**15th Judicial District Sobriety Court: Basic Information**

**The following is for informational purpose only and is subject to change**

**The 15th JDC Sobriety Court Program is a voluntary program**

**LENGTH OF PROGRAM: 18 MONTHS MINIMUM**

**FOUR PHASES:** Phase I: Two months; Phase II: Five months; Phase III: Five months; Aftercare: Six months

**NOTE:** After successfully completing the program, the participant will remain on supervised probation for a minimum of twelve (12) months (if a 3rd offense participant) and a minimum of eighteen (18) months (if a 4th offense participant) before being eligible to file for early termination from their probation period and request to have conviction set aside.

**COST TO PARTICIPANT**

**Statutory fine:** OWI 3rd: $2,000 OWI 4th: $5,000 (May be waived if completes program successfully)

**Court Cost:** Approximately $485.50 (Due before you can graduate)

**Sobriety Court fee:** $200 to $300 per month

**Probation Fee:** $60 per month (Payment begins after completing Sobriety Court Program)

**Ignition interlock device** (if driving):Up to $100 per month

**SOBRIETY COURT PROGRAM PAYS**

**SCRAM ankle monitor (While there is grant money – Cost is $360 per month); DRUG SCREENS; TREATMENT**

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

**Mandatory Parish jail sentence** (3 days for OWI 3rd; 20 days for OWI 4th)

**Two (3 hour) outpatient treatment sessions per week in Phase I** (including a family member 4 times – Mondays)

**One (3 hour) outpatient treatment session per week in Phase II & III** (includes, relapse prevention & moral therapy)

**One (1.5 hour) outpatient treatment session per week in aftercare**

**1 meeting per week** with Case Manager & **2 Court appearances per month** with Judge

**Support group meetings up to 3 per week** (i.e. AA, NA, Celebrate Recovery, SMART Recovery, and Refuge Recovery) must have a mentor/sponsor

**Random drug screens** (minimum of 2 per week)

**NO** **alcohol consumption**; wearing of and compliance with SCRAMankle bracelet

**NO** **driving without Judge’s permission**; minimum 45 day suspension from date DL surrendered to OMV

**Curfew compliance** (10:00pm to 6:00am) Modified with phase promotions or work schedules

**Community service hours** (240 for OWI 3rd; 320 hours for OWI 4th) at a minimum of 16 hours per month

**Mandatory Community Service days once a month** on specified Saturday morning for 4 hours

**Obtain a** **HiSET,** if necessary, before being released from probation

**Maintain employment** or participate in job readiness program **OR** be a full-time student

**Program Eligibility**

* Current charge is La. R.S. 14:98 OWI 3rd or 4th offense
* Legally eligible with the District Attorney’s Office

(See disqualifiers)

* Screened as having a “high risk” of recidivism
* Screened as having a “high need” for further substance use disorder assessment
* Has access to transportation to make all program requirements
* Employment no more than 14 days out and must be in a minimum of 14 days
* Does not work 24 hour call
* Not an active confidential Informant
* Capable of participation
* If currently in a medically-assisted treatment program (Methadone, Suboxone, etc.). Must submit physician’s Letter of Agreement and provide monthly reports of need to continue MAT and the length of time to be on MAT

**Program Disqualifiers** (Any one factor is a disqualifier)

* Prior felony conviction within last five (5) years or pending charge of any of the following:
  + R.S.14:2 violent crime
  + Weapons violation
  + Narcotics distribution, PWITD, or cultivation
  + Sex crime EXCLUDING prostitution and crimes against nature
* Use of a weapon during current offense
* Current charge is a vehicular homicide, an OWI involving death or an OWI involving serious bodily injury of a non-defendant
* Client is on active parole
* Case does not meet qualifications per R.S. 13:5304 et seq