

Juvenile Drug Court Program

Presiding Judge: Herman C. Dawson

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Inception: August 2003

Hearings: Wednesdays @ 1:00

The mission of the Prince George's County Juvenile Drug Court program is to reduce substance abuse and delinquent behavior, strengthen family and community ties, improve educational opportunities and enhance the quality of life for juvenile offenders and their families. This will be accomplished by providing a system of strength-based community services that will result in increased public safety and the acquisition of additional life skills that are instrumental to the juveniles' personal growth.

Eligibility Criteria for Juvenile Drug Court

- Resident of Prince George's County
- Between 14-18 years of age
- Must have a documented substance abuse problem
- Non-violent offender

Program Services & Requirements

- Drug Testing
- Participation in Treatment
- Regular Court hearings
- Case management
- Obtain high school diploma/GED
- Obtain gainful employment
- Completion of six phases
- Attend Pro-Social Activities / Special Projects

Special Recognition

The Prince George's County Juvenile Drug Court Program has had the honor to have a client who wrote and recorded a drug court themed rap song. This rap song is played at all national conferences that are held by National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP).