

II. Intake and Referral

- a. Referrals will be made to the Drug Intervention Program at any time during the criminal process, prior to conviction.
- b. A person who has a substance abuse addiction which appears to have contributed significantly to the defendant's commission of their current offense may be eligible for the program.
- c. All potential candidates who agree to participate will be required to waive their right of confidentiality related to treatment, right to a preliminary hearing, and must also sign a written contract with the Court.
- d. The Drug Intervention Program's contract is the structural cornerstone of the program. The contract outlines the rules that will reduce confusion and confrontation over agreed requirements while promoting program stability and effectiveness.
- e. With the consent of the Drug Intervention Program team the defendant will sign the contract during the first court appearance.
- f. The contract holds the defendant accountable for his/her actions. The contract clearly outlines the consequences of compliance and non-compliance, thereby empowering the defendant to take ownership of their own behavior throughout the recovery process.
- g. The authority and power of the Court to impose sanctions and/or incentives keeps the participants in treatment with expectations of improved treatment outcomes, lower relapses, higher treatment completion rates, and a reduction in crime and the recidivism rate.