



## Mission Statement

The mission of the Kendall County Drug Court is to reduce recidivism for non-violent substance using offenders by combining effective treatment and intensive judicial supervision in a therapeutic court setting which uses accountability, support, and individualized treatment plans to encourage offenders to change their lives.

## Goals

- Promote public safety by reducing recidivism
- Provide an alternative to incarceration for substance using non-violent offenders
- Reduce long-term criminal justice costs
- Reduce offenders' dependency on drugs



## Eligibility Criteria

- Defendant receives approval from the Kendall County Drug Court
- Defendant voluntarily agrees to participate
- Defendant has a substance use or dependence diagnosis
- Defendant is 18 years of age or older
- Defendant is a Kendall County resident
- Defendant is a United States citizen or legal resident

For more information about the Kendall County Drug Court Program, please contact the Drug Court Coordinator at (630) 553-4926

# Kendall County Drug Court



## 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit



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# Kendall County Drug Court Program

The Kendall County Drug Court Program is a Post Plea-Pre-Sentencing program that provides eligible defendants the opportunity to receive drug treatment in exchange for avoiding prison or county jail time. Additionally, the defendants conviction may be dismissed or the felony amended to misdemeanor charges. Eligible defendants can elect to participate in the program or proceed with traditional court processing. After choosing to participate in the program, defendant's come under the court's supervision and are required to attend treatment sessions, undergo random drug and alcohol testing, and appear before the Drug Court Judge on a regular basis.

There are five phases of Drug Court with each consisting of different expectations to be followed by the defendant. If the defendant meets the

requirements of each of the five phases, they graduate from the program. All defendants will know at the beginning of Drug Court what the outcome will be if they successfully complete the program or if they are terminated. If Drug Court defendants fail to make progress, they will be terminated from the program and sentenced pursuant to their agreement.

In an effort to fully engage and motivate defendants in treatment, they will be required to pay fees based on a sliding fee scale. It is believed that the Kendall County Drug Court will be cost effective due to the defendants' financial participation and the correction to the defendants' lifestyles, which will reduce future use of the Court.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: How is someone referred to Drug Court?**

A: An individual or their attorney must complete a referral form and submit it to the drug court coordinator who will share it with the team.

### **Q: How Long is the Drug Court Program?**

A: A minimum of 14 months depending on the progress made by the participant.

### **Q: What type of treatment do participants receive?**

A: Residential Treatment and/or Outpatient Treatment based on the participant's substance abuse needs and a clinical assessment completed with the participant at the beginning of the program.

### **Q: What are the benefits of Drug Court for participants who successfully complete the program?**

A: The participants will have the tools needed to live a drug-free life and will avoid a prison sentence.