

ORGANIZATION

The day-to-day operation of the drug intervention program will be managed by a team composed of a superior court judge, prosecutor, coordinator, treatment provider, probation officer, and law enforcement representatives.

The Drug Intervention Program operates on the principles that:

- Substance abuse is a long-term damaging process that must be repaired with long-term treatment.
- Substance abuse is usually the external indicator of other serious problems that an individual faces. Therefore, the underlying causes of substance abuse must be addressed and treated also, in order to maximize recovery.
- The crisis of arrest and incarceration makes addicts at their most vulnerable for intervention. Therefore, it is important to make confrontation and intervention immediately following arrest.
- Relapse and sporadic progress is to be expected; therefore, progressive sanctions and rewards must be an integral part of the drug intervention program.
- The network of communication among team members must be working at its maximum to ensure that the judge recognizes the proper sanctions and affirmations at the appropriate time.