

## MISSION

Baltimore City's Adult Drug Treatment Court (DTC) seeks to "break the cycle of recidivism" by offering nonviolent offenders wrestling with a substance use disorder the opportunity to seek comprehensive, quality treatment and support services, rather than face incarceration. In addition to treatment that rests upon an in-depth assessment, each DTC participant will have access to support services, including assistance with accessing educational and employment opportunities, and medical, housing, and other benefits. The program has, as its goal, participants' progression to becoming productive, self-sustaining members of society who use the tools gained through treatment to avoid further contact with the criminal justice system.



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CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY



# DRUG TREATMENT COURT



Hon. Audrey J. S. Carrión, Administrative and Chief Judge  
Hon. Yvette M. Bryant, Presiding Judge

## ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT

Every individual who meets the criteria for Drug Treatment Court (DTC) will receive a clinical assessment to determine the severity of their substance use disorder and the appropriate level of treatment. Once accepted into DTC, each participant will receive an individualized care plan that forms the basis for treatment services. Treatment may range from outpatient treatment to residential treatment, depending on the participant's needs. All participants will have the support of a clinical care coordinator and have access to a case manager who will assist with obtaining information regarding educational opportunities, job training programs, health and other available benefits, and housing.

Additionally, each participant will receive help from a peer support specialist who will assist the participant in navigating sober living.



## ELIGIBILITY

Referrals may be made to the DTC coordinator by the courts, the State's Attorney's Office, and defense counsel. To be eligible, an individual must meet the following criteria:

- ✓ Be 18 years of age or older and a resident of Baltimore City.
- ✓ Show symptoms of serious and chronic substance use disorder.
- ✓ Have no open cases that cannot be resolved by the plea into DTC.
- ✓ Have no conviction of a crime of violence unless the conviction occurred at least 10 years ago and the sentence, including probation, was completed at least five years before the date of entry into the DTC.

Individuals who are on parole are eligible to participate in DTC if the Parole Board agrees, in advance, to hold the parole in abeyance pending completion of DTC.

Individuals who previously participated in any drug treatment court will be considered provided they meet the eligibility criteria.

## REQUIREMENTS

Each participant must:

- 1 Enter a guilty plea for a suspended sentence (which is negotiated between the state and defense counsel) and two years of supervised probation.
- 2 Abide by all special conditions of probation and individualized care and support plans for drug treatment, counseling, and other reasonable services as needed.
- 3 Submit to random drug testing, including urinalysis, oral swabs, and sweat patches.
- 4 Appear for periodic court reviews as directed by the court.

## GRADUATION

DTC participants are eligible for graduation from DTC if they have successfully participated in the program for a minimum of 18 months, have progressed through all phases of the program, have remained substance free for a sustained time period, and are in compliance with all conditions of probation.

