

KING COUNTY DRUG DIVERSION COURT

Strengthening Communities & Transforming Lives



COMPASSION + ACCOUNTABILITY = RECOVERY

- Promotes community safety and empowers participants to rebuild their lives by addressing the root causes of criminal behavior.
- Provides the treatment, resources, structure and support needed to achieve housing stability, employment, and drug and alcohol recovery.

Who is eligible?

Adults charged with felony property and drug-related crimes in King County can choose this alternative program.

- » View King County Drug Diversion Court (KCDDC) eligibility criteria or request to transfer in a case kingcounty.gov/drugcourt/eligibility



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Benefits for the Community

COMMUNITY SAFETY
addresses root causes of criminal behavior.



REDUCED RECIDIVISM



81% of participants have **no new felonies** at 36-month follow-up.

UPSTREAM IMPACT

40% of participants are parents of minor children. Prevents foster care and parental incarceration.



OVERDOSE PREVENTION

Treatment and support to address the opioid epidemic and save lives.



EQUITY IMPACT

50% of participants are people of color. Provides an off-ramp from disproportionate incarceration.



COST SAVINGS BASED ON REDUCED CRIME



DSHS found a **\$4 return** on every **\$1 invested** in Washington State drug court participants.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

Participants achieve housing & employment and give back to their communities.



Benefits for Participants

A BETTER FUTURE
support to achieve your goals.



ABILITY TO CARE FOR YOUR FAMILY
and provide a healthy life for your children.



EARN A FELONY DISMISSAL
Stay out of jail/prison and don't go back.



SUPPORT FROM CASE MANAGEMENT AND PEERS



DAILY STRUCTURE
that provides something positive to focus on.



ACCESS TO TREATMENT, MEDICATION, HOUSING AND OTHER RESOURCES
needed to achieve recovery.



INCENTIVES / REWARDS
to recognize your accomplishments.



IMPROVED HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



What is Drug Court

KCDDC is different than other court experiences. Participants are able to try-out the program (including full access to resources) before making a decision about joining.

KCDDC provides a daily structure and expectations that support recovery. Participants earn rewards to encourage positive life skills and are held accountable to program requirements. We know recovery is a process and we employ best practices and a dedicated, multidisciplinary team to support people along the journey.

The court and case managers provide supervision and monitoring to ensure participants stay on track. Participants receive comprehensive support and resources to help them succeed – inpatient and outpatient treatment, medications, housing, transportation, peer support, vocational support, and family counseling if needed.

KCDDC is a minimum 10 month program and requires participants meet specific milestones prior to graduation, in order to impart the tools and stability needed to prevent a return to substance use and criminal activity.

KCDDC is a proven effective program with data continuing to show significant reductions in 36-month recidivism, decreased homelessness, reduced substance use, and increased employment for all program participants (not just graduates).

To Learn More

» View video of KCDDC (13 min) • <https://bit.ly/3vIx2R2>

» Visit KCDDC website • kingcounty.gov/drugcourt

» For additional information:

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