

## Core Values

We believe that every individual has intrinsic worth and has the right to be treated with dignity and respect.

We believe in the potential of all human beings and in their capacity for growth and change.

We believe that all individuals have the right to live in a safe and peaceful society and that justice is best served through measures that resolve conflict and restore harmony.

We believe that individuals are responsible for their own actions and must be held accountable for those actions.

We believe that the root causes of crime are found within communities and that the solutions to crime are also found in communities.

We believe in serving community needs by cooperating and collaborating to achieve a healthy and safe society.



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# DRUG TREATMENT COURT SERVICES



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# What is Drug Treatment Court?

Drug Treatment Court is an intensive, court-supervised drug treatment program for adults who are facing substantial jail sentences for crimes committed because of their drug use.

Drug Treatment Courts are designed to help break the cycle of crime and addiction by helping participants to get and stay drug free and by providing the supports needed to live in recovery and re-engage with the community.

Participants need to accept responsibility for and deal with their addictions.

*“In my eyes, Drug Treatment Court gives people like me a second chance to change their lives and to realize that we deserve a good life. No matter what we have done in the past. All I can say is that if I didn't have the privilege to be in drug treatment court I would either still be incarcerated or would not be alive today.”*

# Drug Treatment Court Services

## Drug Treatment Court Services include:

- In-patient and out-patient addiction treatment programming
- Weekly court appearances to speak with a justice
- Ongoing random and regular drug testing
- Weekly update reports and probation supervision of recognizance orders
- Monitoring of participant engagement in collaboration with service providers
- Peer support, mentorship and life skills coaching
- Psychological and therapeutic counselling services
- Assistance with housing, employment, mental health and education supports

# HOW DOES IT WORK?

Interested individuals must complete an application form for Grande Prairie Drug Treatment Court with the assistance of a lawyer.

## General Eligibility

- Crown seeking an approximately 1-5 year jail sentence for drug-related or drug-driven offences
- Addicted to illicit drugs including heroin, methamphetamines, cocaine, crack, fentanyl or opioids
- No sexual offences, firearms offences, or driving offences that endanger the public
- No gang involvement or affiliation
- No recent or significant history of violence

The Drug Treatment Court Crown will determine eligibility and may use discretion in applying the criteria above. The Drug Treatment Court Treatment Team will assess motivation and suitability. If approved, the participant would enter a guilty plea. However, sentencing will be delayed pending successful completion of the five-phase program. Graduates will be sentenced to at least one year of probation.

*“The court system who had been an eternal enemy became an eternal ally.”*

People who commit crimes because of their drug use can be dealt with more effectively through collaborative processes that include both the justice and treatment community.

