

Recovery Court Program

Mission

The Hamilton County Juvenile Recovery Court's goals are to provide participants and their families with the educational tools and necessary support to make lifestyle changes. The provided tools will assist each individual in breaking the cycle of substance use and/or abuse, including crime. Each individual assigned to the Recovery Court program will be accountable for his or her actions. The ultimate goal of the program is for the participant to be a productive family member and community citizen by attending school, earning good grades, following home guidelines, and abstaining from alcohol and drugs. The Recovery Court program will assist in goal achievement with the following services provided:

- Judicial supervision
- Substance abuse monitoring/recommendations for additional services, if needed
- Probation supervision
- Random drug screening
- Needs assessments/progress reviews
- Relapse prevention intervention – aftercare services

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Offenders must be charged within Hamilton County, Tennessee
- The offender must be between 13-17 years of age
- The current charge(s) must be a non-violent, drug, or property-related felony or misdemeanor and/or stem from the use/abuse of drugs or alcohol
- Offenders cannot have habitual motor vehicle violations
- The offender cannot have any outstanding charges or hold any charges in other counties
- Offenders cannot have current sex offender charges or be sex offenders
- The offender must be a resident of Hamilton County
- Offenders cannot be acutely mentally ill or suicidal
- Offenders cannot have a significant history of drug trafficking

Youth Court

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- TCA 37-1-702 (c)(1): **Diversion** for minors adjudicated as delinquent or unruly. Also, as a disposition after Judicial Diversion
- Examples: Truancy or Unruly, Assault, Burglary, Theft of property, Vandalism, Forgery, Cruelty to animals, Unauthorized use of a vehicle, Criminal Attempt, Disorderly Conduct, Harassment, Criminal Trespass, Traffic Offenses, Runaway

NOTES:

- Cannot be recommended simultaneously with probation
- Proceeding shall be suspended for 6 months or other time authorized by local rules
- There cannot be special circumstances such as mental illness, developmental disability, or special needs of a victim.