

CITY OF WICHITA MUNICIPAL COURT



Program Information

Municipal Court
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Drug cases consume enormous criminal justice resources throughout the United States. A large percentage of cases filed in the City of Wichita, Municipal Court are drug related offenses.

The Municipal Court of the City of Wichita recognized the need to “break the cycle of drugs.” As a result, the Wichita Municipal Drug Court was created in 1995. It was one of the first 100 drug courts established nationwide and the first in the state of Kansas. There are now more than 1200 Drug Courts nationwide.

What is Drug Court?

Drug Courts provide a non-traditional, therapeutic approach to dealing with drug offenders.

In Drug Court the judge, prosecutor, probation officer, treatment provider and defendant’s attorney work as a team to encourage and promote substance free behavior. The primary goal of the Drug Court is to rehabilitate the participant through intensive drug/alcohol treatment with accountability and responsibility being key components of the overall program.

Who is eligible to apply for Drug Court?

- ❖ Anyone who lives within a sixty-mile radius of Wichita and who has not previously participated in a Drug Court program.
- ❖ Even those with prior convictions, including drug convictions, are eligible to apply.

How does it work?

- ❖ Participants enter a plea of guilty and begin the drug court program without the case being set for trial.
- ❖ All participants must complete a minimum one-year program that includes:
 - ✓ Treatment
 - ✓ Regular court appearances
 - ✓ Random drug testing
 - ✓ Payment of all treatment and court fees.
- ❖ Upon successful completion of all requirements of the Drug Court program, the charges are dismissed and thus afford the defendant an opportunity to avoid a criminal conviction.

How do I apply for Drug Court?

- ❖ Complete an application.
- ❖ Applications are available in the courtroom, the Municipal Court Clerk's Office – 2nd floor and on the Internet at www.wichita.gov.
- ❖ Pay the \$25.00 application fee in the Municipal Court Clerk's Office.

**The mission of the
WICHITA MUNICIPAL
DRUG COURT**
IS TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE
DRUG TREATMENT
THROUGH A
COMPREHENSIVE,
THERAPEUTIC BASED
PROGRAM
THAT WILL
ENHANCE COMMUNITY
SAFETY
BY REDUCING RECIDIVISM
AND
ENABLING INDIVIDUALS
TO BECOME FUNCTIONAL
MEMBERS
OF THE COMMUNITY.

Wichita Municipal Court **Drug Court Team Members:**

Judge

Municipal Court, City of Wichita

Prosecutor

Prosecutor's Office – City of Wichita

CHERIE NELSON

Probation Officer

Probation Department – City of Wichita

RENA COLE

Treatment Provider

Representative

COMCARE-Addiction Treatment Services
Wichita, KS 67203

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CALL

CHERIE NELSON, PROBATION

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OR

RENA COLE, COMCARE

ADDICTION TREATMENT

SERVICES AT 660-7550

*This program is a collaborative effort of:
Wichita Municipal Court
City of Wichita, Law Department
City of Wichita, Probation Department
City of Wichita, Police Department
COMCARE-Sedgwick County Addiction Treatment
Services.*