
- Failure to notify cancellation of appointment with a counselor at least 24 hours in advance.
- Late for group meeting
- Late for status conference
- Failing to document Community Support meeting
- Failing to report as directed
- Traffic citation
- Arrest for a new offense
- Leaving the jurisdiction of court without permission
- Moving residence without permission
- Absconding
- Failure to make payments as directed
- Incorrect contact information (must have a working phone number with voicemail setup)

The Judge will impose appropriate sanctions if there are violations of the DUI Court guidelines. Sanctions can include but are not limited to:

- a verbal or written reprimand from the Judge
- a written assignment

- additional community service hours
- increased reporting to Probation
- loss of driving privileges
- home confinement
- earlier curfew
- increased testing – at participant’s expense
- electronic monitoring – at participant’s expense
- jail time
- increased level of treatment (see below)
- removal from DUI Court program

The goal in administering sanctions is to encourage compliance and accountability with the conditions of the Program and to assist a participant in progressing to their recovery. As part of this goal, if a sanction is imposed, a Counselor may increase or alter a participant’s accountability, structure, and/or counseling by submitting a Revised Treatment Plan. This plan will be presented to the participant at the time of their hearing. A Revised Treatment Plan may include additional drug/alcohol screens (at participant’s expense), an increase in individual counseling, increased community support meetings, phase regression, and/or enrolling in a residential treatment facility.

IF YOU VIOLATE ANY RULES OF THE DUI COURT PROGRAM, YOU MUST CALL THE DUI COURT COORDINATOR IMMEDIATELY TO ADDRESS THE VIOLATION AND SCHEDULE SANCTION DATE.

C. Removal from DUI Court Program

The Lowndes County DUI Court is committed to providing each participant an opportunity to maintain a sober and drug free lifestyle in an environment conducive to achieving this goal. The Lowndes DUI Court wants each participant to succeed, and considers removal only as a last resort. The goal is to help a participant help themselves. Continued inclusion in this Program is contingent on compliance with the guidelines and regulations. Nevertheless, not everyone who enters the Lowndes County DUI Court will be committed to maintaining sobriety and compliance with Program conditions. The Team may determine that removal of a participant for non-compliance is the most appropriate action for the success of all other participants. Serious violations or continuous violations will subject a participant to being terminated from the Program.

Following are a few examples of non-compliance that could result in removal:

- Threats of, or violence towards, peers, Counselors or DUI Court staff
- Committing a new criminal offense
- Altering or tampering with a drug screen
- An accumulation of violations and continuance of non-compliance with Program guidelines
- An inability or unwillingness to remain clean and sober
- Victimizing other participants in the program

D. Absconding

If a participant absconds (quits; runs away; flees; or stops reporting as required) for any reason, the participant will be subject to serious sanctions. Instead of running when a problem arises, the participant should bring the problem to the attention of a member of the DUI Court Team who will work with them in an attempt to find a solution. Absconding only complicates the situation and may lead to removal from this Program and the possible revocation of the balance of probation.

E. Employment in retail alcohol sales and service industry

Program participants shall not enter nor frequent bars or any other business whose primary purpose in sales is alcoholic beverages; however, employment in restaurants and bars may be permitted, provided participant maintains sobriety and program compliance. Failure to maintain sobriety and program compliance will result in the Court considering whether the participant can continue to work at the site.

IV. ROLES OF THE TEAM MEMBERS

A. The Judges

The DUI Court Judges are aware of the significant impact of substance abuse on the Court system, the lives of participants and their families, victims of criminal behavior, and the entire community. The Judges are committed to the overall DUI Court concept and program goals and work as the Team leaders to encourage participant success. One of the roles of the DUI Court Judge is to work with the Treatment Team in developing protocols and procedures for participant success.

During Status Conferences in the Courtroom, the Judge will personally address and interact with each participant while monitoring their progress and accountability with program requirements.

The Judge has many other daily responsibilities which require judicial attention. Direct contact with the Judge or his office staff is not permitted. The Judge cannot give legal advice. Information from the participant or a family member or friend must go through a Counselor, Probation Officer or the DUI Court Coordinator. The Judge attends non-Court meetings with other Team members not only to review and evaluate participant progress, but also to evaluate appropriate alternatives. In addition, the Judge is an advocate for the Program by creating community interest and identifying community resources of value to participants to enable them to achieve their goal of improving the quality of their life.

B. The Solicitor-General

The Solicitor-General's Office determines each person's eligibility for the DUI Court, and without their cooperation, consent and agreement a person is not afforded the opportunity to participate in the DUI Court. This office, along with the person involved and their attorney, must agree that the DUI Court is a suitable component for any negotiated plea agreement accepted as a part of the sentence imposed by the Judge. Someone from the Solicitor-General's office attends Team sessions (Staffing) to monitor participant progress through the Program and to recommend appropriate sanctions, incentives and rewards for participants.

During participation in this Program, it is not appropriate to seek advice or legal counsel from the Solicitor-General's office. In the event of a probation revocation hearing, the Solicitor-General's office will advocate the State's position which may be adverse to the participant's position. The Solicitor-General will make recommendations to the Court regarding any sanctions that may be imposed and/or to the person's continued participation in the Program.

C. The Defense Attorney

The role of the Defense Attorney is to evaluate the participant's legal situation and protect his/her legal rights and to ensure that the program meets all due process requirements. Additionally, the Defense Attorney should provide advice to assist in determining legal options, treatment options, program conditions and potential sentencing outcomes.

When a person agrees, at the time of their sentencing to enter the DUI Court, they have the right to legal counsel and to assist with such. If, for any reason, a person is brought before the Court for violating the terms of the DUI Court Agreement or Court Sentence, they will be informed of the right to legal counsel and a hearing. Like the Solicitor-General, the Defense Attorney also contributes by informing clients, peers, colleagues and other members of the legal community about the multiple benefits attributable to the DUI Court.

D. The DUI Court Coordinator

The DUI Court Coordinator, referred to in this document as the Coordinator, is the administrator of the Lowndes County DUI Court, and along with the Solicitor-General's office reviews each case to determine who is eligible for the DUI Court. The Coordinator also facilitates the communication and contact between all members of the DUI Court Team. The Coordinator will meet with a participant when necessary involving any aspect of their DUI Court participation. The Coordinator is also the contact regarding any fine and/or fee issues and will monitor the financial obligation to the Court. Attending bi-weekly Team conferences (Staffing) with the Counselors and with the rest of the DUI Court Team is another important aspect of this role. The Coordinator also keeps the Judges informed on the most updated information regarding each participant. In addition, the Coordinator's role is to inform, update and educate the public about the Lowndes County DUI Court. The coordinator assists with maintaining participant's information in the Case Management database, creating and revising any forms, organizing any necessary paperwork, and other general office management. The coordinator also records and distributes messages to the Team, and assists the general public with any issues related to the Lowndes County DUI Court.

E. The Probation Officer

The Probation Officer's primary responsibility is supervising and monitoring a participant's accountability in the DUI Court. Each participant is required to meet with the Probation Officer a minimum of once a month. If warranted, the Probation Officer can at any time increase the frequency of these monthly meetings. The probation officer attends Staffing to inform the Judges and other Team members of the person's progress in the Program.

F. Law Enforcement

The DUI Court would not be possible without the support of law enforcement. Local law enforcement accepts the concept of Accountability Courts as being the best alternative to reducing repeat DUI and drug offenses. Participant supervision and monitored compliance with program conditions is essential to continued law enforcement support. Law enforcement may be utilized to provide surveillance to ensure participant accountability with Program conditions. A designated law enforcement officer attends Staffing.

G. Counselors

A Counselor meets with each participant to complete an assessment of the participant to develop an individualized and comprehensive Treatment Plan. The participant is also assigned a group day and time and a Counselor at this time. The Counselor will review any medications, health issues, or concerns with the participant and help them to understand the requirements of the program. The assigned Counselor is responsible for recommending Treatment Plan modifications as needed and to also make referrals for other medical/counseling needs if determined necessary. Each Counselor reports necessary information to the DUI Court Team during staffing to keep everyone on the team informed of each client's progress in the program (participation in group, attitude, up to date on community support meetings, etc.)

Honesty and Confidentiality:

In order for the Counselors to really help you in your exploration of your relationship to substance use, it's important that you be open and honest to the best of your ability. **YOUR COUNSELOR IS HERE TO HELP!** All use of any substances or any "incidental exposure" to alcohol or other prohibited substances should be reported to your counselor and "admitted" on your Urine Drug Screen Form. Be ensured that your counselor will work hard to protect your confidential information while at the same time, trying to keep the DUI Court Team informed about the appropriate clinical level of care and treatment plan needs.

Federal and State law requires that your identity and privacy be protected. In response to these regulations, DUI Court, its probation officers, and treatment providers have developed policies and procedures that guard your privacy. You will be asked to sign a Consent for Disclosure of Confidential Substance Abuse Information. This disclosure of information is for the only purpose of hearings and reports concerning your specific DUI Court case.

V. COMMUNITY RESOURCES

A. TREATMENT COMMUNITY

Lowndes County is very fortunate to have a strong recovery community. The following is a list of local Resources. For current telephone numbers, e-mail or addresses consult the telephone book or internet.

B. HOSPITALS/CLINICS

Hospitals

Brooks County Hospital
903N.Court Street
Quitman, GA 31643
229-263-4171
archbold.org/brooks

SGMC Urgent Care (Formerly SMITH Northview)
4280 N. Valdosta Rd.
Valdosta, GA 31602
229-433-8200

South Georgia Medical Center
2501 N. Patterson Street
Valdosta, GA 31602
229-333-1000
sgmc.org

Walk-In Clinics

Choice Family Medicine & Valdosta Bariatrics
201 Woodrow Wilson Dr
Valdosta, Ga 31602
229-241-0041
southlandmd.com

Lake Park Family Care Clinic

453 B Lakes Blvd
Lake Park, GA 31636
229-588-2866
southlandmd.com

Lowndes County Health Department
206 South Patterson Street
Valdosta, GA 31601
Phone: 229-333-5257

Behavioral Health Services, Inc.
3120 N. Oak Street Extension B
Valdosta, GA 31602
229-671-6170

C. BASIC NEEDS

Lowndes Housing Authority	229.259.9972
Salvation Army	229.242.6440
Greater Valdosta United Way	229.242.2208
The Haven	229.241.7041

D. CRISIS LINES

Lowndes Area Crisis Care	229.506.5540
GA Council on Child Abuse	800.546.9713
National Suicide Prevention Hotline	800-273-8255
Mental Health	800-715-4225

E. SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Cocaine Hotline	1.800.905.8666
Drug Helpline	1.800.378.4435
Center 24 Hour Helpline	1.800.950.7226

F. DRIVER'S LICENSE INFORMATION

Department of Driver's Services	1. 404-478-1491
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G. SCHOOLS/FURTHER EDUCATION

Georgia Military College
4201 N. Forrest St.
Valdosta, GA 31605
229-269-4848

Valdosta State University
1500 N. Patterson Street
Valdosta, GA 31698
229-333-5791

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College
4089 Val Tech Road

Valdosta, GA 31602
229-333-2100
wiregrass.edu

H. FOOD BANKS/SOUP KITCHENS

Community Soup Kitchen Inc.
Valdosta, GA 31601
229-561-0080

Lowndes Associated Ministries and People (LAMP)
Valdosta, GA 31601
229-245-7157

Lowndes Associated Ministries and People is a food pantry. Serves Lowndes. Documentation Required: Picture ID/driver license, social security card, utility cut-off notice, eviction notice, proof of residence or lease, proof of income.

Coastal Plain Area Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc.
Valdosta, GA 31601
229-244-7860

Coastal Plain Area Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc. is a food pantry. Serves Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Tift, Turner. Documentation Required: Picture ID/driver license, proof of income, proof of residence or lease, social security card, birth certificate

Valdosta Food Bank, Inc.
Valdosta, GA 31601
(229)244-2678

Harvest Church of God
Valdosta, GA 31601
229-559-7748

Harvest Church of God is a food pantry. Serves Lowndes.

* Make sure you check by calling the food pantry to confirm that they still are in operation and the hours as the hours have not changed.

Hahira Church of God
Hahira, GA 31632

11.39 miles from city center Valdosta

229-794-3887

Hahira Church of God is a food pantry.

Serves Lowndes. Documentation Required: Application form, does not need proof of legal status
Food pantry service hours: Mondays through Fridays 9 am - 5 pm. .

I. PUBLIC TRANSIT

Lowndes County Transit has eight passenger vans, one of which is equipped with an ADA lift. This system provides rural public transportation services designed to allow convenient, dependable, accessible transportation for Lowndes County residents who, due to financial and/or physical burdens, do not have access to other means of transportation.

This is a Shared-Ride service which means that several individuals may be on board the vehicle and in route to their appointments.

Lowndes County Transit is operated by MIDS, Inc. To schedule an appointment, please call 229-316-2153

J. EMPLOYMENT

Department of Labor (DOL)

Counties Served: Brooks, Cook, Echols, Lanier, Lowndes
221 South Ashley Street
Valdosta, GA 31601-5611
(229) 333-5211

Closed For Lunch
Monday-Thursday 1-2 PM
Friday 1-1:30 PM

The Department of Labor (DOL) maintains an employment website. www.employgeorgia.com.
Employ Georgia can:

- Assist in building a résumé
- Match your résumé
- View job postings from employers
- Receive job alerts
- Explore educational opportunities
- Receive labor market information

Goodwill Industries of the Southern Rivers, Inc.

Resources, technology and support services have been designed to help job seekers secure employment, and to assist in the development of micro-businesses.

WORK Connections for the Job Seeker include:

- listings of local job openings to connect job seekers with employment opportunities.
- telephones to arrange appointments and facilitate communications with employers.
- Georgia Work Ready testing
- computers to use in job searches have Microsoft Office and Publisher and internet access
- telephone, basic computer and networking skills classes
- resource library with a variety of materials to assist the job seeker prepare for and secure employment, as well as information regarding Medicaid, childcare, food stamps, training, financial aid and other community resources.
- photocopier, printers and fax machines

Open 9 – 6 Monday – Thursday and 9 – 3 Friday

1000 N St Augustine Road, Valdosta

For more information, please contact:

229-316-1216 Fax 229-316-1218

VI. MEDICATIONS TO AVOID (Do not take these medications)

WARNING: THIS LIST IS NOT INTENDED TO BE ALL INCLUSIVE.

ALL MEDICATIONS MUST BE CLEARED THROUGH YOUR COUNSELOR PRIOR TO TAKING.

Note: Drug Name® = Brand Name

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Actiq® (fentanyl)

Adipex-P® (phentermine)

Adderall® (dextroamphetamine + amphetamine)

alcohol (ethanol, ethyl alcohol) or anything containing ethyl alcohol including

“Alcohol-Free” beer. Many over-the-counter liquid preparations such as cough syrups, cold medications, mouthwash, body washes or gels, etc. may contain alcohol and may produce a positive EtG (alcohol) urine drug screen. It is **YOUR** responsibility to read the labels on these preparations, or ask a pharmacist to make sure the products you use do not contain alcohol.

alprazolam (Xanax®)

ALURATE

Ambien® (zolpidem)

amphetamine or any product containing amphetamine or any of its derivatives, such as dextroamphetamine (Dexedrine®), benzphetamine (Didrex®), methamphetamine (Desoxyn®), speed, meth, ice, crystal, etc.), DOM, de- or di-methoxyamphetamine and others.

AMYTAL NA.

A.P.C. W/DEMEROL

APPEDRINE

ATARAX

Ativan® (lorazepam)

atropine or any product containing atropine

AtroPen® or any other product containing atropine

B

B.A.C.

BANCAP HC

barbiturates, including but not limited to butabarbital (Butisol®), butalbital (Fiorinal® and others), mephobarbital (Mebaral®), phenobarbital (Nembutal®, yellow jackets, (Donnatal®), secobarbital (Seconal®, red devils, Xmas trees, rainbows), thiopental (Pentothal®) and any other barbiturate.

BELLADONA & DERIVATIVES

BENZADRINE (BENNIES, WHITES)

B&O SUPP.

Bontrill® or Prelu-2® (phendimetrazine tartrate)

BREVITAL

BROMO QUININE

Buspirone BUTALBITAL

bufotenin (dimethylserotonin)

Butisol® (butabarbital)

C

carbamazepine (Carbatrol®) Carbatrol®
(carbamazepine)

carisoprodol (Soma®)

CBD oil

CENTRAX

chloral hydrate

chlorazepate (Tranxene®)

chlordiazepoxide (Limbitrol®, Librax®)

chlorzoxazone (Parafon Forte®)

clonazepam (Klonopin®)

cocaine

codeine or any medication containing codeine, such as cough syrups (Robitussin A-C®, Tussin A-C®, and others.)

COMPAZINE

COMPOZ (OTC)

CONTROL

CYLERT

D

DALMANE

DAMASON-P

DARVOCET N-100

DARVON AND DARVON CPDS.

Demerol® (meperidine)

DEPROL

DESBUTAL (GREENS)

Desoxyn® speed, meth, ice, crystal, etc. (methamphetamine)

DET (diethyltryptamine, and all other tryptamine derivatives, such as DMT dimethyltryptamine and others)

DEXAMYL\DEXASPAN

Dexedrine® (dexies or hearts; dextroamphetamine, or any product containing dextroamphetamine

dextromethorphan (DM) and any product containing this substance

DEXATRIM

diazepam (Valium®)

Didrex® (benzphetamine)

diethylpropion

Dilaudid® (hydromorphone)

diphenoxylate (Lomotil®)

DMT (dimethyltryptamine)

DOLENE

Dolophine® (methadone)

Donnatal® (phenobarbital + atropine + hyoscyamine +scopolamine)

DORIDAN

droperidol (Inapsine®)

Duragesic® (fentanyl)
Duramorph® (morphine)

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EFED 11
Empirin® with any amount of codeine Empracet® with
any amount of codeine
ephedrine and any product containing this substance, including ephedra products
EQUANIL
Equagesic® (meprobamate + aspirin)
ESCOBARB ESKATROL
eszopiclone (Lunestra®)

F

FASTIN
fentanyl (Sublimaze®, Actiq®, Durogesic®, Duragesic®, Fentora®, Onsolis®, Instanyl® and
others)
Fentora® (fentanyl)
Fiorinal® (butalbital, aspirin, caffeine) and any with codeine.
flurazepam

G

GHB (gammahydroxybutyric acid)

H

Halcion® (triazolam)
hashish or hashies heroin (diacetyl morphine, E, horse, dope,
smack, junk)
hydrocodone and any products containing hydrocodone (Vicodin®, Lorcet®, Lortab®,
Tussionex®, Zydone® as examples, and many others)
hyrdomorphone (Dilaudid)
hydroxyzine (Vistaril®)
hyoscine
HYCODAN
HY-PHEN

I

ibogaine
Inapsine® (droperidol)
inhalants, such as paint, glue, Freon, or any substance under pressure not for medicinal use.
INNOVAR ING. (FENTANYL W/DROPERIDOL)
Instanyl® (fentanyl)
Ionamin® (phentermine)

K

Ketalar® (ketamine)

ketamine (Ketalar®)
KINESED
Klonopin® (clonazepam)
KRATOM

L

laudanum (tincture of opium)
levorphanol
LEVO-DROMORAN
LERITINE LEVSIN
WITH Pb.
Librax® (chlordiazepoxide + clidinium)
LIBRITABS
LIBRIUM
Limitrol® (chlordiazepoxide + amitriptyline)
Lomotil® (diphenoxylate + atropine)
Lorazepam (Ativan®)
Lorcet®,
Lortab® (hydrocodone + acetaminophen)
LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide, “acid”)
LIMINAL (BLUE HEAVENS)
Lunesta® (eszopiclone)

M

marijuana (pot, grass, Mary Jane, etc.)
MAZANOR
Mebaral® (mephobarbital)
MEPERGAN FORTE
Melfiat® (phendimetrazine)
meperidine and any other drug products containing meperidine
meprobamate (Miltown®, Pathibamate®, Equagesic®, Equanil® and others)
MEPROBARNATE MESCALINE
methadone (Dolophine®, Methadose®)
Methadose®(methadone)
METHAMPHETAMINE (SPEED, METH, EESOXYN, METHADRINE)
METHAQUALONE
methocarbamol (Robaxin®, Robaxial®)
methylphenidate (Ritalin®)
midazolam (Versed®)
MILES NERVINE
MILPATH
Miltown® (meprobamate)
mescaline
MDMA (methylenedioxymethamphetamine)
morphine and any other drug products containing morphine or its derivatives and combinations
(Duramorph®, Roxanol® and others)

N

nalbuphine (Nubain®)
Nembutal® (pentobarbital, yellow jackets)
NOCTEC
NO DOZ
NOLUDAR
Norflex® (orphenadrine)
NORGESIC
Nubain® (nalbuphine)
NUMORPHAN
NYTOL (OTC)

O

Onsolis® (fentanyl)
Opana ER® (oxymorphone)
opium or any of its constituents
orphenadrine (Norflex®)
oxazepam
oxycodone (Oxycontin® and other products containing oxycodone such Percobarb®, Percocet®, Percodan®)
Oxycontin® (oxycodone and other products containing oxycodone)
oxymorphone (Opana ER®)

P

PAILOCYBIN
PANTOPAN
Parafon Forte® (chlorzoxazone)
PARALDEHYDE
paregoric (camphorated tincture of opium)
PAREST
Pathibamate® (Meprobamate)
PAXIPAM
PCP (phencyclidine)
pentazocine (Talwin®)
Pentothal® (thiopental)
Percobarb®
Percocet®
Percodan® (oxycodone)
peyote
phendimetrazine (Bontril®, Melfiat®, Prelu-2®, Plegine®)
Phenergan® (promethazine)
PHENOBARBITAL
PHENOPHEN (#1,2,3,4 WITH CODEINE)
PHENZOCINE
PLACIDYL
Plegine® (phendimetrazine)

Prelu-2® (phendimetrazine)
PRO-BANTHINE
PROPOXYPHEN HD
PONDIMIN
PRELA 2
PRELUDIN PROLAMINE
propantheline prochlorperazine
promethazine (Phenergan®)
psilocybin, psilocin
pseudoephedrine (Sudafed®)

Q

QUAALUDE

R

Restoril® (Temazepam)
Ritalin® (methylphenidate)
Robaxin®, Robaxisal® (methocarbamol)
Robitussin A-C®, Tussin A-C® or any cough syrup containing codeine
Roxanol® (morphine)
Roxicet® (oxycodone + acetaminophen)
Roxicodone® (oxycodone)
Ryzolt® (tramadol)

S

SANOREX
Seconal® (secobarbital, red devils, XMAS trees, rainbow)
SERAX
Scopolamine
SLEEPEZE (OTC)
SODIUM PHENOBARBITAL
SODIUM LUMINAL
Sonata® (zalepon)
Soma® (carisoprodol)
SOPOR
Stadol® (butorphanol)
STP OR DOM
Sublimaze® (fentanyl)
SURITAL SYNALGOS-D

T

TALACIN C
Talwin® (pentazocine)
temazepam (Restoril®)
TENUATE TIC OPIUM tramadol
(Ryzolt®, Ultram®)
TRANCOPAL

trazadone (Desyrel®)
triazolam (Halcion®) Tranxene®
(chlorazepate)
Trazadone® (desyrel)
TUINAL (XMAS TREES, RAINBOWS)
Tussionex® (hydrocodone)
TYLENOL #1,2,3,4
Tylox® (oxycodone)

U

Ultram® (tramadol)

V

Valium® (diazepam)
VALPIN
Versed® (midazolam)
VERONAL
VESPRIN
Vicodin®
Vicoprofen® (hydrocodone)
Vistaril® (hydroxyzine)

W

WYGESIC

X

Xanax® (alprazolam)

Z

zalepon (Sonata®)
zolpidem (Ambien®)
Zydone® (hydrocodone)

Also prohibited is any product labeled “not intended for human consumption,” intended to be smoked, ingested or injected for the purposes of “getting high.” Spice and K2 are examples of these products. There are different kinds of Spice such as K2 Summit, K2 Ultra, and K2 Blonde and others. There are even newer versions of Spice named K2 Sky Herb, K2 Orisha, and K2 Thai. These products contain herbal mixtures with cannabinomimetic compounds added to the mixture.

Another group of products known as ‘Bath salts’, but not intended for bathing, is also prohibited. Such products contain chemicals similar to amphetamines. They are often called “bath salts” but also are sold under names such as Ivory Wave, Purple Wave, Red Dove, White Dove, Blue Silk, and Zoom. Some have also been labeled as plant food.

All of these products are prohibited from use by DUI/Drug Court participants and are classified by DEA and GBND as class I, not for human use. These products are found in head shops, gas stations, smoke shops and other convenience stores.

Also included: any controlled substance listed in the official code of Georgia annotated § 16-13-25 SCHEDULE I, § 16-13-26 SCHEDULE II, § 16-13-27 SCHEDULE III, and § 16-13-28 SCHEDULE IV. In addition, possession of any dangerous drug in § 16-13-71(b) is prohibited unless authorized by a valid prescription written by a licensed medical practitioner.

For a complete list of prohibited drugs and laws involving them, see:

http://sos.georgia.gov/acrobat/PLB/laws/03_Pharmacy_16-13.pdf

You are not allowed to consume ANY mood altering substances!

VOLATILE SUBSTANCES/ANESTHETICS-INHALANTS

Anesthetics	Amyl/butyl Nitrate	Banana Oil	CBD Oil
Fluothane	Freon	Gasoline	Glue
Nitrous Oxide	Paint Thinners	Panthrane	Pentothane
Surital	Trilene		

FOOD AND OTHER INGESTIBLE PRODUCTS:

Poppy Seeds (Do not ingest anything containing poppy seeds)

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION THAT CAN BE TAKEN- YOU MUST TAKE IT ONLY AS PRESCRIBED.

DRUGS THAT CAN BE TAKEN

TESSALON PERLES

TORADOL

MELCLOMEN

NALFON

ANTI-HISTAMINES THAT CAN BE TAKEN

CLINORIL

FELDENE

ALLEREST

COMHIST

COMTREX

DIMETANE

HISTADYL

ORNADE

PBZ

POLAMINE

PYRIBENZAMINE

TELDRIN

VII. MEDICATIONS THAT MAY BE TAKEN

OVER-THE-COUNTER (OTC) MEDICATIONS THAT MAY BE TAKEN TO RELIEVE COLD SYMPTOMS:

Daytime Medications ONLY (no nighttime medication!!)

Dayquil

You must read the ingredient list of all drugs that you may take to be sure that you are not taking a drug that is not allowed.

OVER-THE-COUNTER (OTC) MEDICATIONS THAT MAY BE TAKEN TO RELIEVE PAIN OR OTHER SYMPTOMS. TAKE ONLY AS DIRECTED AND DO NOT USE ANY AMOUNT BEYOND WHAT IS RECOMMENDED:

acetylsalicylic acid (Aspirin[®], Ecotrin[®], Bufferin[®])

acetaminophen (Tylenol[®])

ibuprofen (Motrin[®], Advil[®], Medipren[®]) naproxen (Aleve[®])

There are many other products that contain combinations of the above ingredients, and some of those combinations contain ingredients that you are not allowed to take. You must read the ingredient list of

all drugs that you may take to be sure that you are not taking a drug that is not allowed. If in doubt, ask your counselor or a pharmacist.

OTC MEDICATIONS THAT MAY BE TAKEN TO RELIEVE ALLERGY SYMPTOMS:

ACTIFED

Alka-Seltzer Plus cetirizine
(Zyrtec®)

chlorpheniramine (Chlor-Trimeton®)

clemastine (Tavist®)

CORICIDIN

DIMETAPP

DRAMAMINE

diphenhydramine (Benadryl®)

fexofenadine (Allegra®)

loratidine (Claritin®)

TRIAMINIC

These drugs are also available in many combinations with other drugs, some of which should not be taken. You must read the ingredient list of all drugs that you may take to be sure that you are not taking a drug that is not allowed.

INGREDIENTS IN OTC DRUGS THAT MUST BE AVOIDED:

dextromethorphan, (DM) pseudoephedrine ephedrine

Abuse of any drug, that is, taking a drug in higher quantities or more often than listed on the dosing information supplied with the drug, is strictly prohibited.

Other medications may be appropriate to take, but you must check with your Counselor prior to taking them. You must notify your Counselor of all medications taken and a copy of all prescriptions must be provided to your Counselor before they are filled.

ANY MEDICATION USED MUST BE TAKEN ONLY ACCORDING TO THE DIRECTIONS GIVEN IN THE DRUG PACKAGE INSERT OR BY A PHYSICIAN'S WRITTEN ORDER.

Remember! When in doubt, don't use, consume or apply.

VIII. CONTACT INFORMATION

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Assistant Solicitor General: Cynthia Welch

DUI Court Coordinator: Stacey Bass

Probation Officer: Kayla Porter

Defense Attorney: Gee Edwards

Lowndes County Sheriff's Deputy: Jason Reeves

Redirect Counseling Services, Inc: Laci Rankhorn- Treatment Provider

Notes:

PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ALL THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THIS MANUAL.

Name (Printed)

Signature

Date