

Newaygo County Drug Court Program

Participant Handbook

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Welcome

Welcome to the Newaygo County Drug Court Program!

As a program participant, you have decided to make important changes to your life by addressing your substance misuse/abuse, which comes with many potential benefits.

Your involvement in this program also means that you want to end your contact with the criminal justice system.

The drug court team is confident that the support, structure, and supervision of this program will help you learn how to make positive choices, free from the influence of drugs or alcohol.

This handbook is filled with information about the program and how it works. As a participant, you will be expected to follow the instructions in this handbook and other instructions provided by the drug court team.

Overview & Background

Drug court programs are different from a regular court docket as they are more intensive and therapeutically driven. These programs offer incentives for positive behaviors and meeting goals. It also gives sanctions for negative behaviors and not meeting goals. Drug courts, or recovery courts, have been proven to be one of the most effective programs in the criminal justice system for working with individuals struggling with drug misuse/abuse.

The Newaygo County Drug Court is a multi-phase intervention program for adults who have entered a guilty plea for program eligible drug offenses and who are struggling with staying drug free.

The Newaygo County Drug Court has five phases. The phase portion of the program takes a minimum of 18 months to complete but may take longer based on each participant's unique path. Each phase has a set of requirements designed to provide participants with structure, accountability, support, and access to services. The Newaygo County Drug Court Program involves frequent court appearances, random drug testing, treatment, and group/individual counseling sessions focused on recovery.

Requirements in the Newaygo County Drug Court Program gradually decrease as participants advance through the phase portion of the program. Once the phases are complete, the participant will complete six months of regular probation. Participants are encouraged to participate in other community programs designed to offer continued support as participants prepare to reenter the community.

The Newaygo County Drug Court is a collaborative effort between the courts, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, defense attorneys, probation agents, treatment providers, and other community partners. The Newaygo County community partners are committed to helping the Newaygo County Drug Court participants. The next section provides more detail about the collaborators everyone involved in the Newaygo County Drug Court Program's process.

The Drug Court Team

Participants are the most important part of the Newaygo County Drug Court Team. Without your desire to change and willingness to try there would be no program.

The Honorable Robert D. Springstead is the presiding judge for the program. He serves as the leader of the team and makes the final decisions.

The Newaygo County Prosecuting Attorney's Office is responsible for reviewing cases, charges and program eligibility.

Newaygo County Community Mental Health, Family Health Care and Arbor Circle are responsible for the education and treatment of participants with substance abuse and mental health issues and provide feedback for the Drug Court Team.

Counselors, Recovery Coaches, and Peer Support personnel provide direct treatment and assistance for participants and provide feedback to the Drug Court Team.

Probation Agents provide direct supervision of participants and recommendations to the Drug Court Team.

The Coordinator works with participants on program requirements. Provides the team with organization and communicates with the Drug Court Team.

Community Partners are agencies (e.g., local law enforcement, County Administrator's Office, etc.), foundations (e.g., Fremont Area Community Foundation), or other groups that support the program with various resources to help make participants successful.

Eligibility Requirements

Basic Requirements:

- Age 18 or older
- Legal resident of the United States
- Resident of Newaygo County
- No pending charges in another jurisdiction and no outstanding bench warrants
- Not on probation/parole in another jurisdiction
- Not been in a specialty court in the past two years

Legal Eligibility:

- The offense or offenses allegedly committed by the individual must be related to the abuse, illegal use, or possession of a controlled substance or alcohol (MCL 600.1068(1)(a).
- The individual must plead guilty to the charge or charges on the record (MCLK 600.1068(1)(c).
- Any current offense, or prior conviction, involving death or serious bodily injury to an individual whether any of the circumstances are an element of the offense, or an offense that is criminal sexual conduct of any degree (MCL 600.1060(g).

Clinical Eligibility:

- Individuals must be assessed as having a moderate-to-severe substance abuse disorder. Those without a substance use disorder are ineligible for participation in the Newaygo County Drug Court Program (MCL 600.1066).
- Individuals must not have a severe and persistent mental or physical illness or impairment that cannot be effectively managed within the resources available to the Newaygo County Drug Court Program.

Criminogenic Risk Level

- The participant must complete a validated criminogenic risk and needs assessment tool (COMPAS) administered by a trained professional.
- Participants must be assessed as high-risk for reoffending and demonstrate a need for intensive supervision and treatment.

Confidentiality

Confidentiality Waiver

Participants will agree to sign a **Newaygo County Drug Court Program (NCDCP Multi Party Release)** waiving confidentiality of any medical treatment or social service records. If a participant does not sign the consent, or withdraws consent, the participant will not be able to continue in the Newaygo County Drug Court Program.

The participant's consent is crucial for success in the program This allows the drug court team to have access to all the necessary information to provide support and appropriate services.

A consent form is to inform the court, and all others named, of eligibility, acceptability, treatment attendance/compliance and prognosis in substance abuse treatment. Such records are protected under the Federal regulations governing Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Patient Records (42 CFR Part 2).

Any information identifying you as a patient in a substance abuse program cannot be disclosed without written consent, except in limited circumstances as provided in these regulations. Recipients of this information may disclose it only in connection with Newaygo County Drug Court Program duties.

A participant's consent ends with graduation, termination, or upon withdrawal of consent by the participant.

Confidentiality of other Participants

It is the responsibility of each participant to respect the confidentiality of other participants in the Newaygo County Drug Court Program. Confidentiality and trust between participants allow for honesty and acceptance.

Even though each participant signs a confidentiality waiver it does not mean that another participant's progress, treatment, or concerns should be discussed outside of the Newaygo County Drug Court Program.

Disclosing another participant's confidential information is considered a violation of Newaygo County Drug Court Program rules.

Rules

1. **Do not use or possess any drugs or alcohol and do not ingest anything not made for human consumption.**
    a. Please see more information in the **Substances Handout** in your folder.

2. **Do not go to places that primarily serve alcoholic beverages including casinos.**

3. **Comply with all conditions of probation and report as directed by your probation agent.**

4. **Do NOT attempt to adulterate your test samples by drinking excessive amounts of water or using flushing products.**

5. **Attend all ordered treatment sessions.**

6. **Be on time for all appointments and hearings.**

7. **Do not behave in a violent manner or make threats toward participants or staff.**

8. **Do not associate with known felons or anyone engaged in any behavior which constitutes a violation of criminal law.**

9. **Dress appropriately for court and treatment sessions.**

10. **Comply with curfew and stay in your residence during that time.**

11. **Written notification of any change in residence or contact information must be provided to the drug court staff immediately.**

12. **You must be truthful with the Judge, treatment staff and your probation agent.**

Program Phases Explanation

Drug court phases are meant to be supportive of the recovery process and address other areas related to successful recovery. Additional requirements may be added to phases for individual participants as the Drug Court Team feels is beneficial.

Phase 1 This phase is focused on **stabilization** and has the highest number of meetings, both court and therapeutic, to assist those just starting in the program. Other participant needs like housing, mental health, etc. are reviewed in this phase and a plan is made for success.

Phases 2-3 These phases are centered on **engagement** with and **commitment** to your recovery. These phases also focus on initiating community involvement through community service, educational and vocational training. Finally, these phases will examine the reasons for relapse and related criminal activity. These reasons are different for all participants but can be related to thinking patterns, peer interactions, and family conflicts. Requirements are somewhat lessened as you move through these phases while still providing needed support and opportunities for growth.

Phases 4-5 These phases solidify your overall **wellness** and relapse **prevention**. Requirements are further reduced in these phases to devote attention to the important aspects of your life that will support your success and the development of a prevention strategy for when you are no longer in the program. Topics like continued treatment, support, employment, community engagement, and stabile lifestyle choices are important relapse prevention considerations.

The following pages show full details about the requirements for each phase of the Newaygo County Drug Court Program.

Phase 1 - STABILIZATION

1. **Duration** - Phase 1 lasts a minimum of four weeks.
2. **Random and Observed Drug Testing** – Participants will be tested twice a week.
3. **Curfew –** Participants must adhere to curfew determined by the probation agent.
4. **Probation Agent** – Participants will see their probation agent 1-2 times per week.
5. **Coordinator –** Participants will have contact with the coordinator once per week. One of these visits will be to complete a payment plan.
6. **Recovery Coach** – Participants will have contact with a recovery coach daily or more often as needed.
7. **Recovery Support Meetings** – Participants will have meetings at least once a week as directed by the treatment provider.
8. **Treatment Meetings** – Participants will have group or individual treatment as assigned according to their treatment plans.
9. **Review Hearings –** Participants will have review hearings with the judge, other participants, and the drug court team twice a month.
10. **Needs Assessment & Screenings** - Participants will work with the drug court team to complete required needs assessments and screenings.
11. **Treatment Plan** – Participants will work with treatment providers to create a treatment plan.
12. **Journaling –** Participants must keep a daily journal.
13. **Monitoring Technology –** Participants may be required to wear GPS monitoring technology to reinforce and support stabilization.
14. **Random Visits –** Participants are subject to random home, employment and vehicle checks by probation agents.
15. **Community Service Plan** – Participants will discuss community service with the drug court team and create a community service plan.

Phase 2 – ENGAGEMENT

1. **Duration –** Phase 2 has a minimum duration of 12 weeks.
2. **Random and Observed Drug Testing** – Participants will be tested twice a week.
3. **Curfew –** Participants must adhere to curfew determined by the probation agent.
4. **Probation Agent** – Participants will see their probation agent once a week or as directed.
5. **Coordinator –** Participants will have contact with the coordinator weekly.
6. **Recovery Coach** – Participants must have contact with their recovery coach at least three times per week during Phase 2.
7. **Recovery Support Meetings** – Participants will have meetings at least once a week or as directed by their treatment provider.
8. **Treatment Meetings** – Participants will have at least 15 group or individual treatment meetings or as assigned in their treatment plan during Phase 2.
9. **Review Hearings –** Participants will have review hearings with the judge, other participants, and the drug court team twice a month in Phase 2.
10. **Journaling –** Participants must keep a daily journal.
11. **Vocational & Educational Assessments/Plans** – Participants will complete vocational and educational assessments to determine appropriateness for future phases unless already employed.
12. **Community Service –** Participants will begin community service as outlined in their community service plan.
13. **Random Home Checks –** Participants are subject to random home checks by probation agents and/or the coordinator at any time.
14. **Payment Plan –** Participants will work with the coordinator and review payments and the payment plan.

Phase 3 – COMMITMENT

1. **Duration –** Phase 3 has a minimum duration of 12 weeks.
2. **Random and Observed Drug Testing** – Participants will be tested twice a week.
3. **Curfew –** Participants must adhere to curfew as determined by the probation agent.
4. **Probation Agent** – Participants will see their probation agent three times a month.
5. **Coordinator –** Participants will have contact with the coordinator twice a month.
6. **Recovery Coach** – Participants must have contact with their recovery coach at least two times per week during Phase 3.
7. **Recovery Support Meetings** – Participants will have meetings once a week or as directed by their treatment provider.
8. **Treatment Meetings** – Participants will have at least 15 group or individual treatment meetings or as assigned in their treatment plan during Phase 3.
9. **Journaling –** Participants must keep a daily journal.
10. **Review Hearings –** Participants will have review hearings with the judge, other participants, and the drug court team twice a month in Phase 3.
11. **Community Service -** Participants will complete community service hours as outlined in their community service plan.
12. **Vocational & Educational Work –** Participants will complete vocational or educational assignments according to plans unless already employed.
13. **Random Home Checks –** Participants are subject to random home checks by probation agents and/or the coordinator at any time.
14. **Payment Plan –** Participants will work with the coordinator and review payments and the payment plan.

Phase 4 – WELLNESS

1. **Duration –** Phase 4 has a minimum duration of 12 weeks.
2. **Random and Observed Drug Testing** – Participants will be tested up to twice a week.
3. **Curfew –** Participants must adhere to curfew determined by the probation agent.
4. **Probation Agent** – Participants will see their probation agent twice a month.
5. **Coordinator –** Participants will have contact with the coordinator once a month.
6. **Recovery Coach** – Participants must have contact with their recovery coach once per week during Phase 4.
7. **Recovery Support Meetings** – Participants will have at least one meeting per week or as directed by their treatment provider.
8. **Treatment Meetings** – Participants will have at least 10 group or individual treatment meetings or as assigned in their treatment plan during Phase 4.
9. **Journaling –** Participants must keep a daily journal.
10. **Review Hearings –** Participants will have review hearings with the judge, other participants, and the drug court team once a month in Phase 4.
11. **Vocational & Educational Training –** Participants will engage in weekly training per the plan constructed during Phase 3 for the first 6 weeks of Phase 4 if not already employed.
12. **Job Search –** Participants will complete job search activities until employment is found as outlined in the plan constructed in Phase 3 for the second 6 weeks of Phase 4 if not already employed.
13. **Community Service –** Participants will continue community service work as outlined in their community service plan.
14. **Random Home Checks –** Participants are subject to random home checks by probation agents and/or the drug coordinator at any time.
15. **Payments –** Participants will work with the coordinator to make payments according to established payment plan.

Phase 5 - PREVENTION

1. **Duration –** Phase 5 has a minimum duration of 12 weeks.
2. **Random and Observed Drug Testing** – Participants will be tested up to twice a week.
3. **Curfew –** Participants must adhere to curfew determined by the probation agent.
4. **Probation Agent** – Participants will see their probation agent once a month.
5. **Coordinator –** Participants will have contact with the coordinator once a month.
6. **Recovery Coach** – Participants must have contact with their recovery coach as assigned.
7. **Recovery Support Meetings** – Participants will at least one meeting a week or as directed by their treatment provider.
8. **Treatment Meetings** – Participants will have at least 5 group or individual treatment meetings or as assigned in their treatment plan during Phase 5.
9. **Journaling –** Participants must keep a daily journal.
10. **Review Hearings –** Participants will have review hearings with the judge, other participants, and the drug court team once a month in Phase 5. Participant may leave hearings early during Phase 5.
11. **Job Search –** Participants will continue job search activities if not employed until employment is obtained or the participant is discharged from the Newaygo County Drug Court Program.
12. **Community Service –** Participants will finish community service work as set forth in their community service plan established in a previous phase.
13. **Random Home Checks –** Participants are subject to random home checks by probation agents and/or the coordinator at any time.
14. **Payments –** Participants will finish paying off all fines, restitution and other costs with the coordinator prior to discharge from the program.

Court Hearings

WHAT:

Participants attend court to discuss progress with the judge and drug court team.

WHEN:

Twice a month (please see schedule).

WHERE:

Newaygo County Circuit Courtroom or as directed.

WHO:

Participants, guests, and members of the public may attend review hearings. Family, friends, and co-workers are encouraged to attend.

HOW:

Hearing structure:

- Phase 5 participants are called first and may leave after they speak with the judge (so long as there are no sanctions).
- Participants with sanctions are called next.
- Phase 1-4 participants are then called and stay for the entire review hearing.
- New participants, promotions, and graduations occur last.

When it's your turn:

- The judge will ask how you are doing and if you have had any program violations (this is a time to be honest).
- Be prepared with any paperwork you need to present regarding your progress.
- The judge will speak to you about progress, challenges, incentives, sanctions, promotions or about your graduation status.

Court Etiquette

DO:

- ✓ Do arrive to review hearings 10-15 minutes early.
- ✓ Do go to the bathroom before the review hearing begins.
- ✓ Do ***turn off*** your devices. Recording, or taking pictures, is not permitted.
- ✓ Do address the judge and team with respect.
- ✓ Do address other participants with respect.
- ✓ Do bring your *Recovery Support Meeting Attendance Sheet* and other paperwork as ordered by the judge or other member of the team. You will be provided with a Newaygo County Drug Court Folder. It is recommended that you keep all of your materials in the folder and have them available during court for your reference.
- ✓ Do pay attention to what is happening with other participants and cases.

DO NOT:

- × Do not leave the courtroom while the review hearing is in progress.
- × Do not talk when someone else is speaking.
- × Do not swear or use profane language in the courtroom.
- × Do not chew gum in the courtroom.
- × Do not sleep in the courtroom.
- × Do not sleep in the courtroom.
- × Do not wear clothing with obscene or inappropriate language, pictures, or references to drugs/alcohol.
- × Do not wear clothing that is too revealing or excessively short.
- × Do not wear hats, bandannas, or sunglasses.
- × Do not bring children into the courtroom.

Incentives, Sanctions & Service Adjustments

Incentives or sanctions may be given during a review hearing or at the time a positive or negative event occurs.

INCENTIVES:

Incentive – a reward for meeting a program requirement.

Incentives may include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal praise from the judge
- Promotion to the next phase
- Fewer appearances at review hearings
- Community service credit
- Leave review hearings early
- Gift Card
- Certificate of accomplishment

SANCTIONS:

Sanction – a punishment for not meeting a program requirement or violating a program requirement.

Sanctions may include, but are not limited to:

- Incarceration
- Curfew adjustment
- Not moving forward to the next phase
- Written assignments

SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS:

Participants may not receive punitive sanctions if they are otherwise compliant with their treatment and supervision requirements but are not responding to treatment interventions. Under such circumstances, the appropriate course of action may be to reassess the participant and make appropriate adjustments to the treatment plan. Adjustments to treatment plans are based on recommendations of duly trained treatment professionals.

Drug & Alcohol Testing

Drug and alcohol testing is necessary to show your progress in your recovery. Drug and alcohol testing will be referred to as ***testing*** for the rest of this handbook section. Drug and alcohol testing results are an unbiased and scientifically reliable way to ensure participants are progressing in the program. You will be tested for drugs and alcohol through urine, oral, breath, and other testing methods as needed. You will be tested for many different substances. Additional random testing of samples may be conducted to discover new trends for substance use in Newaygo County.

Testing is conducted randomly. How often you are tested will depend on your phase or need for accountability. It is just as likely that you would be tested on a weekend or a holiday as any other day. The following is a list of what to expect for testing in the Newaygo County Drug Court Program.

1. You must report as directed. The person completing your test will let you know what type of test you will be taking and how long participants report. Reporting time may vary based on the type of test.
2. Testing may be conducted by a team member, your probation agent, or an independent drug testing facility as needed.
3. Testing is directly observed by a facility or team member. The observer must be of the same gender as the participant and based on how the participant identifies gender. Observers have been trained to detect deception during testing (please see # 4 below).
4. A missed test, failing to submit to a test, and/or not producing enough specimen for a test, is considered a positive drug test result. Positive drug test results may include any or participants the following: writing/other assignments, increased treatment/group sessions, extended time in a certain phase, increased community service and any other sanction as determined by the team to prevent further relapse.
5. Deception with testing is taken very seriously. Testing specimens will always be checked for evidence of deception. Diluted, altered, or fake samples will result in jail time. Additionally, presenting urine from others (people, animals, etc.) is considered deception and will result in jail time.
6. If your testing yields a positive result, please reference #2 above for relapse prevention strategies that may be applied by the team. If you test positive and deny

use, your sample will be sent for lab confirmation. If the lab confirms a positive test the sanction is a minimum of 48 hours in jail. Additionally, you may be assessed reimbursement fees to the court for the cost of the confirmation testing.

7. If a breathalyzer test is utilized the testing will be conducted by a breath alcohol technician trained in the use and interpretation of breathalyzer tests.
8. Once you have finished your random testing a chain-of-custody form will be completed for each specimen to document the identity and integrity of the test.
9. Results from testing will be received within 48 hours unless additional confirmation of a contested testing has occurred where more time may be necessary.
10. Relapses can be part of the recovery process. It is vital that you be open and honest about relapses because the point of the drug court is to provide you with therapeutic strategies to prevent further relapses. When therapeutic strategies do not reduce use then more restrictive strategies will be used.
11. These rules may not include all scenarios pertaining to testing but do follow the best practices for your success. Testing scenarios not covered by these rules will be subject to a final determination by the presiding judge.

Please see the **Substances Handout** located in your folder for additional information.

Home Visits

Home visits are used to ensure that participants are following the phases and prioritizing recovery.

Probation agents will monitor the requirements of the different phases and may also conduct substance abuse testing during a home visit.

Home visits are conducted randomly, at any time (days, nights weekends, etc.) for the entire duration a participant is in the Newaygo County Drug Court Program.

The coordinator may also make home visits in addition to probation agents. Please comply with all home visit requests.

Probation agents and/or the coordinator may also conduct visits in other locations including a participant's workplace.

Home Visit Expectations:

1. Participants must reside in an alcohol and drug free environment.
2. Participants must submit to substance abuse testing. If a participant tests positive, please be honest and cooperative.
3. A participant's home, vehicle or person may be searched (without a warrant) for alcohol and other illegal substances.
4. If a participant is not home a business card, or similar information, will be left at the home with instructions. Upon arriving home participants must follow the instructions and provide the requested information immediately.
5. Make others living in the home aware that home visits are expected and to answer the door if the participant is not home. The participant and others living in the home must be courteous and respectful to the drug court team member conducting the home visit.

As a participant in the Newaygo County Drug Court Program, you are required to submit your person, vehicle, place of residence or area to search an seizure of stolen property, drugs or other contraband at any time of the day or night without a search warrant, without prior notice and without probably cause by a probation agent, coordinator or peace officer.

Recovery Coaches

A recovery coach is a person in long-term recovery from substance abuse. They may work along with case managers as part of your treatment team.

Your coach is a role model, mentor, advocate, and motivator for you to be successful in the program and in your recovery.

Recovery coaches help create participant treatment plans to remove barriers to recovery. They provide support to you and your family and help you access community resources based on your needs.

Meetings with your recovery coach are in addition to individual, group or other therapies. The phases earlier in the handbook outline the number of visits that a participant should be working with a recovery coach minimally, but recovery coaches can assist a participant more often based on the participant's need.

Recovery Groups

Recovery support meetings are peer led groups such as Narcotics Anonymous (NA) but may also include meetings with your recovery coach or attendance at community events that promote recovery. Check with your probation agent or coordinator to see where you can attend.

When attending a recovery support meeting you will need to use the **Recovery Support Meeting Attendance Sheet** to record meetings attended. Attendance sheets can be obtained from any drug court team member or during review hearings. Frequency of recovery group attendance is discussed in the phases section of this handbook.

Please see the **Services Handout** for further details about community service, employment and transportation options.

Substance Use & Mental Health Treatment

Substance use and mental Health treatment is important for participant success. It provides support and education for your recovery.

The Newaygo County Drug Court Program partners with Newaygo County Community Mental Health, Family Health Care and Arbor Circle to provide treatment services to participants.

Newaygo County Community Mental Health will assess participants as they begin the process and determine which type of treatment is needed. Once type of treatment is determined you will be assigned to a service provider. Participant treatment may include any/all of the following:

- *Residential therapy*
- *Group therapy*
- *Individual therapy*
- *Mental health services*
- *Neurostimulation therapy*
- *Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)*

Participants pay the cost of their treatment if uninsured. If a participant is uninsured, they may work with their recovery coach and Newaygo County Community Mental Health to obtain insurance coverage if appropriate. The Newaygo County Drug Court Program could also be the payer of last resort if necessary and if funds are available.

It is important for participants to disclose any prescriptions or over-the-counter medications being used or in their possession. If a participant is prescribed medication, you must talk with the treatment team prior to using it.

Disclose participation in the Newaygo County Drug Court Program to your doctor and request medication that is non-addictive to treat medical issues. Please see the **Substances Handout** for further information.

Probation Agents

The probation agent's role is to monitor compliance with court orders and terms of probation. After sentencing participants are supervised by the Michigan Department of Corrections Probation Agent and must comply with all terms of probation imposed at sentencing including reporting at the frequency required for the term of probation.

Participants must advise their probation agents of any changes to the following information within 24 hours of the event:

- Changes in address, phone number, email or any contact information
- Changes in medication
- Trips to the emergency room, hospitalizations or medical procedures
- Contact with the police
- Release from jail/requested verifications

This is not an exhaustive list of probationary terms. Participants should carefully review the terms of their probation and all Newaygo County Drug Court Program rules and information.

Coordinator

The coordinator's role is to assist participants in identifying and overcoming barriers to recovery, connecting to services and resources, and monitoring participant progress within the Newaygo County Drug Court Program.

The coordinator will communicate with treatment providers, probation agents, and other drug court team members to monitor participant progress and make recommendations to the drug court team and judge.

Meetings with probation agents or the coordinator may be increased for noncompliance or lack of progress in the Newaygo County Drug Court Program.

Overnights, Out-of-State Travel & Absconding

Overnight

- With permission from your Probation Agent, participants may stay overnight at another residence. The overnight stay would still be subject to home visit requirements.
- Provide staff with the address and contact information for the person you are staying with.
- Drug and alcohol testing will be required the next day at your normal location or other approved location.

Traveling out-of-state

- Request to travel out-of-state in phases 2-5 will be reviewed by the judge on a case-by-case basis.
- The Drug Court Coordinator or Probation Agent will explain travel requirements.

Absconding

- Being absent from Newaygo County Drug Court Program meetings and expectations without permission will be considered absconding.
- Absconding may lead to dismissal from the Newaygo County Drug Court Program and reinstatement of previous sanctions prior to entering the program.

Community Service, Employment & Transportation

Community Service:

Community service may be required by statute based on a participant's offenses. Each participant will have a community service assessment to determine appropriateness of community service. Your probation agent or coordinator will provide more details if needed. When community service is completed a community service form must be signed by a member of the organization and submitted to the probation agent or coordinator to receive credit.

Participants that are financially unable to pay court fines and costs may pay for them by performing community service at a rate of $15.00 per hour with permission of the presiding judge.

Employment:

Participants are required to be employed, or seek employment, based on assessment findings. In addition to job search vocational training may be available.

Employment expectations change as you progress through the phases.

Coordinate with the drug court team for further details.

Transportation:

Based on criminal history, a participant's driver's license may be suspended or revoked.

Meeting program requirements without being able to drive may be difficult, but lack of transportation is not an acceptable excuse for missing appointments.

Participants will receive sanctions if caught driving on a suspended or revoked license.

There is transportation assistance available, and your Recovery Coach may provide transportation when available.

Please see the **Services Handout** for further details about community service, employment and transportation options.

Fines, Costs & Other Payments

Money owed may include, but is not limited to:

- Fines, costs, and restitution
- Treatment costs (paid to the treatment agency, generally through insurance provider or Medicaid)
- Probation supervision
- Positive/contested drug test fees
- Newaygo County Drug Court Program Fees of $1,000.00
    - $1,000.00 is authorized by MCL 600.1070(4) and reasonably related to the cost to the court for administering the program.

To graduate, you MUST pay all treatment fees unless waived by the presiding judge of the Newaygo County Drug Court Program.

Termination

Voluntary Termination

A participant may petition for voluntary termination from the Newaygo County Drug Court Program. A termination order may be entered if the petition is knowingly and voluntarily made. If voluntarily terminated the case will be returned to the referral court for further proceedings.

Involuntary Termination

If a participant is convicted of a felony occurring **after** they are admitted to the Newaygo County Drug Court Program the participant will be terminated (MCL 600.1074).
Termination may occur for willful failure or inability to comply with the program's terms and conditions. The following factors, in addition to any other appropriate information, will be considered:

- Nature of the violation
- Duration the participant has been in the program
- Number of previous violations
- Participant's criminal history
- Likelihood of participant to successfully completing the program
- Participant's desire to achieve sobriety
- Would the nature of the violation have initially precluded the participant from being accepted into the program

Upon finding a probable probation violation, the Newaygo County Drug Court Program may remove a participant from the program and schedule/conduct a probation violation hearing with a right to counsel. Following this hearing the court would impose an appropriate sentence.

Administrative Discharge

If a participant cannot complete the Newaygo County Drug Court Program for a reason which is not his/her fault (mental illness, medical necessity, etc.) a participant may be administratively discharged. The court may enter an order of termination and return the case to the referring court for further processing.

NOTE:

If terminated, you will be sentenced and serve jail time.
If your participant agreement includes a charge reduction, it will not be reduced.

Graduation

Graduation is a special event that celebrates your recovery and successful completion of the Newaygo County Drug Court Program. Graduation ceremonies are held during court review hearings. Graduations are an opportunity to reflect on participant success, receive a certificate of completion, a recognition gift, and for participants to tell others about their recovery journey.

Family and friends are encouraged to attend this special occasion.

WHEN:

The Drug Court Team will work closely with you to determine when you have completed the program. Each participant's journey may look different.

Minimally, you must:

- ✓ Have completed all phases.
- ✓ Have paid off all fines, costs and restitution.
- ✓ Have completed any other terms ordered by the court or established as part of your treatment plan.