

Colquitt County Treatment Court Services

Ten Key Components of Drug Court Services

ONE: Drug Courts integrate alcohol and other drug treatment services with justice system case processing.

TWO: Using a non-adversarial approach, prosecution and defense counsel promote public safety while protecting participants' due process rights.

THREE: Eligible participants are identified early and promptly placed into the drug court program.

FOUR: Drug Courts provide access to a continuum of alcohol, drug and other related treatment and rehabilitation services.

FIVE: Abstinence is monitored by frequent alcohol and other drug testing.

SIX: A coordinated strategy governs drug court responses to participants' compliance.

SEVEN: Ongoing judicial interaction with drug court participant is essential.

EIGHT: Monitoring and evaluation measure the achievement of program goals and gauge effectiveness.

NINE: Continuing interdisciplinary education promotes effective drug court planning, implementation and operations.

TEN: Forging partnerships among drug courts, public agencies and community-based organizations generates local support and enhances drug court program effectiveness.

Ten Key Components of Mental Health Services

ONE: A broad base group of stakeholders representing the criminal justice, mental health, substance abuse treatment and other related systems guides the administration of the Court.

TWO: Eligibility criteria address public safety and considers a community's treatment capacity.

THREE: Participants are identified, referred, and accepted into mental health courts, and then linked to community-based service providers as quickly as possible.

FOUR: Terms of participation are clear, promote public safety, facilitate the defendant's engagement in treatment and provide for positive legal outcome for positive legal outcomes for those individuals who successfully complete the program.

FIVE: Defendants fully understand the program requirements before agreeing to participate in a mental health court.

SIX: Mental Health Courts connect participants to comprehensive and individualized treatment supports and services in the community.

SEVEN: Health and legal information should be shared in a way that protects individual rights as mental health consumers and their rights as defendants.

EIGHT: A team of criminal justice and mental health staff and treatment providers receives special, ongoing training.

NINE: Criminal justice and mental health staff monitor participants' adherence to court conditions, offer individualized incentives and sanctions to promote the participants' recovery.

TEN: Data are collected and analyzed to demonstrate the impact of the mental health court.