

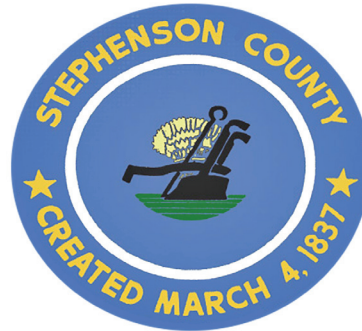


## Mission Statement

The mission of the Stephenson County Drug Court is to reduce the rate of recidivism for drug related offenses, its costs to the Stephenson County community, and the effects of addiction on families by combining effective substance abuse treatment and intensive judicial supervision in a therapeutic court setting for non-violent substance abusing offenders.

## Goals

- To promote public safety by reducing recidivism.
- To provide an alternative to incarceration for non-violent criminal participants whose crimes are drug involved.
- To reduce long-term criminal justice costs by reducing incarceration time for substance abusing, non-violent offenders.
- To reduce or eliminate offenders' dependency on drugs, and to reduce drug-related criminal activity.
- To build partnerships with drug courts and local agencies which support the Drug Court Program effectiveness.



## Eligibility Criteria

A Stephenson County Drug Court participant must:

- Receive approval from the Stephenson County Drug Court judge.
- Admit to a substance abuse problem and have a dependence diagnosis.
- Demonstrate a willingness to participate in the program on a voluntary basis.
- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Be a Stephenson County resident.
- Be charged with a felony deemed eligible as reviewed and approved by the States Attorney.
- Have all out-of-county cases resolved.

(Please note that an individual on probation may be eligible for this program.)

For more information about the Stephenson County Drug Court Program, please contact the Drug Court Coordinator at (815) 235-8319.

# Stephenson County Drug Court Program



## 15th Judicial Circuit

Stephenson County Courthouse  
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Freeport, IL 61032  
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## Stephenson County Drug Court Program

The Stephenson County Drug Court Program is a post-adjudicatory program certified by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts. This program provides eligible participants the opportunity to receive drug treatment in exchange for avoiding a prison or jail sentence. In addition, the participants may also have their felony charge amended to a misdemeanor charge.

Eligible participants may elect to participate in the program or proceed with traditional judicial processing.

If participants meet the eligibility criteria and choose to participate in the program, they come under the court's supervision and are required to attend treatment sessions, undergo random drug and/or alcohol testing, and appear before the Drug Court Program Judge on a regular basis.

There are five phases of the Drug Court Program with each consisting of different expectations to be followed by the participants. If participants meet the requirements of each phase, they graduate from the program and the matter is closed.

All participants will know at the beginning of the Drug Court Program what the result will be if they successfully complete the program as well as what it will be if they have an unsuccessful discharge.

## Frequently Asked Questions

***Q: How is someone referred to the Drug Court Program?***

A: An individual, or their attorney, must complete the required referral forms and submit it to the Drug Court Program coordinator.

***Q: How long is the Drug Court Program?***

A: A minimum of 18 months depending on the participant's progress.

***Q: What type of treatment do participants receive?***

A: Participants receive residential treatment and/or outpatient treatment based on an initial clinical assessment and their substance abuse needs.

***Q: What are the benefits of the Drug Court Program for participants who successfully complete the program?***

A: Participants will gain the necessary tools to help equip them in living a drug-free lifestyle and will avoid a prison sentence.