

How Can You Help?

- ✓ Consider Drug Court participants when hiring for your business
- ✓ Donate money to support Drug Court
- ✓ Donate goods and services to Drug Court (food coupons, gas cards, certificates for haircuts, etc.)
- ✓ Volunteer to be a mentor to our participants

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**South Dakota
Unified Judicial System**

**Brookings County
Drug Court**

*"Changing Lives, Improving
Communities"*

Program Outline:

- Participation is voluntary and begins with a guilty plea
- Program is divided into 5 phases, with completion in a minimum of 15 months.
- Alcohol and drug testing is a major component of the program
- Supervision will be provided pursuant to the court ordered conditions
- Incentives and sanctions will be determined on a case-by-case basis
- Participants are ordered to pay all fees as imposed by individual court orders

Program Description

The Brookings County Drug Court is designed for people whose problems stem from substance abuse. As an individual enters this voluntary, intensely supervised program, they must be motivated to work toward changing their lifestyle and becoming free of alcohol and chemical addiction. The program is accessible regardless of age, religion, sex, ethnic origin, sexual preference, marital status, age or physical and/or mental disability.

The Brookings County Drug Court is a court-managed, alcohol/drug intervention treatment program, designed to provide a cost-effective alternative to traditional criminal case processing. If clients are eligible and have been chosen to participate in this program, they must be willing to commit to the entire program. The program can be successfully completed within 15 months to two years. At any time during participation of the program, the client can be terminated from the program and sentenced by a Circuit Court Judge for noncompliance with rules and treatment plans.

Participant Goals:

- Freedom from drug and alcohol use
- Learn better life coping skills
- Adjust to a drug/alcohol free lifestyle
- Develop a non-criminal pattern of living
- Enhance employment skills
- Increase social skills
- Enhance self-esteem and self-motivation
- Develop a relapse prevention plan
- Accept responsibility for financial obligations and learn budgeting skills
- Develop time management skills

The mission of the Brookings County Drug Court is to enhance public safety with the goal of developing sober, productive, law abiding citizens by holding the offender accountable while providing supervision, treatment, and life skills in a judicial setting.