

Macon County Hybrid Court Overview (Drug & DUI)

Program Description

The Macon County Hybrid Court is voluntary program designed for High Risk/High Needs adult offenders who reside in Macon County, Illinois, who have a current nonviolent felony offense and a diagnosis of substance dependence. Within the target population, individuals who meet the previously listed factors who are also pregnant or addicted to heroin will be labeled as priority. A priority status will mean that the individual will be placed at the top of the referral list. Rather than traditional punishment, the Court diverts participants away from the criminal justice system by offering alternative comprehensive and therapeutic judicial intervention.

The goal of the Hybrid Court is:

- Decrease reoccurring arrests
- Decrease days in jail
- Increase access to substance abuse services
- Coordinate substance abuse services
- Enhance public safety

Participants who consent to join the program will receive:

- Intensive case management services
- Ongoing treatment services
- Regular court appearances
- Court supervision

Participants who meet criteria for treatment will remain in the program until the Hybrid Court team determines that all requirements have been met for successful completion. Participants may voluntarily terminate their involvement with the program at any time. However, if a participant chooses to quit, or is dropped from the program due to a sanctioned dismissal, the traditional court process will resume.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Adult participants charged with probation eligible, non-violent felony offenses in Macon County are eligible for the program.
2. The participant must be diagnosed with a drug and/or alcohol dependence.
3. DUI Court participants must have at least one prior DUI and have completed assessment indicating 'Significant Risk' or higher.
4. Domestic violence offenders may be accepted into the program upon consent of the victim and at the discretion of the Hybrid Court team.
5. The participants past criminal record will be taken into consideration.
6. The participant is a current resident of Macon County and a United States citizen.
7. Must be at least 18-years-old at the time of the arrest.
8. The participant expresses a desire to participate in the program.
9. The referral must be made within 60 days of the first appearance with counsel.
10. The participant must be screened and approved by the Hybrid Court team to participate.
11. The participant must be honest with the treatment providers and the team.
12. The following will be evaluated and considered on a case-by-case basis:

- a. Violation of probation cases must be approved by the State's Attorney's Office
- b. Victim consent/restitution
- c. Possession with intent to deliver
- d. A current offense

Not Eligible

1. The crime is a crime of violence.
2. The participant denies his or her use of or addiction to drugs.
3. The participant does not demonstrate a willingness to participate in a treatment program.
4. The participant has been convicted of a crime of violence within the past 10 years excluding incarceration time, including but not limited to:
 - a. First or Second degree murder
 - b. Predatory criminal sexual assault of a child
 - c. Aggravated criminal sexual assault or criminal sexual assault
 - d. Armed robbery
 - e. Aggravated arson or arson
 - f. Aggravated kidnapping or kidnapping
 - g. Aggravated battery resulting in great bodily harm or permanent disability
 - h. Aggravated stalking or stalking
 - i. Any offense involving the discharge of a firearm.
5. The participant has previously completed or has been discharged from a Hybrid Court program.

Submitting a Referral

Referrals must be submitted in writing to:

Ralf Pansch

Specialty Courts Administrator

Macon County Probation and Court Services

141 S. Main St.

Decatur, IL 62523

217.424.1444 ext. 5814 (phone)

217.424.1386 (fax)

Referral forms may be obtained by logging on www.cclerk.co.macon.il.us and clicking on the 'Forms' link. The Hybrid Court team determines admissions and discharges from the program.