

Drug Intervention Program Process

Referral- Initial selection of eligible participants shall be made from cases from the office of the District Attorney, Polk County Superior Court, Polk County Sheriff's Office, Polk County Police Department, Polk County Probation Office, Public Defender or Private Attorney.

Screening/Assessment- On direction from the Court, the treatment provider will conduct a brief interview and administer a standardized screening assessment to identify potential candidates for the Drug Intervention Program. The assessment process is to accurately determine whether the defendant has a condition that sufficiently meets the current diagnostic criteria for abuse or dependence. Establishing a diagnosis is a prerequisite for admission to a treatment program. Assessments tools may include:

- Addiction Severity Index (ASI)
- Level of Supervision Indicator (LSI)
- Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI)
- Beck Depression Inventory
- Stages of Change Rate (SOCRATES)
- Form 90 (Behavior pattern over 90-day period)
- Urinalysis
- Medical examination
- ASAM placement criteria
- Disqualifiers

The goals of assessment are to:

- Examine the scope and nature of substance abuse problems;
- Identify specific psychosocial problems that may exist including mental health disorders;
- Identify specific physical problems that may exist;
- Identify specific employment and educational deficits; and
- Identify full range of service needs.

Information gathered during the assessment process describes the unique characteristics of each participant. It forms the basis for personal interaction with program staff, enables decision makers to place the participant in the most appropriate program available, and enables staff to determine if additional support and services are needed to promote the participant's progress and success.

In addition, the information provides a basis from which to measure participant progress, to identify the need for program enhancements, and to identify areas in which the program is effectively addressing participant needs.

Screening/Assessment Chart

	Purpose	Key Components	By Whom
Legal	-To determine legal eligibility -To examine public safety risk	-Current charge -Criminal history -Circumstances of Arrest	-District Attorney -Probation Law Enforcement
Health	-To determine ability to complete the program -To examine public safety risk	-ASI (Addiction Severity Index)	-Treatment Provider
Mental Disorders	-To screen for mental disorders influencing completion of program	-ASI (Addiction Severity Index) -Beck Depression Inventory	-Treatment Provider

Legal Representation- Prior to acceptance into the Drug Intervention Program the participant will have met with his/her defense attorney. The attorney should explain to their client the rules of the program, what will be expected of them, the benefits from participating in the program, and what case disposition/sentence they are likely to receive if they choose to participate, or if they participate and fail.

Orientation Session/1st Drug Court Appearance- Eligible participants shall be given notice of a court date for a disposition of the pending charges by guilty plea, subject to a probated sentence for a term of years with a period of incarceration, with the latter suspended upon successful entry and completion of the Drug Intervention Program. The sentence shall include the requirement for the payment of program fees, miscellaneous expenses, fines, statutory assessments and community service. In court the judge will again explain the program and review the forms they must sign. The offender at this point will formally accept or reject the offer. If they accept the program the participant will have a brief orientation and expected to start treatment that night.