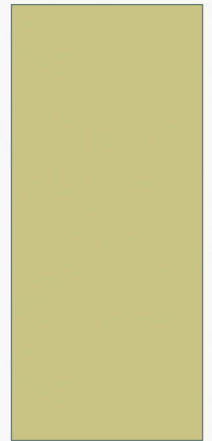




Lancaster County, Pennsylvania
COURT of COMMON PLEAS

ADULT DRUG COURT

PRESENTER: JUDGE DAVID L. ASHWORTH



WHAT IS DRUG COURT?

- Voluntary treatment court
- 'High risk/high needs' offenders
- Treatment for addictions
- Responsibility for crimes

4 minutes

Every four minutes someone in America is sent to treatment instead of prison through drug courts

(Source: ONDCP)

TRADITIONAL COURT VS DRUG COURT

Traditional Court	Drug Court
Event Oriented	Process Oriented
Offense Specific	Behavior Specific
The Judge remains neutral	The Judge is an interactive participant
Responsibility equals punishment	Responsibility equals a behavioral change

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF DRUG COURT?

- **Improve Public Safety**
- **Reduce Criminal Recidivism**
- **Improve Quality of Offenders' Lives**
- **Save Money**
 - Less expensive than housing prisoner
 - Less time tying up law enforcement
 - Offenders must make financial amends to victims and County



QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY

- **Offender...**
 - Involved in the criminal justice system
 - Verifiable history of substance abuse
 - Commits an offense related to substance abuse
 - Not necessarily a drug offense
 - Lancaster County resident 18 years of age or older
 - Non-violent criminal history
 - Voluntary

INELIGIBILITY

- Crimes of violence
- Sex crimes or previous sex crime convictions
- Eligible for ARD (Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition)
- DUI Charge or previous DUI convictions
- Mental Disability



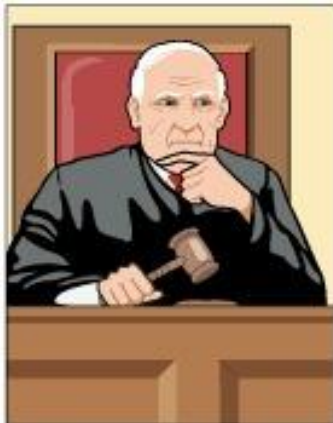
THE DRUG COURT PROCESS

- Application
- Approval
 - District Attorney - Gatekeeper
 - Interview with Drug Court staff
 - Extensive drug and alcohol evaluation
 - Guilty plea entered/violation hearing held
- Phases
 - Four phases
 - Regular random drug testing
- Graduation
- Aftercare



A TYPICAL TUESDAY

- 9:00am - Drug Court Team Meeting
- 1:30pm - Drug Court



INCENTIVES & SANCTIONS

Incentives	Sanctions
PAR Program	Loss of Stamp
Weekly Stamps	Essays/Reports
Participant of the Quarter	Increased Court Appearances
Fishbowl Drawings	Increased PO appointments
	Increased Drug Tests
	Jail



DRUG COURT GRADUATION

- Graduation requirements
- Commencement
- Dismissal of charges



IMPACT OF DRUG COURT

○ National Statistics

- National recidivism rate is 43.5%
 - 58.6% after two years
- Cost of incarceration in Lancaster County per day is \$40
 - \$13000 a year



○ Drug Court Statistics

- National recidivism rate is 6.4% one year after graduation
 - 27.5% after two years
- Cost of Drug Court: \$3000 to \$4000 a year



BENEFITS OF DRUG COURT

- Many individual benefits
- Successful participant has the tools to maintain a more productive and healthier lifestyle
- Participant can become a more responsible parent or partner
- Creates productive and valued members of the community



LANCASTER COUNTY DRUG COURT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ___ Graduates to date
- ___ Current participants
- ___ Totally clean babies born to Drug Court participants

