

Wyoming/Sullivan County Treatment Court

Community Report

FAST FACTS

The Wyoming/Sullivan County Treatment Court (WSTC) is an evidence-based specialty Court Program for adult residents of Wyoming and Sullivan Counties who have been charged with non-violent criminal offenses perpetrated by county residents with alcohol/other substance addictions. The participants are sentenced to 30 months of probation, but their supervision is extended if they need additional time to complete the program. The participants attend weekly court sessions, random alcohol/other substance testing, community service, intensive cognitive behavioral treatment, and community-based recovery groups. All participants receive immediate sanctions for behavioral infractions and incentives for improved and consistent decision making skills. Participants that complete all program requirements will successfully graduate from the WSTC program. Those that do not complete the program face their original state prison incarceration sentence.

FAST FACTS as of September 24, 2020

Program Start Date:	October 4, 2007
Total Sentenced Participants:	177
Current Active Participants:	25
Current Transfer Participants:	3
Successful Graduates:	98
Total Unsuccessful Terminations:	48
Number of Veterans Participating in the Program:	14
Participants Earning General Equivalency Diplomas:	21
Number of Active Eligible Participants Employed:	20
Total Participant Performed Community Service Hours:	20,908
Total Dollars Saved Through Community Service Hours:	\$151,583.01
Total Fines, Fees, & Costs Collected from Participants:	\$632,913.64
Primary Drugs of Choice for Participants:	Opiates/Heroin (36.4%) Methamphetamines (40.9%) Alcohol (18.2%) Cocaine (4.5%)
Total Number of Clean Drug Tests:	13,896
Total Number of Participants Committing New Crimes During Enrollment in the Program:	7

Admission Criteria:

The WSTC is structured as an alcohol/other substance abuse rehabilitation and judicial intervention. Applicants must be evaluated as requiring intensive treatment for an alcohol/other substance use disorder and shall not proceed to trial before the Common Pleas Court or have been found guilty following trial.

Eligibility is not confined to Defendants with alcohol/other substance offenses, but includes non-violent offenses that are associated with alcohol/other substance abuse. Individuals who are co-defendants will not be precluded from qualification. Qualified individuals seeking admission to Treatment Court are encouraged to observe a treatment court session before submitting an application.

All persons considered from Treatment Court are screened for admission according to the following criteria:

- 18 years of age or older
- Documented resident of Wyoming or Sullivan County on date of arrest and application
- Legal United States visa or citizen status
- Eligible instant and prior criminal charges to include juvenile adjudications
- Level 3 or Level 4 offender under the PA State Sentencing Guidelines
- Evaluated as alcohol/other Substance Use Disorder (severe) (DSM 5)
- Requires Intensive Out-patient AOD treatment (minimum) based on ASAM criteria
- No prior conviction for violent offenses, sex offenses under Chapter 31 of the Crimes Code or a weapons offense under Chapter 61 of the Crimes Code.

Accreditation

In Year 5, the Treatment Court applied for state accreditation through the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC). Representatives from the AOPC arrived in Wyoming County and audited all phases of the Treatment Court Program for quality, relation to evidence-based practice, and compliance in adhering to the ten key elements described by the National Institute of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP). The Treatment Court Program was awarded accreditation status becoming only the second Pennsylvania Treatment Court to be awarded that status. This accreditation provides the WSTC with access to select services and preference in grant/other funding opportunities.

During Year 9, the WSTC was granted re-accreditation through the AOPC in November of 2015 for a three year period. As of November of 2019, the WSTC completed the entire AOPC accreditation process and is anticipating full accreditation based on compliance with the ten key elements described by NADCP.