

ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

Potential candidates meeting the following criteria will be considered for admission to the Chippewa County Drug Court Program:

- A. Must be a resident of Chippewa County who is charged with offenses that occurred in Chippewa County, OR must be on Probation/Extended Supervision in Chippewa County.
- B. Each participant must meet the DSM-IV criteria for Alcohol/Drug Dependence. The Drug Court Team will make a determination whether the available evidence, if any, indicates that the proposed participant is primarily a substances abuser or a drug dealer. **THOSE WHO ARE VIEWED AS PRIMARILY DRUG DEALERS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED. THE DECISION OF THE DRUG COURT TEAM IN THIS REGARDS WILL BE FINAL.**
- C. Proposed participants will be either post-adjudication or in ATR status from the Department of Corrections for the offenses of Operating While Intoxicated, Possession, Use, Sale, or Delivery of a Controlled Substance, or for one or more drug motivated crimes which are felonies or enhanced misdemeanors.
- D. The proposed participant may have NO PRIOR FELONY convictions for violent crimes as they are defined in the State of Wisconsin and/or Federal Statutes, or for any felonies involving a weapon, or for any crimes (including misdemeanors) involving possession or use of a firearm. **THE DRUG COURT TEAM WILL RESOLVE ANY AND ALL QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER A PARTICIPANT IS OR IS NOT ELIGIBLE BASED ON PRIOR CONVICTIONS, AND ITS DECISION IS FINAL.**
- E. The Drug Court Case Manager will interview each defendant referred for participation in the program, if there is a space available in the program and they meet the other initial eligibility criteria. Each proposed participant will participate in any assessments requested by staff, treatment providers, or others involved in the screening process. The Drug Court Case Manager will make a recommendation to the Drug Court Team, which will either admit or deny the participant's application.
- F. The Drug Court participant must voluntarily agree to abide by the Drug Court Program rules.
- G. All existing warrants and/or pending charges must be resolved by the time Drug Court participation begins. This condition may be waived at the discretion of the Drug Court Team if there are concurrent out of county charges which would not otherwise affect the participant's ability to participate in the program.