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Hamilton County Municipal and Common Pleas Court Guide

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MUNICIPAL & COMMON PLEAS COURT GUIDE

	Program	Page	Description	Length of Stay	Admission Requirements	Referral Process
Municipal Court	Community Alternative Sentencing Center	3	Monitors a male or female offender's adjustment from jail-based programming to community supervision and/or to serve an OVI / DUS	6 - 90 Days	- Convicted of or pled guilty to qualifying misdemeanor offense - Not serving a mandatory jail term - Convicted of OVI & DUS	Sentence order to CASC at time of initial sentencing OR as condition upon completion of jail-based treatment program.
	Driver Intervention Program	4	Certified by OMHAS to provide hotel-based jail alternative services to first-time male and female DUI offenders in the state of Ohio.	3 Days	- First time DUI offenders (as well as court-ordered to attend DIP as result of reckless operation conviction, where alcohol has been involved)	Judge indicates "DIP" on Judge's Sheet.
Municipal and Common Pleas Courts	Day Reporting	9	Provides male and female probationers with monitoring, behaviorally focused services, and outpatient services for offenders diagnosed with an SUD.	3 - 4 Months	- On Hamilton County Common Pleas or Municipal Probation - Can be required as original condition of probation or on a probation violation	Any Judge or Probation Officer can initiate a referral to the program. Judge indicates "Day Reporting" on Judge's Sheet.
	Extended Treatment Program	10	Substance use disorder program for incarcerated adult men and women. Services offered include assessment, counseling, medication-assisted treatment, referral to the CASC.	60 - 90 Days	- Meets Sheriff's Dept. security classification - Alcohol / drug related charges - Defendant sentenced and committed	Referrals regulated through Sheriff's Classification, Pretrial Services, and Probation Department. Client can request placement in program.
	Mental Health Court Day Reporting	11	Utilizing a cognitive behavioral approach, in collaboration with the Felony and Common Pleas Mental Health Court Team, to ensure accountability through interventions.	6 - 12 Months	- Candidates must meet the three areas of eligibility for legal, mental health, and competency criteria as determined by the court	Referrals made from Judges assigned to Mental Health Courts.
	Outpatient Behavioral Health Services	12	Same day comprehensive treatment options to men and women who are best served in the outpatient setting.	Continuous	- None	Judge indicated "TH Outpatient" on Judge's Sheet; Probation will arrange referral to appropriate service site.
	Rewards Jail Intervention (Women)	13	Program designed to provide gender responsive interventions to incarcerated women. Services include medication-assisted treatment, referral to the CASC.	30 - 45 Days	- Meets Sheriff's Dept. security classification - Alcohol / drug related charges	Referrals regulated through Sheriff's Classification, Pretrial Services, and Probation Department. Judge indicates "RJI" on Judge's Sheet.
	Turning Point (Men)	14	Substance use disorder treatment program for men incarcerated for alcohol- and drug-related offenses and may include referral to the CASC.	30 - 45 Days	- Meets Sheriff's Dept. security classification - Alcohol / drug related charges	Referral Sheet filled out at time of sentencing and faxed to Probation or Judge grants stay on days and refers to Probation for evaluation
	ADAPT / Drug Court	5	Comprehensive treatment program designed to serve drug and alcohol addicted men and women who have felony drug-driven offenses.	15 - 18 Months	- Felony drug related charge and involved with Hamilton County Drug Court - Arson, sexual offenses, and violence deemed ineligible	Referrals made from the Drug Court Judge
Common Pleas Court	Burnet Intensive Services	6	Residential treatment program for males incarcerated through the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections (ODRC) or involved with the Adult Parole Authority (APA).	6 - 90 Days	- Incarcerated or on parole with history of chemical dependency - Arson, sexual offenses, and violence deemed ineligible	Referrals made through ODRC, client's Parole Officer, or hearing officer.
	Community Residential Centers	7	Short-term independent housing for men and women transitioning back into the community.	90 Day Maximum	- Low to moderate low ORAS - Little or no programming need other than housing - Arson, sexual offenses deemed ineligible	Probation will complete referral form and arrange for admission with the intake coordinator.
	Halfway House	8	Assists men and women who will benefit from services in structured and supervised living arrangements, while allowing for employment and other community activities.	90 Days Average	- On legal supervision (Probation/Community Control) - Arson, sexual offenses, and violence may be deemed ineligible	Probation will complete referral form and arrange for admission with the intake coordinator.

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Community Alternative Sentencing Center (CASC)

The CASC offers programming to men and women to closely monitor an offender's adjustment from jail-based programming to community supervision and/or to serve an Operating a Vehicle while Intoxicated (OVI) / Driving Under Suspension (DUS) mandatory minimum sentence of 6 to 90 days. Service delivery addresses the individual needs related to future criminal activity. Services provided are based upon general responsiveness which include the use of cognitive behavioral and social learning techniques, and specific responsiveness which adapts the treatment methods to specific client characteristics. Services include; screening/assessment, treatment, behavior management, employment services, education, and reentry planning.

Cost to Client:

- None

Admission Requirements:

- An offender who has been convicted of or pled guilty to a qualifying misdemeanor offense and on supervision with the Hamilton County Probation Department.
- An offender who is not serving a mandatory jail term and/or some other jail, prison, or community sentence (except for an OVI offense)
- An offender who has been convicted of OVI & Driving Under Suspension (DUS) or related municipal OVI or OVI/DUS ordinance
- To benefit from services, an offender designated by the court or probation department must meet the general acceptance criteria (i.e. step down from the jail-based programs at 1617 Reading Road or Turning Point.

Referral Process:

- Judge makes the necessary sentence order to the CASC at the time of initial sentencing or as a condition of the Continuing Care Plan upon completion of a jail-based treatment program.
- At the time of initial sentencing, CASC is stipulated as a special condition of Community Control on the Judge's sheet.

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Driver Intervention Program (DIP)

The Driver Intervention Program (DIP) is certified by OMHAS to provide hotel-based jail alternative services to first-time male and female DUI offenders in the state of Ohio. The program is designed to reduce the likelihood of repeated DUI behavior, and runs on weekends, Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon. Services provided are assessment, alcohol and drug education, traffic safety and referral. Bilingual counselors and materials are available in multiple languages. Program is provided at the Clarion Hotel Cincinnati in Sharonville. For more information or to make a referral, call 513-861-0035.

Cost to Client:

- \$425 (for semi-private room) or \$570 (for private room)
- 50% deposit required by all clients at time of registration
- 100% due the Friday before program start date

Admission Requirements:

- First-time DUI offenders (Clients who are court-ordered to attend DIP as result of a reckless operation conviction, where alcohol has been involved, are also accepted, as well as clients with out-of-state DUI charges.)

Referral Process:

- Referral Sheet completed at time of sentencing
- Special condition of supervision stipulated
- Judge indicates "DIP" on Judge's Sheet

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Alcohol & Drug Addiction Partnership Treatment (ADAPT)

Drug Court Services (ADAPT) provides a comprehensive treatment program designed to serve drug and alcohol addicted men and women who have felony drug-driven offenses. The continuum includes: assessment (two weeks), inpatient residential (90-120 days), and intensive outpatient and continuing care. The duration of the full continuum averages 15-18 months. Services include chemical dependency education and treatment, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, frequent and random drug testing, vocational/educational services, family education, trauma counseling and a variety of ancillary services. For more information, call 513-872-8870.

Cost to Client:

- \$90 assessment fee and sliding scale fee for further services based on ability to pay

Admission Requirements:

- Defendant arrested on a felony drug related charge and involved with Hamilton County Drug Court
- Individuals with records of arson, sexual offenses and violence may be deemed ineligible for admission

Referral Process:

- Referrals from the Drug Court Judge

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Burnet Intensive Services

Burnet Intensive Services is a residential treatment program for males incarcerated through the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections (ODRC) or involved with the Adult Parole Authority (APA). The program offers IOP level substance abuse education and assessment, individual and group counseling, self-help groups, alcohol and drug testing, corrective thinking, case management, and various specialty services.

Cost to Client:

- A client's stay is funded by ODRC

Admission Requirements:

- Clients are traditionally incarcerated or on parole when chemical dependency has been the precipitating cause of the contact
- Individuals with records of arson, sexual offenses and violence may be deemed ineligible for admission

Referral Process:

- Referrals are made through ODRC, the client's Parole Officer, or a hearing officer
- Referrals can also be made by the client's current halfway house who deems the client needs a higher level of care or more secure environment

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Independent Housing - Community Residential Centers

Community Residential Centers (CRC) provide short-term, up to 90 days, independent housing for men and women transitioning back into the community. Case management including assistance with securing permanent housing and employment, random drug testing, and community movement oversight are provided.

Cost to Client:

- None

Admission Requirements:

- Low to moderate risk / low need (ORAS score) clients with little or no programming needs other than housing
- Higher risk / higher need clients who have successfully completed adequate programming in a CBCE, halfway house, or through a community agency
- Clients who are currently involved in programming and are stabilized but would benefit from housing assistance due to not having a home placement
- Client must be able to provide for basic needs including food, clothing, medication, and transportation
- No sex offenses or arson convictions

Referral Process:

- Probation will complete referral form and arrange for admission with the intake coordinator

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Halfway House Services

Halfway House Services assist men and women who will benefit from services in structured and supervised living arrangements, while allowing for employment and other community activities. The length of stay is typically 90 days but may be less according to need. Services available are case management, chemical dependency treatment including medication assisted treatment, criminality/behavior modification, trauma, restitution and child support, frequent and random drug testing, ABE/GED instruction, employment readiness, verified and monitored community employment, electronic monitoring and a variety of ancillary services. For more information or to make a referral, call 513-933-9304 and ask for Intake Referral.

Cost to Client:

- Flat rate of \$300

Admission Requirements:

- Must be on legal supervision (i.e., Probation or Community Control)
- Offenders with records of arson, sexual offenses and violence may be deemed ineligible for admission.

Referral Process:

- Probation will initiate referral and arrange admission with the intake coordinator

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Day Reporting Program

The Day Reporting Program is designed to provide probationers supervised by the Common Pleas and Municipal Court Probation Department with monitoring and behaviorally focused services, sanctions and outpatient services for offenders diagnosed with a substance use disorder. The program can be used as an alternative sanction for moderate- and high-risk male offenders whom the court would ordinarily impose a period of incarceration. A Corrective Thinking Track is provided for clients that may not have an alcohol or drug dependency, but need to change their thinking process. Services include assessment, individualized service planning, case management, substance use programming including medication assisted treatment (Vivitrol), employment services, drug testing, individual counseling, anger management, and relapse prevention. For more information or to make a referral, call 513-751-8600, ext. 1483.

Cost to Client:

- None
- Additional funding available for jail diversion referrals who may benefit from substance use treatment which includes Vivitrol medication

Admission Requirements:

- Must be on Hamilton County Common Pleas or Municipal Probation. The program can be required as a condition of probation on an original offense or a sentencing alternative on a probation violation.

Referral Process:

- Any Common Pleas or Municipal Court Judge or Probation Officer can initiate a referral to the program. The Judge indicates Day Reporting Program on Judge's Sheet or journal entry.

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Extended Treatment for Men and Women

1617 Reading Road

Extended Treatment for Men and Women is a 60 to 90 day substance use disorder program for incarcerated adult men and women. Services offered include assessment, counseling, criminality programming, employment readiness, substance use disorder individual and group therapy, relapse prevention, criminality/behavior modification, family issues, medication-assisted treatment, and reentry and discharge planning that may include a referral to the CASC. For more information, call 513-629-2300, ext. 2309.

Cost to Client:

- None

Admission Requirements:

- Must meet Sheriff's Dept. security classification, have alcohol or drug related charges
- Defendant sentenced and committed

Referral Process:

- Referrals are regulated through the Sheriff's Classification Department, Pretrial Services, and the Hamilton County Probation Department
- Clients may be sentenced to the program or client may express a need for treatment and request placement in the program

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Mental Health Court Day Reporting Program

The Mental Health Court Day Reporting Program is an alternative to incarceration for residents of Hamilton County. Utilizing a cognitive behavioral approach, this program serves up to 30 clients at a time, and works in collaboration with the Felony and Common Pleas Mental Health Court Team to ensure a high level of accountability through specific interventions. Services include assessment, individualized treatment planning, corrective thinking group, anger management group, marijuana group, collaboration with the treatment team, random drug screens, and weekly individual sessions. For more information or to make a referral, call 513-751-8600, ext. 1483.

Cost to Client:

- None

Admission Requirements:

- Candidates who are referred to the Day Reporting program must meet the three areas of eligibility for legal, mental health and competency criteria as determined by the court

Referral Process:

- There are two Municipal Court & Common Pleas Judges that are assigned to the Mental Health Courts

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Outpatient Behavioral Health Services

Outpatient Behavioral Health Services provide same day comprehensive treatment options to men and women who are best served in the outpatient setting. The substance use and mental health services are available in Walnut Hills and Western Hills and are offered Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Services include assessment, individual counseling, group counseling, medication-assisted treatment, intensive outpatient group services and drug testing as needed. The program also serves those who are dually diagnosed with substance use and mental illness. Primary care services are available at both locations. For more information or to make a referral, call 513-221-HELP(4357).

Cost to Client:

- Sliding scale for Hamilton County residents who qualify; Medicaid and Medicare are also accepted

Admission Requirements:

- None

Referral Process:

- Judge indicates "TH Outpatient" on Judge's Sheet; Probation will arrange referral to appropriate service site

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Rewards Jail Intervention Program for Women

1617 Reading Road

Rewards Jail Intervention (RJI) is a 30 to 45 day program designed to provide gender responsive interventions to incarcerated adult women. Services offered include assessment, counseling, criminality programming, employment readiness, substance use disorder individual and group therapy, relapse prevention, criminality/behavior modification, family issues, medication-assisted treatment, and reentry and discharge planning that may include a referral to the CASC. For more information, call 513-629-2300, ext. 2309.

Cost to Client:

- None

Admission Requirements:

- Must meet Sheriff's Dept. security classification, have alcohol or drug related charges

Referral Process:

- Referrals are regulated through the Sheriff's Classification Department, Pre-trial Services, and the Hamilton County Probation Department
- Judge can indicate RJI on Judge's Sheet

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Turning Point

Turning Point services are currently being provided at 1617 Reading Road due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Turning Point is a 30 to 45 day substance use disorder treatment program for men incarcerated for alcohol- and drug-related offenses. Services offered include assessment, counseling, criminality programming, employment readiness, substance use disorder individual and group therapy, relapse prevention, criminality/behavior modification, family issues, and reentry and discharge planning that may include a referral to the CASC. For more information, call 513-629-2300, ext. 2309.

Cost to Client:

- None

Admission Requirements:

- Must meet Sheriff's Dept. security classification, alcohol or drug related charges
- Defendant sentenced and committed

Referral Process:

- Referral Sheet filled out at the time of sentencing and faxed to probation, or
- Judge grants stay on days and refers to Probation for evaluation; Liaison will inform Court of evaluation at sentencing

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Turning Point (1617 Reading Road)

Turning Point services are currently being provided at 1617 Reading Road due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Description: Jail-based treatment program for men.

Services Provided: Assessment, counseling, criminality programming, employment readiness, substance use disorder treatment, individual and group therapy, relapse prevention, criminality/behavior modification, family issues, reentry and discharge planning that may include a referral to CASC.

Program Length: 30-45 days

To Make a Referral: Impose full sentence. Defendant must have a minimum of a 30-day sentence imposed. Order "Turning Point" on the Judge's Sheet. Indicate "No Early Release" and "No 2 for 1 or 3 for 1."

Extended Treatment for Men and Women (1617 Reading Road)

Description: Jail-based treatment program for men and women.

Services Provided: Assessment, counseling, criminality programming, employment readiness, substance use disorder treatment, individual and group therapy, relapse prevention, criminality/behavior modification, family issues, reentry and discharge planning that may include a referral to CASC.

Program Length: 60-90 days

To Make a Referral for Men: Impose full sentence. Defendant must have a minimum of a 60-day sentence imposed. Order "Men's Extended" on the Judge's Sheet. Indicate "No Early Release" and "No 2 for 1 or 3 for 1."

To Make a Referral for Women: Impose full sentence. Defendant must have a minimum of a 60-day sentence imposed. Order "Extended" or "Any treatment if eligible" on the Judge's Sheet. Indicate "No Early Release" and "No 2 for 1 or 3 for 1."

Rewards Jail Intervention for Women (RJ) (1617 Reading Road)

Description: Jail-based treatment program for women.

Services Provided: Assessment, counseling, criminality programming, employment readiness, substance use disorder treatment, individual and group therapy, relapse prevention, criminality/behavior modification, family issues, reentry and discharge planning that may include a referral to CASC.

Program Length: 30-45 days

To Make a Referral: Impose full sentence. Defendant must have a minimum of a 30-day sentence imposed. Order "Rewards Jail Intervention for Women" on the Judge's Sheet or choose "Any treatment if eligible." Indicate "No Early Release" and "No 2 for 1 or 3 for 1."

Community Alternative Sentencing Center (CASC) (3129 Spring Grove Avenue [Men], 1616 Harrison Avenue [Women])

Description: Direct sentence to meet mandatory minimum OVI/DUS sentences (6, 10, 20 days) and for low or moderate risk offenders with mandatory sentences of 30 or 60 days and not to exceed 90 days.

To Make a Referral: Sentencing judge indicates "CASC" on the journal entry and specifies the amount of days to be served (i.e. 6 Days CASC).

For more information contact

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Exclusionary Criteria for the above Talbert House Jail-Based Treatment Programs:

May not have any present or past convictions of: Aggravated Murder, Murder, Voluntary Manslaughter, Involuntary Manslaughter, Aggravated Vehicular Homicide, Vehicular Manslaughter, Aggravated Vehicular Assault, Aggravated Robbery, Robbery, Aggravated Burglary, Felonious Assault, Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Riot, Kidnapping, Abduction, Felony Child Abuse, Felony Dv, Rape, Sexual Battery, Unlawful Sexual Conduct With A Minor, Gross Sexual Imposition, Importuning, Felonious Sexual Penetration, Pandering Sex Material Involuntary Juvenile, Aggravated Arson, Intimidation, Attempt To Commit Murder, Conspiracy To Commit Murder, Escape.

Medical Exclusions*:

Untreated communicable/infectious disease, unable to bathe self, requires assistance with feeding, requires assistance with toileting or colostomy tube, requires oxygen, requires intravenous medication or fluid, requires medication on a schedule of more than three times a day, insulin dependent. Clients cannot take controlled substances. Must be fully detoxed from alcohol and narcotics.

*Does not necessarily apply to CASC clients

Mental Health Exclusion:

Currently an imminent danger to self or others (homicidal or suicidal), deemed not competent by the Court, not capable of giving informed consent, pattern or history of assaultive behavior.

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