

**OGEECHEE JC  
DRUG COURT &  
MENTAL HEALTH COURT  
New Participant Pointers/Reminders**

# POINTERS/REMINDERS

- ▶ Your Program is 24 months. You will enter into a Contract with Drug Court or Mental Health Court.
- ▶ You are not allowed to use Drugs or Alcohol (in any form).
- ▶ You are not allowed to take any type of medication without permission from your Treatment Provider.
- ▶ Drug Court Participants must complete 40 hours of Community Service.
- ▶ Mental Health Court Participants must complete 20 hours of Community Service.
- ▶ Drug Court Participants will pay a Program fee of \$1,520 (approx. \$65/mo).
- ▶ Mental Hlth Court Participants are not required to pay a Program fee.
- ▶ Programs consist of 5 Phases and are described in the Handbook
- ▶ Phase 1 Curfew is 7:00pm
- ▶ Phase 1 Drug Screen Color is **RED**
- ▶ Drug Court Participants are required to work unless on Disability

# PARTICIPANT HANDBOOKS

- ▶ Review your Handbook completely - It includes:
  - ▶ Contact Phone Numbers
  - ▶ Program Mission Statement
  - ▶ Program Rules & Policies
  - ▶ Court Team Information
  - ▶ Program Fees/Community Service Requirements
  - ▶ Treatment Information
  - ▶ Breakdown of Phases

# PROGRAM RULES - Rule Violations may be subject to a Sanction or Termination

- ▶ You must actively participate in all Groups and in your Treatment
- ▶ You must attend all Court Hearings, Treatment Appointments/Groups
- ▶ You must be on-time for all Hearings and Appointments
- ▶ Take all medication as prescribed by your Treatment provider's doctor
- ▶ Do not take over-the-counter medications without permission from Treatment
- ▶ You must participate in all drug/alcohol screens
- ▶ You must comply with all State, Local, and Federal laws
- ▶ Be respectful towards fellow participants, staff, court team, & Judge

# PROGRAM RULES (cont'd)

- ▶ Keep Court staff, Treatment, and Probation informed of your phone number(s) and address
- ▶ You may not move without prior permission from the Court and Probation
- ▶ Dress appropriately for Court and Groups
- ▶ You may not travel outside of Georgia without permission from the Court Team and Probation (obtain a travel permit)(travel request)
- ▶ If you are unable to attend an appointment, Court, or Group, call the Coordinator and Treatment by 8:30a.m.

# PROGRAM RULES (cont'd)

- ▶ You will be required to attend additional classes as scheduled
- ▶ Fraternalization - is not allowed (relationships/hanging out with Participants or others in the treatment program)
- ▶ Loans/Contracts/Leases/Financial Documents/Agreements - you are not allowed to borrow money or enter into any type of Agreement with a Participant and/or Team Member
- ▶ Drugs/Alcohol/Weight Loss Supplements/Energy Drinks/Kratom/K2/Spice/Steroids/Workout Supplements, etc are not allowed

# PROGRAM RULES (cont'd)

- ▶ You must provide your own transportation
- ▶ AWOL - if we are unable to contact you, if you do not attend Treatment or attend hearings for 3 consecutive days you are AWOL
- ▶ Confidentiality - everything you hear and see in Groups or Court must be kept confidential. Do not discuss with others outside of Groups
- ▶ Honesty - you must be honest at all times (Court, Treatment, Staff)
- ▶ Probation - obey all probation rules
- ▶ Additional Program Rules are outlined in the Handbook

Program Rules may be modified from time-to-time

# PARTICIPANT FOLDERS INCLUDE:

Participant Handbook

AA/NA Attendance Forms

Medication Forms

Community Service Forms

A Resource Guide for Services within Bulloch County

Coping Skills Handout



# GETTING STARTED

- ▶ You are in Phase 1
- ▶ Your drug screen color is **RED**. Call daily Mon-Fri between 8am - 4:00pm to check your color
- ▶ Your Curfew is 7:00pm
- ▶ Begin AA/NA/Community Support Meetings immediately
- ▶ Write all appointments and court dates on your calendar/phone
- ▶ Call Karen or Joy to check in at least once per week
- ▶ Attend Court hearings
- ▶ Every Monday morning take a picture of your AA/NA Sheet and/or Medication Sheet and text to Karen's Cell (912-515-5684)

# CONTACT INFORMATION

- ▶ Karen McClain, Coordinator
- ▶ Joy Lanier, Program Case Manager
  - ▶ (912) 764-0181 office
  - ▶ (912) 515-5684 cell
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