

Orientation Phase: (Time will vary)

Referral

LS/CMI Assessment @ Redirect Counseling Services

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)

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

Attend DUI Court Sessions Bi-Weekly

Complete Clinical Evaluation

Complete Mental Health Assessment

Make weekly payments for treatment services

Make monthly payments to probation

Expect random home visits by law enforcement

Curfew 9:00 PM

Phase 2 (approximately 17 weeks)

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

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

Expect random home visits by law enforcement

Curfew 10:00 PM

Phase 3 (approximately 17 weeks)

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

Attend the 1st DUI Court Session Monthly

Make weekly payments for treatment services

Make monthly payments to probation

Expect random home visits by law enforcement

Curfew 11:00 PM

Aftercare (approximately 3 months)

Report to Probation Monthly

Expect Random Drug/Alcohol Screens

Attend the 1st DUI Court Session Monthly

Graduate

DUI COURT ENTRY PROCEDURE

1. Defendants who are arrested for DUI in Lowndes County will be given a DUI Arraignment date on their bond sheet from the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office.
2. At the DUI Arraignment date, the Solicitor-General's Office may refer certain defendants to DUI Court. Referred defendants are identified by their criminal history (2nd DUI in ten years or 3rd or more in lifetime), residency, facts of their case, etc. Referred defendants will receive their sentence recommendation offer from the Solicitor-General's Office that includes DUI Court.
3. Defendants who are referred to DUI Court and are interested in the program, will meet with the coordinator to complete their application and review the participant handbook. Defendants will then be given information about the DUI Court assessment and the time frame in which it must be completed. Failure to report to or refusal to complete the DUI Court assessment will be considered a decline of the DUI Court offer.
4. Once a defendant has been clinically assessed by the treatment provider, referred defendants will be given a DUI Court session observation date. Failure to report to the DUI Court session observation date will be considered a decline of the DUI Court offer.
5. Immediately prior to the DUI Court session, the DUI Court Team will review all the information gathered during the application process (assessment, completed forms, etc.) and determine whether to accept the defendant into the program
6. The defendant will be informed of the DUI Court Team's decision during the DUI Court session. If the defendant is not accepted into the program, the case will remain pending and all hearings/trial dates will be rescheduled by the Solicitor General's office.
7. If the defendant is accepted into the program, the defendant will be given a date and time certain to appear, with his or her attorney, for a plea before Judge Golden.
8. After the DUI Court plea is taken, the DUI Court Office will schedule the defendant's orientation and initial appointments.
9. Probation cases: Where a person is on probation in Lowndes State Court and is facing revocation, the same procedure will apply, except that the remaining sentence on the original DUI must have at least 18 months left on it, or the revocation plus the sentences on any new charges must carry a sentence of at least 18 months. If there is agreement that DUI Court is appropriate, all of the above shall apply, and both cases shall be transferred to the DUI Court Judge.