

## 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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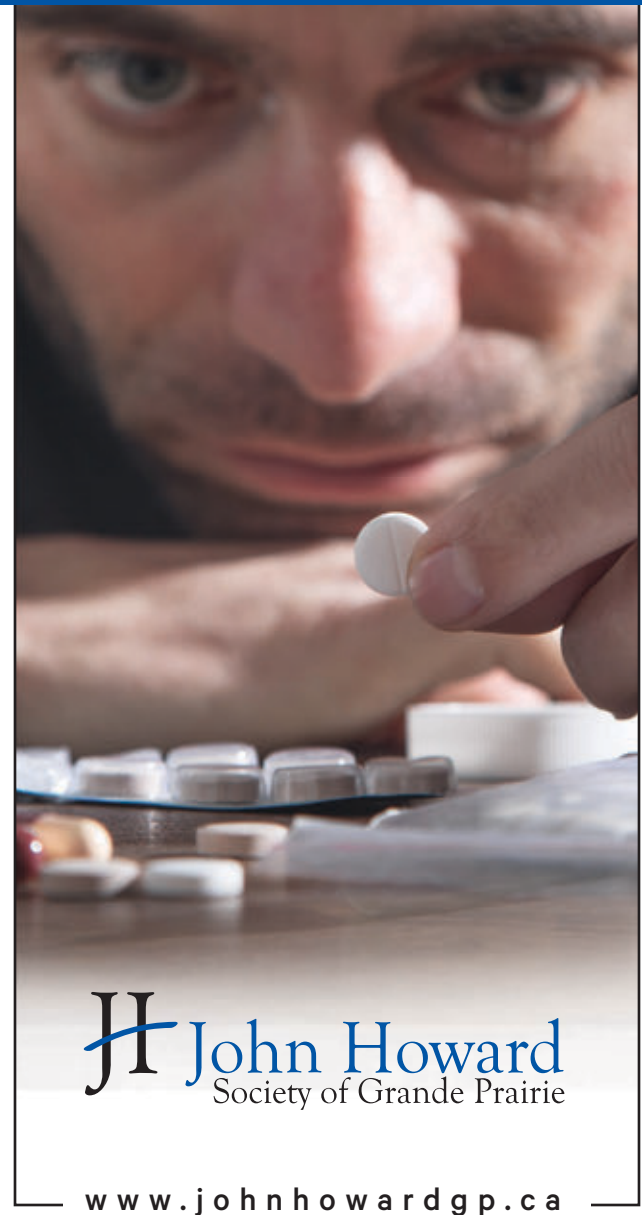
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# DRUG TREATMENT COURT SERVICES

What applicants  
need to know



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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 reengage with 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 addictions 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 TO APPLY

If you have been charged with drug-related or drug-driven offences and you are ready to end the cycle, speak to Duty Counsel or your lawyer about making an application to Grande Prairie Drug Treatment Court.

The Drug Treatment Court Crown will determine your eligibility based on such things as criminal history, current case information, risk to re-offend, and substance abuse history.

The Drug Treatment Court Treatment Team will assess your motivation. To be accepted, you must be ready and willing to change.

If approved, you would enter a guilty plea to your charges. However, sentencing will be delayed until you complete all five phases of the 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.

