

DUI/Recovery Court:

DUI recovery courts utilize the recovery court model with impaired drivers. A DUI recovery court is a distinct court docket dedicated to changing the behavior of the alcohol/drug dependent offenders arrested for Driving While Impaired (DWI)/Driving Under the Influence (DUI). The goal of DUI recovery court is to protect public safety by using the recovery court model to address the root cause of impaired driving, alcohol and other substance use. With the hard-core drinking driver as its primary target population, DUI recovery courts follow the Ten Key Components of Drug Courts and the Ten Guiding Principles of DWI Courts, as established by AllRise (formerly NADCP) and the National Drug Court Institute. DUI recovery courts operate within a post-conviction model. The DUI recovery court team uses a team-oriented approach to systematically change participant behavior. Compliance with treatment and other court-mandated requirements is verified by frequent alcohol/drug testing, close community supervision, and interaction with the judge in non-adversarial court review hearings. During these review hearings the judge employs a science-based response to participant compliance (or non-compliance) in an effort to further the team's goal to encourage pro-social, sober behaviors that will prevent DUI recidivism (Loeffler & Huddleston, 2003).