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**PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK**  
29TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
ST. CHARLES PARISH DRUG COURT PROGRAM

## **WELCOME TO DRUG COURT**

Welcome to the St. Charles Parish Adult Drug Court program. We are happy to have you as part of our program and commit to working with you toward your recovery from chemical dependency.

We ask that you make a heartfelt commitment to yourself and to your program as it will be vital to your recovery. Together, we can make positive changes in your life.

Our program is designed to provide long term, graduated treatment to chemically dependent offenders referred to us by the 29th Judicial District Court. You will learn that you are not alone and will meet others who have experienced a life of being chemically dependent. Drug Court will teach you better ways of coping and adjusting to a drug-free lifestyle.

This handbook will provide you with general information about our Drug Court program. Share it with your family and friends who support your recovery. This handbook is to be used as a guide so keep it in a handy place. If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate party explained on pages 9 of this handbook.

Again, welcome, and we wish you success in your recovery.

Sincerely,  
The St. Charles Parish Drug Court Team

*We reserve the right to make changes in this handbook without prior notice to the participants.*

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The St. Charles Parish Drug Court has been established to enhance the quality of life and to provide a safer community, thereby reducing social costs related to substance abuse. The primary mission of the Drug Court is to break the cycle of addiction and rehabilitate substance-abusing offenders by utilizing governmental agencies and community resources.

## **PROGRAM GOAL**

The goal of the St. Charles Parish Drug Court is to keep an individual in treatment and provide Drug Court support for as long as possible without sabotaging the treatment of other participants.

## **PROGRAM PHASES**

### **Phase I: Intensive Outpatient Treatment (IOP)**

- Minimum of 8 weeks
- 12 hours of group weekly:
- IOP Group days and time – Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Random Urine screens – minimum twice weekly
- Individual session once per week with counselor
- Complete Group Assignments
- 2 AA/NA or peer support group meetings per week
- Meet with Medical Director monthly or as needed
- Complete Case Management Evaluation:
  - Assess/evaluate for employment/HiSet diploma needs
  - Family coordination
  - Continuity of care linkage and referrals (i.e., physical health, anger management, parenting classes, trauma therapy, DCFS, etc.)
- Court each Tuesday at 3:00 p.m.
- Minimum 30 consecutive days of negative urine tests required to apply for phase advancement

### **Phase II: Application**

- Minimum of 12 weeks
- 6 hours of group weekly:
  - Application Group days and time – Mon., Wed.: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Random Urine screens – minimum twice weekly
- Individual session once per week with counselor
- 3 AA/NA or peer support group meetings per week
- Complete curriculum assignments provided by counselor appropriate for phase
- Meet with Medical Director as needed
- Regular contact with AA/NA/peer support sponsor with step work
- Bi-Weekly court appearances on Tuesday at 3:00 p.m.

- Minimum 20 hours per week employment or volunteer work
- Minimum 20 hours per week Community Service (if unemployed)
- Enroll in and attend Hi Set instruction (if applicable) -
  - 5 hours course work per week if employed
  - 15 hours course work per week if unemployed
- Minimum 30 days with consecutive negative urine screens required to apply for phase advancement

### **Phase III: Continuing Care**

- Minimum of 32 weeks
- 1 hour of group weekly:
  - Continuing Care Group day and time – Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 pm
- Random Urine screens- minimum twice weekly
- Individual counseling every 2 weeks
- Meet with Medical Director as needed
- Bi-Weekly court appearances on Tuesday at 3:00 p.m.
- 4 AA/NA or peer support group meetings per week
- Regular contact with AA/NA/peer support group sponsor with step work
- Minimum 20 hours per week employment
- Minimum 20 hours per week Community Service (if unemployed)
- Continue Hi Set instruction (if applicable) -
  - 5 hours course work per week if employed
  - 15 hours course work per week if unemployed
- Minimum 90 days with consecutive negative urine screens required to apply for commencement

### **Requirements for Graduation from Drug Court:**

1. Completion of 48 treatment hours (286 total treatment hours in program)
2. Completion of all group assignments
3. Achieved treatment plan goals
4. Must be actively working with a permanent sponsor on step work
5. Minimum 20 hours per week employment or volunteer work
6. Provide proof of Hi Set Certificate to Coordinator
7. Provide proof of High School, College, or Vo-Tech Diploma to Coordinator
8. Minimum 90 consecutive days of negative urine tests required to apply for graduation
9. Complete final reassessment and develop a continuing care plan
10. Complete program exit survey
11. Submit application for graduation to the Court for approval
12. One week prior to commencement - submit written relapse prevention plan and reflection paper to the Court for approval
13. Compliant with supervision
14. Payment in full of all program fines and fees

## INCENTIVES AND SANCTIONS

St. Charles Parish Drug Court utilizes various incentives throughout the program to respond and reward positive behaviors such as:

1. Reporting to Drug Court on time
2. Attending treatment meetings as ordered
3. Appearing for and providing drug screen samples when scheduled
4. Regular and documented AA/NA or self-help meeting attendance
5. Helping other participants in the program with transportation, Big Book study, mentoring, etc.
6. Completing a treatment phase
7. Completion of treatment assignments
8. Engaged participation in treatment groups

Incentives/Responses to these positive behaviors might include:

1. Encouragement and praise from the Judge
2. Applause
3. Phase Promotion
4. Participant of the Week status
5. Recognition coins
6. Approval of travel requests and travel permits
7. Reduced supervision and/or curfew adjustments
8. Decreased frequency of court appearances
9. Fishbowl drawings that include:
  - a. Rocket Docket
  - b. Reduction in fees
  - c. Candy, snacks, or prizes donated by community sources
10. Commencement from Drug Court

Negative/non-compliant behaviors such as those listed below are also addressed by the Drug Court Judge:

1. Failure to appear in Drug Court
2. Failure to comply with Court ordered curfew or house arrest
3. Administrative removal or absconding from Court ordered inpatient treatment
4. Absconding from Drug Court supervision
5. Missed/unexcused group treatment meetings
6. Missed/unexcused individual treatment session
7. Missed/unexcused appointments with Doctor or Nurse Practitioner
8. Unexcused tardy (more than 10 minutes) for individual or group treatment session
9. Failure to appear for UDS or failure to provide UDS
10. Diluted UDS specimen
11. Failure to attend and/or provide weekly documentation of AA/NA or peer support groups
12. Consistent violations of program rules.

Sanctions/Responses to these negative behaviors and non-compliance might include:

1. Verbal reprimand by the Judge

2. Administrative Sanction imposed by Compliance Officer or Coordinator
3. Community Service
4. Street light curfew
5. House Arrest
6. Jail Sanction
7. Bench Warrant
8. 45-day Technical Violation of Probation
9. Separation from Drug Court program and revocation.

Court responses to negative behaviors are delivered on a graduated and case-by-case basis.

### **RELAPSE POLICY AND INPATIENT TREATMENT**

The St. Charles Parish Drug Court team realizes relapse can be a part of the cycle from addiction to sobriety. Drug Court participants that continue to struggle maintaining sobriety will be clinically reassessed and may be required to attend additional AA/NA or self-help meetings or complete a 28-day or long-term inpatient treatment program. It is important to remember a recommendation to attend additional AA/NA or self-help meetings or referral to inpatient treatment is not a drug court sanction. These are therapeutic interventions designed to provide additional support to help you obtain stability in your treatment program.

### **MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT**

Medication Assisted Treatment is available to participants suffering from alcohol or opioid addiction. It is not mandatory. The Medical Director will discuss the options available and make the decision on what medication is prescribed to you. The Medical Director has the final decision as to the medication prescribed.

### **ACT 402 TECHNICAL VIOLATION OF PROBATION**

Any participant that exhibits continued behavioral problems, non-compliance with rules of the St. Charles Parish Drug Court, or continues abusing drugs or alcohol after therapeutic adjustments have been made, is subject to revocation under Act 402 on a technical violation of probation. The Judge will order a hearing on the matter and appoint an attorney to represent the participant. Following a hearing and if a finding of fault is determined, the participant will be sentenced by the Drug Court Judge and sentenced up to 45-days in jail through the Department of Corrections. Upon completion of sentence, the participant will return to drug court to resume treatment and supervision through drug court.

### **PROGRAM FEES**

There is a program fee of \$1,200.00 to participate in the Drug Court program. Participants in IOP are not

required to make payment but may do so if they would like to. Upon promotion to the Application Phase, participants are required to pay a minimum of \$25.00 per week with the understanding that the entire fee and all administrative sanction fines must be paid in full prior to commencement from Drug Court. Program fees are payable to the St. Charles Parish Drug Court on the day of your drug court status hearings. Payment by money order is the only accepted form of payment.

### **DRUG TESTING**

Participants are subject to gender specific, observed random urine screens at any time (including weekends and holidays) while participating in the drug court program. Failure or refusal to submit to a urine screen, failure to appear for a urine screen, or producing a diluted or adulterated urine screen at any time during the program is considered a positive drug screen.

Reporting times for drug screens:

Monday – Friday: 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Weekends and holidays: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

All urine collections are observed by an employee of Lake Wellness (gender specific observation), who have been trained in proper procedures for urine collection. The urine specimens are mailed to Quest Laboratory for testing; all positive drug screens are confirmed through GCMS or LC/MS/MS confirmation. All positive drug screens are automatically confirmed positive by the lab prior to reporting results to the Drug Court team.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

As a drug court participant, your behavior reflects directly not only on yourself, but on the program itself. It is essential that you conduct yourself in a manner that earns the respect and cooperation of this program and its partners. Failure to follow the code of conduct set forth below at all times may result in an immediate sanction by the court.

1. **Conduct And Courtesy.** You are asked to take time and effort to be polite to everyone. You should always show respect to staff and participants. Maintaining appropriate behavior and language is indicative of the progress you are making toward your recovery. Inappropriate sexual behavior, swearing, or harassment toward staff will not be tolerated. Romantic, dating, or sexual relationships are prohibited among participants while in the program. Positive interactions and supportive relationships that are recovery based and supportive are encouraged. No physical violence or threats of violence will be tolerated toward staff or other participants.
2. **Dress Code.** Participants have a responsibility to dress and appear at the treatment center, drug court offices, or in court according to the standards of propriety, safety, and health, and shall be required to dress in at least casual clothing. You may not wear a hat or sunglasses during appointments or status hearings. Sexually provocative, obscene clothing, clothing displaying alcohol or drugs (language or symbols), clothing displaying violence (guns, knives, etc.) or any gang related clothing are not permissible. If you appear for an appointment, group, or court wearing clothing deemed non-permissible, you will be asked to leave and considered unexcused from the required meeting.

3. **Tardiness And Absenteeism.** It is your responsibility to be on time for all treatment sessions. Appearing late for treatment or court is highly discouraged due to the disruption of other participants. You will not be allowed to enter scheduled sessions if you are more than 10 minutes late without advanced notice and approval from your counselor, thus getting an unexcused absence. If you know you are going to be late, you must call and speak to the counselor for your group. The only absences that will be excused are for pre-approved doctor appointments and court-related issues. To excuse a medical absence, there must be a written verification on medical letterhead which includes a diagnosis. You are expected to be on time for status hearings, which means you are to arrive at the courthouse by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays as required by your current phase, or as ordered.
4. **Smoking Areas.** Smoking is prohibited inside any court building. It is essential that all participants adhere to this policy. You may smoke in the designated areas outside the court buildings and treatment facilities. Please clean up behind yourself. Do NOT throw cigarette butts on the ground.
5. **Personal Telephone Calls.** Personal telephone calls are not allowed on facility phones, except in an emergency. The use of the facility telephone is not allowed without the permission of a staff member. Participants are advised to make phone calls elsewhere before or after treatment sessions and arrange for any needed transportation ahead of time. Cell phones are not to be used during any treatment sessions or in the drug court offices and are not permitted in the courtroom during status hearings. If a cell phone rings or you talk/text on your cell phone during an appointment, it will be taken from you and returned after the appointment is over.

### **EVACUATION POLICY**

In the event of severe weather or any disaster that would result in evacuation of St. Charles Parish, it is your responsibility to stay in contact with Drug Court and Lake Wellness. It is important that you provide accurate and complete emergency contact information to the St. Charles Parish Drug Court team.

In the event of severe weather or mandatory evacuation of the Parish, call Lake Wellness at 504-584-4411 for instructions regarding the status of Drug Court and substance abuse group meetings. If phone service is interrupted, email [shebert@stcharlesgov.net](mailto:shebert@stcharlesgov.net) or text/leave a message on Marti Henderson's cell phone 504-655-5312. Please include your name, location address and phone number where you can be reached. We will contact you as soon as possible with reporting instructions.

**It is your responsibility to keep us updated with your emergency contact information or any changes to your current living situation in a timely manner.** If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

### **DOCTOR OR HOSPITAL VISITS AND MEDICATIONS**

The Drug Court Team understands that some individuals are under the care of their primary care Doctor for ongoing medical issues where daily medication is prescribed in order to keep health issues under control. It is the responsibility of the drug court participant to complete the enclosed **Medication**



**Agreement** at the time of your intake with your Drug Court counselor or Intake Coordinator and at any the time changes to your medication are made. You are to bring all daily medication prescription bottles with you at the time of your intake appointment, to complete and sign the Medication Agreement. By signing this Medication Agreement, you acknowledge having read the agreement and agree to abide by all rules stated therein. You will be provided a copy of your signed form for your records.

There are instances where you may have to visit a Doctor or Dentist, or the Emergency Room for an illness that suddenly arises. Please be aware of the following:

1. **You must** bring the enclosed **Prescribing Physician** form with you and have the Doctor complete and sign the form. If you need additional copies of these forms, please see your counselor.
2. **You must** bring the lists of **Approved, Safe Medications and Non-Approved, Dangerous Medications** with you to your appointment, advise the Doctor that you have a substance use disorder and are in the Drug Court program. Explain to the Dr. that any use of non-approved medications may result in a sanction. If the Doctor feels there is no other medication he/she could prescribe to help you, they must note that on your Prescribing Physician form.
3. **You must** provide a copy of your complete discharge summary including a list of any prescriptions you receive to your counselor **the first work day after your visit.**

Please notify your counselor immediately if you will have to miss a treatment session already scheduled for you. If you miss any of your scheduled treatment sessions as a result of a medical or dental visit, you will not be excused unless you provide 24-hour notice to Lake Wellness staff. This will count as a missed session!

Prior to filling any new prescription or taking any new prescribed medication you must bring the completed Prescribing Physician form and the written prescriptions to your counselor to have the medication approved. If it is the evening or weekend CALL YOUR COUNSELOR to obtain approval before filling the prescription.

**Remember, it is your responsibility to keep your counselor and the Nurse Practitioner at Lake Wellness informed of any changes to your daily maintenance medications and provide a copy of any new prescriptions you obtain while in Drug Court. You must also obtain approval from your counselor before taking any type of prescription or over the counter medications. Any positive drug screen you obtain as a result of not following these procedures may result in an immediate sanction.**

***FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED ABOVE WHEN SEEKING MEDICAL ATTENTION, WILL RESULT IN AN IMMEDIATE SANCTION BY THE COURT.***

### **Still Have Questions?**

1. Any questions regarding your group or individual treatment sessions, treatment assignments, treatment schedule, AA/NA or peer support group requirements, drug test schedule, medications and doctor appointments should be directed to your primary counselor for answers. The office phone number during normal business hours is 504-584-4411.

2. Questions regarding program rules, curfew, house arrest, Court Orders, and permission for travel should be directed to the program's Compliance Officer who can be reached at 504-655-5312.
3. Out of state travel requires a DOC Travel Permit which you must obtain from your Probation Officer in Thibodaux, LA. Their office phone number is 985-447-0932. You must first obtain permission to travel from the Drug Court Judge by completing and submitting a Travel Request Form (copy enclosed) stating where you will be traveling, dates of travel, location & address of where you will be staying, reason for travel, and at least two phone numbers for contact purposes. This written request must be given to the Drug Court Coordinator at least **48 hours in advance of travel** to present to the Judge and Drug Court Team for approval. Remember to plan ahead to fulfill necessary requirements for out of state travel!
4. Questions regarding program fees or court dates should be directed to the Drug Court Coordinator at 985-783-3216 or email [shebert@stcharlesgov.net](mailto:shebert@stcharlesgov.net).
5. Please be mindful of after-hours and weekend calls to your counselor and/or the Compliance Officer. Do not call unless it is an emergency. They have families too!
6. If you are unable to reach the responsible parties outlined above, you may call the Drug Court Coordinator at 985-783-3216 or email [shebert@stcharlesgov.net](mailto:shebert@stcharlesgov.net).

**Remember: If you contact the wrong person for answers to your question, you will be directed to call the proper source! No exceptions, please.**

**MEDICATION AGREEMENT**  
**29TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
**ST. CHARLES PARISH DRUG COURT PROGRAM**

In return for the opportunity to participate in the St. Charles Parish Drug Court Program, I \_\_\_\_\_, have consented to enter the 29th Judicial District Drug Court. I understand and agree that I have certain obligations and responsibilities and will have to follow orders given to me by the Judge, Drug Court personnel, and other people involved in the Drug Court Program. In addition to the rules and conditions set forth in the Drug Court Participant Contract, I agree to abide by the following special conditions.

1. Defendant advises that he/she is currently under the care of his/her primary care physician

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(Name)	(Address)	(Phone Number)
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2. Defendant advises that he/she is currently under the care of the following medical specialist(s)

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(Name)	(Address)	(Phone Number)
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(Name)	(Address)	(Phone Number)
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(Name)	(Address)	(Phone Number)
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3. Defendant agrees that, excluding emergencies, all medical treatment will be under the supervision or direction of the above named primary care physician or any specialist to whom referral has been made by the named primary care physician. Defendant agrees that, in the event of an emergency, the named primary care physician will be notified as soon as practicable.
4. Defendant advises that he/she is currently under the care of a physician and receiving the following medications as part of on-going medical treatment:

Medication	Dose	Directions	Quantity per Month
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5. Defendant has advised his/her physician that he/she is a person with a substance use disorder and the physician has ruled out any non-narcotic, non-habit forming medications or drugs as an

alternative to those listed above. A Medical/Dental/Medication Form has been completed and signed by the physician and is included for submission to the Court.

6. Defendant understands that he/she must advise any health care provider, including emergency department providers, that he/she is a person with a substance use disorder. Defendant further understands that he/she must advise any health care provider of all prescription medications being taken at the time treatment is rendered. Defendant understands that he/she must present a Medical/Dental/Medication Form to any such provider at the time treatment is rendered.
7. Defendant agrees to have prescriptions filled only at the following pharmacy:

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(Name)	(Address)	(Phone Number)
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8. Defendant understands that any new or renewed prescription or over-the-counter medication must be reported to his/her treatment provider prior to use.
9. Defendant agrees to take any medication at the dose and frequency prescribed.
10. Defendant agrees not to increase or change how a medication is taken without the written approval of the prescribing physician.
11. Defendant agrees to seek refills of a medication only at the prescribed interval.
12. Defendant understands that he/she must protect his/her prescribed medications and that lost or misplaced prescriptions will not be replaced.
13. Defendant agrees to keep medications only for his/her own use and will not share them with others.
14. Defendant agrees to submit to the Drug Court team written updates every ninety (90) days from his/her primary care physician regarding the progress of medical treatment.
15. Defendant agrees to immediately surrender any unused, discontinued medications to the Drug Court team.
16. Defendant understands that a violation of any of these additional special conditions may result in sanctions being imposed or revocation from the Drug Court program.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understood my responsibilities as set forth herein above, and I have agreed to abide by each and every rule.

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Date	Defendant/Participant (or authorized representative)
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Date	Witness
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Date	Witness
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**PROVIDING PHYSICIAN: MEDICAL/DENTAL/MEDICATION FORM**  
**29TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
**ST. CHARLES PARISH DRUG COURT PROGRAM**

RE: \_\_\_\_\_

TO: **The Honorable Drug Court Judge**

It is my understanding that the above-named patient is a person with a substance use disorder related to drugs and/or alcohol. The patient has informed me that he/she is a participant in the St. Charles Parish Drug Court program. I understand that any recurrence of use by this patient will result in a sanction and possible revocation.

**(Check one below)**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have ruled out all non-narcotic/non-addictive medication. I understand the consequences to the patient on narcotic medication; however, due to the nature of this patient's illness, I am prescribing the following narcotic/addictive medication(s) for this patient:

\_\_\_\_\_ I am prescribing the following non-narcotic/non-addictive medication(s):

Prescription: \_\_\_\_\_

Prescription: \_\_\_\_\_

Prescription: \_\_\_\_\_

Prescription: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a licensed physician in the State of Louisiana. The above-named person is my patient and I have seen him/her on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ for the following medical reason:

Complaint/Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Doctor's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Doctor's Signature

**Name of medical facility:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

St. Charles Parish Drug Court  
**TRAVEL REQUEST**

name

Participants who desire to be out-of-town for more than 24 consecutive hours must submit this application and receive prior approval from the Drug Court Judge or Drug Court Coordinator. If subject to supervision by the Department of Public Safety, additional approval may be required by your probation officer.

LEAVE REQUESTED					
departure date	time		return date		time
DESTINATION(S)					
destination 1 address			contact phone #		
destination 2 address			contact phone #		
destination 3 address			contact phone #		
REASON FOR TRAVEL					
participant signature				date	
INTERNAL USE					
<b>participant's current phase</b>	IOP <input type="radio"/>	application <input type="radio"/>	continuing care <input type="radio"/>	# days in phase	last sanction date
NOTES/SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS					
APPROVED <input type="radio"/>	DENIED <input type="radio"/>	Judge/Coordinator signature			date

**APPROVED MEDICATION LIST**  
**29TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
**ST. CHARLES PARISH DRUG COURT PROGRAM**

The following lists are considered safe and are approved for use while in Drug Court:

**ALL ANTIBIOTICS ARE APPROVED-TAKE ONLY AS DIRECTED BY PHYSICIAN**

**PAIN / ANALGESIC:**

Acetaminophen  
Anacin  
Ascriptin  
Bufferin  
Celebrex  
Excedrin  
Feldene  
Ibuprofen  
Lodine  
Midol  
Mobic  
Motrin  
Naproxen (Aleve)  
Non-steroidal anti-Inflammatories  
Nuprin  
Relafen  
Tylenol  
Vioxx

**MUSCLE RELAXANTS:**

Baclofen

**SLEEP AIDS/ SEDATIVES:**

Abilify  
Buspar  
Doxepin  
Elavil (If critical)  
Geodon  
Mirtazepine (Remeron)  
Paxil  
Risperdal  
Rozerem  
Trazadone (Desyrel)

**ANTI-ANXIETY:**

BuSpar  
Celexa  
Cymbalta  
Elavil (If critical)  
Lexapro  
Luvox  
Paxil  
Prozac  
Serzone  
Vistaril  
Zoloft

**ANTI-PSYCHOTIC:**

Depakote  
Lithium  
Tegretol  
Wellbutrin (Zyban)

**ADD/ ADHD:**

Catapres  
Effexor  
Norpramine  
Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors  
Strattera  
Quelbree

**NAUSEA/ VOMITTING/ DIARRHEA:**

Bonine  
Emetrol  
Immodium  
Kaopectate  
Nausetrol  
Pepto Bismol  
Zofran

**LAXATIVES:**

Colace  
Docusate  
Fleet Sof-Lax  
Magnesium Citrate  
Metamucil  
Milk of Magnesia  
Miralax  
Surfak

**HEARTBUTRN/**

**INDIGESTION:**

Maalox  
Milk of Magnesia  
Pepcid AD or Complete  
Pepto Bismal  
Prilosec  
Tums/Rolaids  
Zantac

**COUGH AND COLD**

**SORE THROAT:**

Benzonatate  
Black Elderberry/ Sambucol  
Chloraseptic Sore Throat  
Cold MD Rapid Tabs  
Cold – Eeze  
Dristan  
Halls Cough Drops Lozenges  
Oscillococcinum  
Ricola Lozenges  
Triaminic Sore Throat Therapy  
Tylenol Sore Throat  
Zicam Cold Remedy Oral

**ALLERGY / ANTIHISTAMINE**

**ANTI-VERTIGO:**

Alevert  
Allegra  
Chlor-trimetron  
Claritin  
Clarinex  
Simutab Sinus  
Sine-off sinus/cold  
Tylenol Allergy MultiSymptom  
Tylenol Severe Allergy  
Tylenol Sinus and Congestion Pain  
Zyrtec  
Xyzal

**NASAL SPRAYS:**

Aerobid  
Albuterol  
Astelin  
Azmacort  
Nasocort  
Nasonex  
Ocean Mist  
Rhinocort  
Saline Sprays/ Saline Mist  
Salinex

**NON-APPROVED, DANGEROUS MEDICATION LIST**  
**29TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
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This list gives examples of banned drugs but is not all inclusive. You must check with treatment staff for approval before taking any medications that are not on the approved medication list. The following lists are considered unsafe and are NOT approved for use while participating in the Drug Court Program.

**PM formula, D or DM are not approved**

**OPIATES / ANALGESICS:**

Carfentanil  
Codeine/Tylenol 3  
Darvon/ Darvocet  
Demerol  
Diacetylmorphine/ Heroin  
Dihydrocodeine  
Duragesic  
Endocet  
Fentanyl  
Fiorinal/Fioricet  
Gabapentin (Neurontin)  
Hydrocodone  
Hydromorphone/Dilaudid  
Lortab/Lorcet  
Lyrica  
Methadone  
Morphine/Roxanol  
Opium  
Oxycodone/Percodan/Percocet/  
Oxycontin  
Paracetamol/Remedine  
Sufentanil  
Synthetic Cannabinoids  
Tylenol #3  
Ultram/Tramadol  
Vicodin

**MUSCLE RELAXANTS:**

Flexaril (Cyclobenzaprine)  
Robaxin  
Soma (Carisoprodol)

**SLEEP AIDS/SEDATIVES:**

Any med ending in PM  
Any OTC Sleep Aid  
Ambien  
Chloral Hydrate  
Lunesta  
Nytol  
Placidyl  
Restoril  
Sleep-Eeze  
Somnex

**ANTI-ANXIETY:**

All Benzodiazepines  
Ativan (Lorazepam)  
Diazepam/Valium  
Estazolam/ProSom  
Flunitrazepam/Rohypnol  
Flurazepam/Dalmane  
Halcion  
Klonopin  
Librium/Librax  
Serax  
Trmazepam/Restoril  
Tranxene  
Versed

**ADD/ADHD:**

Adderall  
Amphetamine  
Concerta  
Cylert  
Dexadrine  
Phentermine  
Preludin  
Provigil  
Ritalin  
Vyvanse

**NAUSEA/ VOMITTING/ DIARRHEA:**

Donnagel Liquid  
Lomotil  
Phenergan  
Paregoric

**COUGH AND COLD/SORE THROAT:**

Anything with codeine, hydrocodone,  
alcohol  
Dextromethorphan  
Duratuss  
Nyquil  
Robitussin  
Vicks Cough Syrup  
Contact Severe Cold

**ALLERGY-ANTI-HISTIMINE/**

**ANTI-VERTIGO:**

Any decongestants except on  
recommendation of medical director  
Allegra D  
Bayer Select Maximum Strength  
Dimetapp  
Halls Head and Chest  
Mucinex DM  
Sudafed  
Tavist D

**NASAL SPRAYS:**

Afrin  
Allerest  
Duration  
Ephedrine  
Epinephrine HCL  
Phenylphedrine  
Pseudoephedrine  
Sina-Rest  
Vicks Inhaler

**DO NOT USE ANY PRODUCTS**

**CONTAINING:**

ANY liquids with alcohol  
ANY substance labeled "Not for human  
consumption."  
CBD oil  
DMT  
Ephedrine/Hoodia  
Flakka  
Herbal Blends like Mojo/Kava  
Ketamine  
Kratom  
Ma Huang  
Tianeptine/ZaZa/Tianna Red  
Psilocybin  
Poppy seeds  
Prescribed THC  
Phenergan  
Phencyclidine  
Dietary supplements/ weight loss  
products  
Consumption of energy drinks will be at  
your own risk





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**INITIAL CONTACT INFORMATION**

Welcome to the St. Charles Parish Adult Drug Court program. In order to begin treatment, you will need to contact the following people within 24 hours of program entry:

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Luling, LA 70057  
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# CHECK-IN INSTRUCTIONS

- **Username:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Check-In Window:** 5:00a-11:00a
- **PIN:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Reconnect Community App

### GETTING STARTED

1. Download and install *Reconnect Community* from your device's app store
2. Launch *Reconnect Community*
3. Enter your username (see above)
4. Enter your 6-digit PIN (see above)

### CHECKING IN

1. Under *Current Tasks* you will see all pending tasks. Tap a *Check* task to initiate a check-in.
2. Take a selfie
3. Note confirmation number if given

## Guidelines

- If you change phones, you must immediately install and log in to *Reconnect Community* on your new device.
- If you lose or misplace your phone, contact your case manager immediately.
- You must carry your phone with you at all times and maintain active data service.
- Notify your case manager, in advance, if you will be out of cellular or WiFi range for more than 15 minutes.
- Do not put your phone into "Do Not Disturb" or silent mode. Not hearing your phone's alert sounds will mean you are out of compliance with the terms of this program and may result in sanctions.
- Do not attempt to manipulate check-ins in any way. *Reconnect Community* has multiple systems in place to detect manipulation, and attempts will be reported to your case manager and/or judge.
- You must agree to any on-screen prompts to allow permission (e.g. allowing notifications, camera access, etc.). *Reconnect Community* will not function without these permissions, and your case manager will be notified.
- You must respond to all check-in requests from the *Reconnect Community* application.
- The *Reconnect Community* app is available for Android or iOS (iPhone) smartphones; the application is available from the Google Play Store and Apple App Store.

## Questions?

For more information or if you need assistance, contact your case manager. *Reconnect Community* cannot answer any questions about your account.

## Twelve Steps of Narcotics Anonymous

1. We admitted that we were powerless over our addiction, that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. We came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood Him*.
4. We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. We admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. We were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. We humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. We made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. We made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. We continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God *as we understood Him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to addicts, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

## THE TWELVE STEPS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood Him*.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
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**RS 13:5301**

## CHAPTER 33. DRUG DIVISIONS

## §5301. Purpose

The Legislature of Louisiana recognizes the critical need for criminal justice system programs to reduce the incidence of alcohol and drug use, alcohol and drug addiction, and crimes committed as a result of alcohol and drug use and alcohol and drug addiction. The legislature also recognizes that the problem of alcohol and drug abuse among the citizens of Louisiana is excessive and needs to be addressed and corrected not only for the health and welfare of the citizens of this state, but also because alcohol and drug abuse or dependency has been identified as a contributing factor in the commission of many crimes. It is the intent of the legislature by this Chapter to create a program to facilitate the creation of alcohol and drug treatment divisions in the various district courts of this state.

Acts 1997, No. 1376, §1.

**RS 13:5302**

## §5302. Goals

The goals of the alcohol and drug treatment divisions created under this Chapter include the following:

- (1) To reduce alcoholism and drug abuse and dependency among offenders.
- (2) To reduce criminal recidivism.
- (3) To reduce the alcohol- and drug-related workload of the courts.
- (4) To increase the personal, familial, and societal accountability of offenders.
- (5) To promote effective interaction and use of resources among criminal justice personnel and community agencies.
- (6) To reduce the overcrowding of prisons.

Acts 1997, No. 1376, §1.

**RS 13:5303**

## §5303. Definitions

For the purposes of this Chapter:

(1) "Alcohol and drug abuse program" means a program licensed by the state of Louisiana to provide education, prevention, and treatment directed toward achieving the mental and physical restoration of alcohol and drug abusers or addicts.

(2) "Alcohol and drug abuser" means a person whose consumption of alcohol or other drugs, or any combination thereof, interferes with or adversely affects his ability to function socially or economically and endangers the health, safety, and welfare of the abuser and others.

(3) "Alcohol- or drug-related offense" means an alcohol or drug-related offense and also an offense in which alcohol or drug abuse or addiction is determined from the evidence to have been a factor in the commission of the offense.

(4) "Alcoholic or drug addict" means any person who habitually uses alcohol or other drugs to the extent that the person endangers the health, safety, or welfare of that person or any other person or group of persons.

(5) "Conditions of probation" means the specification of formal terms and conditions which a defendant must fulfill in order to have the charges against that person dismissed in accordance with the provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 893 and 894.

(6) "Drug division" means the division or divisions of the court to which alcohol- or drug-related offenses are assigned or the employee of the court designated to administer the probation program, as provided by R.S. 13:5304(A).

(7) "Probation" means referral of a defendant who has entered a plea of guilty in a criminal case charging an alcohol or controlled dangerous substance related offense to a supervised probation program as provided in Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 893 and 894.

(8) "Probationer" means a person who has been accepted into a drug division probation program.

(9) "Treatment program" means any governmental agency or other entity which is licensed by the state of Louisiana to provide substance abuse or addiction treatment on a residential or outpatient basis.

Acts 1997, No. 1376, §1.

**RS 13:5304****§5304. The drug division probation program**

A. Each district court by rule may designate as a drug division one or more divisions to which alcohol- or drug-related offenses are assigned and may establish a probation program to be administered by the presiding judge or judges thereof or by an employee designated by the court.

B. Participation in probation programs shall be subject to the following provisions:

(1) The district attorney may propose to the court that an individual defendant be screened for eligibility as a participant in the drug division probation program if all of the following criteria are satisfied:

(a) The individual is charged with a violation of a statute of this state relating to the use and possession of or possession with intent to distribute any narcotic drugs, coca leaves, marijuana, stimulants, depressants, or hallucinogenic drugs, or where there is a significant relationship between the use of alcohol or drugs, or both, and the crime before the court.

(b) The district attorney has reason to believe that the individual who is charged suffers from alcohol or drug abuse or addiction.

(c) It is in the best interest of the community and in the interest of justice to provide the defendant with treatment as opposed to incarceration or other sanctions.

(2) Upon receipt of the proposal provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the court shall advise the defendant that he or she may be eligible for enrollment in a court-authorized treatment program through the drug division probation program.

(3) In offering a defendant the opportunity to request treatment, the court shall advise the defendant of the following:

(a) If the defendant is accepted into the drug division probation program, then the defendant must waive the right to a trial. The defendant must enter a plea of guilty to the charge, with the stipulation that sentencing be deferred or that sentence be imposed, but suspended, and the defendant placed on supervised probation under the usual conditions of probation and under certain special conditions of probation related to the completion of such substance abuse treatment programs as are ordered by the court.

(b) If the defendant requests to undergo treatment and is accepted, the defendant will be placed under the supervision of the drug division probation program for a period determined by the court, except that the probation period for a defendant convicted of a violation of R.S. 14:98, 98.1, 98.2, or 98.3 shall not be less than twelve months.

(c) During treatment the defendant may be confined in a treatment facility or, at the discretion of the court, the defendant may be released on a probationary basis for treatment or supervised aftercare in the community.

(d) The court may impose any conditions reasonably related to the complete rehabilitation of the defendant.

(e) The defendant shall be required to participate in an alcohol and drug testing program at his own expense, unless the court determines that he is indigent.

(f) If the defendant completes the drug division probation program, and successfully completes all other requirements of his court-ordered probation, the conviction may be set aside and the prosecution dismissed in accordance with the provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 893 and 894. If the defendant was sentenced at the time of the entry of the plea of guilty, the successful completion of the drug division probation program and the other requirements of probation will result in his discharge from supervision. If the defendant does not successfully complete the drug division probation program, the judge may revoke the probation and impose sentence, or the judge may revoke the probation and order the defendant to serve the sentence previously imposed and suspended.

(4) The defendant has the right to be represented by counsel at all stages of a criminal prosecution and in any court hearing relating to the drug division probation program. The defendant shall be represented by counsel during the negotiations to determine eligibility to participate in the drug division probation program and shall be represented by counsel at the time of the execution of the probation agreement, and at any hearing to revoke the defendant's probation and discharge him from the program, unless the court finds and the record shows that the defendant has knowingly and intelligently waived his right to counsel.



(5) The defendant must agree to the drug division probation program. If the defendant elects to undergo treatment and participate in the drug division probation program, the court shall order an examination of the defendant by one of the court's designated licensed treatment professionals. Treatment professionals shall possess sufficient experience in working with criminal justice clients with alcohol or drug abuse or addictions, or both, and shall be certified and approved by the state of Louisiana. The designated treatment professionals shall utilize standardized testing and evaluation procedures to determine whether or not the defendant is an appropriate candidate for a treatment program and shall report such findings to the court and the district attorney.

(6) The designated treatment professionals shall examine the defendant, using standardized testing and evaluation procedures, and shall report to the court and the district attorney the results of the examination and evaluation along with its recommendation as to whether or not the individual is a suitable candidate for the drug division probation program. Only those defendants who suffer from alcoholism or a drug abuse or addiction, or both, or who are in danger of becoming dependent on alcohol or drugs and who are likely to be rehabilitated through treatment shall be considered for treatment.

(7) The court shall inform the defendant that the treatment program examiner or district attorney may request that the defendant provide the following information to the court:

- (a) Information regarding prior criminal charges.
- (b) Education, work experience, and training.
- (c) Family history, including residence in the community.
- (d) Medical and mental history, including any psychiatric or psychological treatment or counseling.
- (e) Any other information reasonably related to the success of the treatment program.

(8) The designated program shall recommend to the court a preliminary length of stay and level of care for the defendant.

(9) Besides the report submitted by the examiner, the judge and district attorney shall consider the following factors in determining whether drug court probation would be in the interests of justice and of benefit to the defendant and the community:

- (a) The nature of the crime charged and the circumstances surrounding the crime.
- (b) Any special characteristics or circumstances of the defendant.
- (c) Whether the defendant is a first-time offender of an alcohol- or drug-related offense, and, if the defendant has previously participated in this or a similar program, the degree of success attained.
- (d) Whether there is a probability that the defendant will cooperate with and benefit from probation and treatment through the drug division probation program.
- (e) Whether the available drug division probation program is appropriate to meet the needs of the defendant.

(f) The impact of the defendant's probation and treatment upon the community.

(g) Recommendations, if any, of the involved law enforcement agency.

(h) Recommendations, if any, of the victim.

(i) Provisions for and the likelihood of obtaining restitution from the defendant over the course of his probation.

(j) Any mitigating circumstances.

(k) Any other circumstances reasonably related to the individual defendant's case.

(10) In order to be eligible for the drug division probation program, the defendant must satisfy each of the following criteria:

(a) The defendant cannot have any prior felony conviction for any offense defined as a homicide in R.S. 14:29.

(b) The crime before the court cannot be a crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B), except a first conviction of an offense with a maximum prison sentence of ten years or less that was not committed against a family member or household member as defined by R.S. 14:35.3, or against a dating partner as defined by R.S. 46:2151, or an offense of domestic abuse battery that is punishable by imprisonment at hard labor as provided in R.S. 14:35.3.

(c) Other criminal proceedings alleging commission of a crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B) cannot be pending against the defendant.

(d) The crime before the court cannot be a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol or any other drug or drugs that resulted in the death of a person.

(10.1) A defendant previously convicted or adjudicated a delinquent for the offense of simple battery shall not be deemed ineligible for the drug division probation program on the sole basis of such status.

(11)(a) The judge shall make the final determination of eligibility. If, based on the examiner's report and the recommendations of the district attorney and the defense counsel, the judge determines that the defendant should be enrolled in the drug division probation program, the court shall accept the defendant's guilty plea and suspend or defer the imposition of sentence and place the defendant on probation under the terms and conditions of the drug division probation program. The court also may impose sentence and suspend the execution thereof, placing the defendant on probation under the terms and conditions of the drug division probation program.

(b) If the judge determines that the defendant is not qualified for enrollment, the judge shall state for the record the reasons for that determination.

(c) A treatment professional may petition the court to reject a referral through the drug division probation program if the treatment professional deems the defendant to be inappropriate for admission to the treatment program. Additionally, a treatment professional may petition the court for immediate discharge of any individual who fails to comply with treatment program rules and treatment expectations or who refuses to constructively engage in the treatment process.

C.(1) The terms of each probation agreement shall be decided by the judge. The defendant must agree to enter the program and sign a probation agreement stating the terms and conditions of his program. The defendant must plead guilty to the charge in order to be eligible for the drug division probation program.

(2) Any probation agreement entered into pursuant to this Section shall include the following:

(a) The terms of the agreement, which shall provide that if the defendant fulfills the obligations of the agreement, as determined by the court, then the criminal charges may be dismissed and the prosecution set aside in accordance with the provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 893 and 894, or, if the defendant has been sentenced following the plea of guilty, then the successful completion of the drug division probation program may result in the discharge of the defendant from continued supervision.

(b) A waiver by the defendant of the right to trial by jury under the laws and constitution of Louisiana and the United States.

(c) The defendant's full name.

(d) The defendant's full name at the time the complaint was filed, if different from the defendant's current name.

(e) The defendant's sex and date of birth.

(f) The crime before the court.

(g) The date the complaint was filed.

(h) The court in which the agreement was filed.

(i) A stipulation of the facts upon which the charge was based, as agreed to by the defendant and the district attorney.

(j) A provision that the defendant will be required to pay a probation supervision fee.

(k) A provision in cases where applicable that the defendant will be required to pay restitution to the victim.

(l) A provision that once the defendant is receiving treatment as an outpatient or living in a halfway house he will participate in appropriate job training or schooling or seek gainful employment.

(m) A copy of the plea agreement.

(3) A defendant who is placed under the supervision of the drug division probation program shall pay the cost of the treatment program to which he is assigned and the cost of any additional supervision that may be required, to the extent of his financial resources, as determined by the drug division.

(4) If the probationer does not have the financial resources to pay all the related costs of the probation program:

(a) The court, to the extent practicable, shall arrange for the probationer to be assigned to a treatment program funded by the state or federal government.

(b) The court, with the recommendation of the treatment program, may order the probationer to perform supervised work for the benefit of the community in lieu of paying all or a part of the costs relating to

his treatment and supervision. The work must be performed for and under the supervising authority of a parish, municipality, or other political subdivision or agency of the state of Louisiana or a charitable organization that renders service to the community or its residents.

D.(1) When appropriate, the imposition or execution of sentence shall be postponed while the defendant is enrolled in the treatment program. As long as the probationer follows the conditions of his agreement, he or she shall remain on probation. At the conclusion of the period of probation, the district attorney, on advice of the person providing the probationer's treatment and the probation officer, may recommend that the drug division take one of the following courses of action:

(a) That the probationer's probation be revoked and the probationer be sentenced because the probationer has not successfully completed the treatment and has violated one or more conditions of probation; or, if already sentenced, that the probation be revoked and the probationer be remanded to the appropriate custodian for service of that sentence.

(b) That the period of probation be extended so that the probationer may continue the program.

(c) That the probationer's conviction be set aside and the prosecution dismissed because the probationer has successfully completed all the conditions of his or her probation and treatment agreement.

(2) The district attorney shall make the final determination on whether to request revocation, extension, or dismissal.

(3)(a) If an individual who has enrolled in a program violates any of the conditions of probation or the treatment agreement or appears to be performing unsatisfactorily in the assigned program, or if it appears that the probationer is not benefitting from education, treatment, or rehabilitation, the treatment supervisor, probation officer, or the district attorney may move the court for a hearing to determine if the probationer has violated a condition of probation, whether the probationer should remain in the program, or whether the probation should be revoked and the probationer removed from the program and sentenced or ordered to serve any sentence previously imposed. If at the hearing the moving party can show sufficient proof that the probationer has violated probation or the treatment agreement and has not shown a willingness to submit to rehabilitation, the probationer may be reprimanded, sanctioned for the violation, removed from the program or the treatment agreement may be changed to meet the probationer's specific needs.

(b) If the court finds that the probationer has violated a condition of probation or a provision of the probation agreement and that the probationer should be removed from the probation program, then the court may revoke the probation and sentence the individual in accordance with the guilty plea or, if the individual has been sentenced and the sentence suspended, order the individual to begin serving the sentence.

(c) At any time and for any appropriate reason, the probationer, his probation officer, the district attorney, or his treatment provider may petition the court to reconsider, suspend, or modify its order for rehabilitation or treatment concerning that probationer.

(d) The burden of proof at all such hearings shall be the burden of proof required to revoke probation as provided by law.

E. The appropriate alcohol and drug treatment professional shall report the following changes or conditions to the district attorney at any periodic reporting period specified by the court:

(1) The probationer is changed from an inpatient to an outpatient.

(2) The probationer is transferred to another treatment center or program.

(3) The probationer fails to comply with program rules and treatment expectations.

(4) The probationer refuses to engage constructively in the treatment process.

(5) The probationer terminates his or her participation in the treatment program.

(6) The probationer is rehabilitated or obtains the maximum benefits of rehabilitation or treatment.

F. Upon successful completion of the drug division probation program and its terms and conditions, the judge, after receiving the recommendation from the district attorney, may vacate the judgment of conviction and dismiss the criminal proceedings against the probationer or may discharge the defendant from probation in accordance with the provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure Article 893 or 894.

G. Discharge and dismissal under this Chapter, as provided in Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 893 and 894, shall have the same effect as acquittal, except that the conviction may be considered in order to provide the basis for subsequent prosecution of the party as a multiple offender and shall be considered as an offense for the purposes of any other law or laws relating to cumulation of offenses. Dismissal under this

Chapter shall occur only once with respect to any person. Nothing herein shall be construed as a basis for the destruction of records of the arrest and prosecution of the person.

H. Nothing contained in this Chapter shall confer a right or an expectation of a right to treatment for a defendant or offender within the criminal justice system.

I. Each defendant shall contribute to the cost of substance abuse treatment received in the drug treatment program based upon guidelines developed by the drug division.

J. Each judicial district that establishes a drug division shall adopt written policies and guidelines for the implementation of a probation program in accordance with this Chapter. The policies and guidelines shall include provisions concerning the following:

(1) How to examine the defendant initially to determine if he or she is qualified for enrollment.

(2) How to advise the defendant of the program if the court has reason to believe the defendant may suffer from alcohol or drug abuse or addiction.

(3) What licensed treatment professionals are certified by the court.

K. Each drug division shall develop a method of evaluation so that its effectiveness can be measured. These evaluations shall be compiled annually and transmitted to the judicial administrator of the Supreme Court of Louisiana and shall include information on recidivism reduction on the participants in the program.

L.(1) Except as otherwise provided for by law, the registration and other records of a treatment facility are confidential and shall not be disclosed to any person not connected with the treatment facility or the drug division and district attorney without the consent of the patient.

(2) The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall not restrict the use of patients' records for the purpose of research into the cause and treatment of alcoholism and drug abuse or addiction, provided that such information shall not be published in a way that discloses the patient's name and identifying information.

M. No statement, or any information procured therefrom, with respect to the specific offenses with which the defendant is charged, which is made to any probation officer or alcohol and drug treatment worker subsequent to the granting of probation, shall be admissible in any civil or criminal action or proceeding, except a drug division probation revocation proceeding.

N. A record of the fact that an individual has participated in a drug division probation program shall be maintained by the Supreme Court and shall be made available upon request to any district attorney for the purpose of determining if an individual has previously participated in a drug division probation program.

O.(1) The provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure Article 893(A) and (D) which prohibit the court from suspending or deferring the imposition of sentences for violations of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law or for violations of R.S. 40:966(A), 967(A), 968(A), 969(A), or 970(A) shall not apply to prosecutions in drug division probation programs as authorized by this Chapter.

(2) The minimum mandatory sentence provided for in R.S. 14:98(D)(1) and (E)(1), which shall otherwise be imposed without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence, may be suspended if the offender is prosecuted in a drug division probation program pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter.

Acts 1997, No. 1376, §1; Acts 2003, No. 1053, §1; Acts 2009, No. 182, §1; Acts 2013, No. 388, §1, eff. June 18, 2013; Acts 2013, No. 389, §§3, 5; Acts 2014, No. 337, §1; Acts 2014, No. 604, §1; Acts 2016, No. 509, §2; Acts 2016, No. 609, §1; Acts 2017, No. 280, §2, eff. Nov. 1, 2017; Acts 2022, No. 615, §1.

**RS 13:5305**

§5305. Dismissal of certain criminal charges upon completion of drug division probation program

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, as to any person eligible for participation in a drug division program as provided for under the provisions of this Chapter, when it appears that the best interests of the public and of the defendant will be served, with the prior approval of the district attorney, the court may, without entering a judgment of guilt and with the consent of such person, defer proceedings and place him on probation upon such reasonable terms and conditions as may be required by the court and under the provisions of this Chapter.

B. Upon the defendant's violation of any of the terms or conditions of his probation, the court may revoke his probation, enter an adjudication of guilt, and impose sentence upon such person. The entering of the adjudication of guilt shall be retroactive to the date the defendant pled guilty or was convicted under Subsection A of this Section, but the imposition or execution of sentence shall not be retroactive.

C. Upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions of probation imposed in accordance with this Section, the court shall discharge such person and dismiss the proceedings against him.

D. The discharge and dismissal of charges pursuant to this Section shall be without court adjudication of guilt and shall not be deemed a conviction for purposes of disqualifications or disabilities imposed by law upon conviction of a crime, including the additional penalties imposed for second or subsequent convictions under R.S. 40:982. The discharge and dismissal of charges pursuant to this Section may occur only once with respect to any person.

Acts 2006, No. 229, §1.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK**  
**29TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
**ST. CHARLES PARISH DRUG COURT PROGRAM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby acknowledge that I met individually with \_\_\_\_\_, to review the contents of the St. Charles Parish Drug Court Programs' Participant Handbook.

We reviewed the contents of the Participant Handbook and I had the opportunity to ask questions related to the contents therein.

I further state that I understand the program rules and regulations found within the Drug Court Participant Handbook and I fully agree to abide by all of them.

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge receipt of the Participant Handbook.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Drug Court Representative Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date