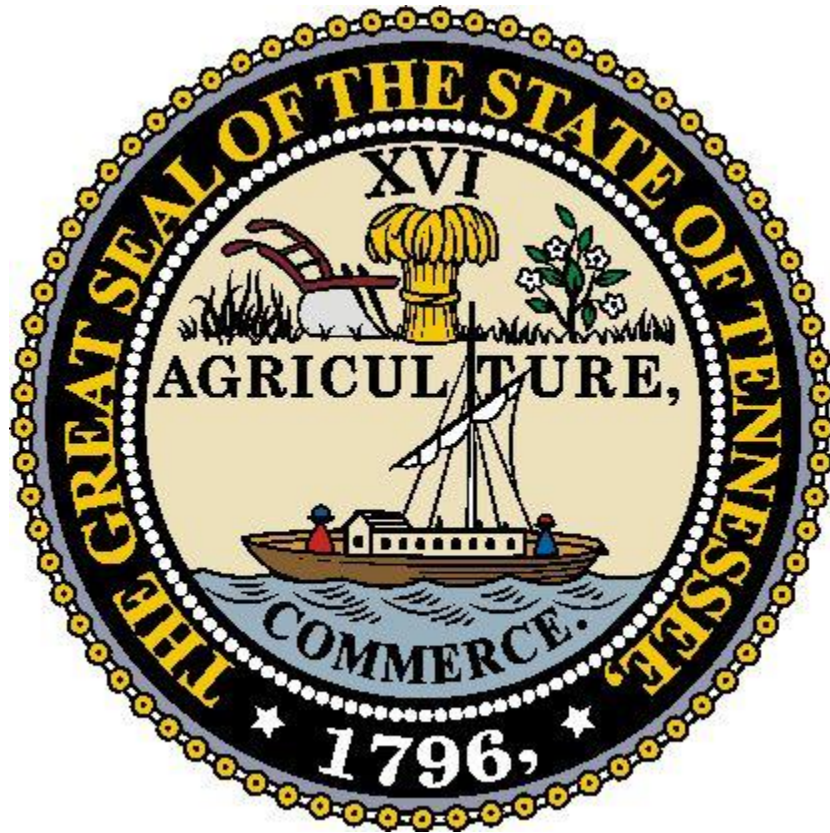


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## **Bradley County Juvenile Recovery Court** **Participant Handbook**



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## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Welcome to the Bradley County Juvenile Recovery Court. This program is a post-conviction or judicial diversion program for juvenile offenders who have substance abuse issues and have not been successful in maintaining drug abstinence. This handbook will explain the goals, structure, and expectations of this intensive program. Do not lose or throw away this handbook because it provides important information that will help you to successfully graduate from this recovery court.

The program is a minimum of 30 weeks and may be extended longer if necessary. Participants must remain clean and sober, be a productive citizen in the community, and complete all of the requirements of the program in order to be eligible for graduation. All participants will be under close supervision by his/her probation officer with bi-weekly court reviews before the Recovery Court Referee. Treatment and services required for the program will be assessed and recommended based on the needs of each participant.

The aim of the Bradley County Juvenile Recovery Court is to provide participants and his/her family with the supervision, support, education, and resources necessary to make lasting and positive lifestyle changes. The combined efforts of the Recovery Court team, service providers, and family will assist each participant in breaking the cycle of substance use and/or abuse. Each participant, however, **will be accountable** for his or her actions while in the program and will accept the consequences of those actions. The following are some of the tools that the program will utilize to help achieve the goal of sustained sobriety:

- Judicial Supervision through bi-weekly court hearings
- Substance Abuse Monitoring
- Probation Supervision
- Random Drug Screening
- Relapse Prevention Intervention
- Risk/Needs Assessments with Recommendations for Services
- Educational/Career Support
- Incentives and Sanctions

The assessments and services available to this recovery court program will be used to develop an individualized plan for treatment and recovery for each juvenile. Participants and their families will be expected to abide by the plan that is developed as it will become an order of the court. This plan is in addition to the standard rules that apply to all probationers. Any recommendations from treatment providers will be incorporated into the recovery court plan.

The goal of this process is to identify the underlying needs behind the drug use/abuse and to develop a plan that meets those specific target areas. Upon graduation, it is the hope of this recovery court that each graduate is a productive family member and citizen within the community as demonstrated by regular school attendance, consistent effort in academic achievement, positive behavior in the home and community, regular involvement in pro-social

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activities, active participation in community events and activities, and abstinence from the use and abuse of mind-altering chemicals including alcohol.

**This program is not easy.** It requires many hours of participation by the juvenile and their families. However, full cooperation with the Recovery Court Team, Magistrate, Probation Officer (P.O.), and treatment providers will help keep the amount of time the participant is in the program to a minimum.

Please read this handbook carefully. **It is your responsibility** to be familiar with its contents. Failure to abide by the contents found within can result in immediate sanctions. It is imperative that you keep your copy of this handbook throughout the duration of your time in the program. The last page of this handbook contains a contact record that must be signed at each judicial review.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mission of the Bradley County Juvenile Recovery Court is to promote safer communities by reducing substance abuse and delinquent activity among juveniles through multi-disciplinary intervention and the provision of intensive, comprehensive, and individualized services.

### **PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

The following is a list of program rules and requirements for the Bradley County Juvenile Recovery Court. All of these rules are designed to keep participants on track to graduate the program and become responsible citizens of the community. Failure to follow these rules could result in an immediate sanction and violation of recovery court probation.

- Participants must attend all scheduled Juvenile Recovery Court sessions.
- Participants must participate in drug rehabilitation treatment.
- Participants must be on time for all scheduled appointments with P.O., drug treatment, community service and any other court ordered program.
- Participants may not use any alcohol, drugs, tobacco or other mind-altering chemicals while on the program.
- Participants must contact P.O. if they are prescribed any drug by a doctor, are going to be absent from scheduled drug treatment, or if they are going to miss court.
- Participants in Phases I and II will not participate in overnight stays (sleepovers) with friends at home or anyone else's home.
- Participants must follow all the rules of probation.
- Participants are allotted **7 EXCUSED** absences from school per semester and are required to contact their P.O. when they are going to be absent from school.
- Participants must attend all Recovery Court field trips (e.g. ropes course, sporting events, social activities, college tours, etc.). These activities are made possible through generous donations from the community, so they will not be taken for granted.

### **RULES OF PROBATION**

- 1.** **PROBATIONER** shall be a law-abiding citizen and obey reasonable and law-abiding rules of parent/guardian.
- 2.** **PROBATIONER** shall remain in school with satisfactory grades without any unexcused absences or discipline referrals.
- 3.** **PROBATIONER** shall get permission from P.O. before quitting school, obtaining GED or being employed.
- 4.** **PROBATIONER** shall attend ALL scheduled meetings with P.O.
- 5.** **PROBATIONER** shall be honest and forthright with members of the Recovery Court Team, parents, teachers, and others in authority.
- 6.** **PROBATIONER** shall not leave Bradley County without parental supervision.
- 7.** **PROBATIONER** and family shall participate in family counseling if so, directed by the P.O. and authorize release of same as necessary.
- 8.** **PROBATIONER** shall not associate (socialize or spend time) with any known person or persons on probation, parole, or a gang affiliated individual.
- 9.** **PROBATIONER** shall not associate (socialize or spend time) with any known person or persons engaged in delinquent or unlawful conduct or activity.
- 10.** **PROBATIONER** shall not possess any weapons of any kind (as defined by the zero-tolerance policy in TCA 39-17-1309). This does include stun guns and/or tasers.
- 11.** **PROBATIONER** shall submit to random drug/ alcohol tests by their P.O. either at school, home, treatment, or Juvenile Detention Center.
- 12.** **PROBATIONER** must inform his/ her P.O. of any contact with law enforcement within 24 hours of the event.
- 13.** **PROBATIONER** shall observe the curfew of: 13-15 years of age - 8PM weeknights 9PM on Weekends; 16 years of age and older - 8PM weeknights 10PM on weekends. The P.O. can require a 24-hour curfew whenever deemed necessary.

### **PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN REQUIREMENTS**

- **Parent/legal guardian** is responsible for providing transportation to all recovery court activities unless otherwise arranged by Recovery Court Team.
- **Parent/legal guardian** and child will be present for all scheduled judicial reviews.
- **Parent/legal guardian** is responsible for contacting the Recovery Court P.O. if you cannot attend any scheduled Recovery Court activity.
- **Parent/legal guardian** is responsible for ensuring his/her child is abiding by all Recovery Court rules and requirements **and** contacting the YSO if his/her child fails to do so.
- **Parent/legal guardian** will be a positive example for his or her child. This is to include providing a drug free home environment. If there is reasonable suspicion, *parents/legal guardians agree to submit to a drug screen.*
- **Parent/legal guardian** will attend any treatment/class programming ordered by the Recovery Court **and** sign all necessary releases of information so that court can monitor compliance.
- **Parent/legal guardian** understands that if he or she fails to abide by set guidelines or is aiding their child in negative behaviors, a Show-Cause order could be issued for non-compliance. Failure to provide sufficient cause could lead to discipline measures against the parent/legal guardian. These measures can include, but are not limited to, community service, fines, or jail time.

### **INCENTIVES AND SANCTIONS**

Incentives and sanctions are the method by which this court both rewards positive behavior and/or progress and responds to negative behavior. Incentives may be given for phase advancement, completion of a stated goal, positive social behavior and activities, or other actions deemed commendable by the Recovery Court Team. Incentives are individualized whenever possible and can vary depending on the information provided in the Interest Survey. Some examples could be a reduction in curfew, extra time on the computer/social media, gift cards to specific locations, overnight stays with approved friends, etc.

Sanctions are used as a form of discipline for behavior that is in violation of the rules of probation, Recovery Court, and/or the Behavior Contract. As with incentives, sanctions are intended to be individualized and based on information gathered in the Interest Survey. Whenever possible, participants will be made aware of the possible sanctions for behaviors beforehand in an effort to encourage participants to avoid negative behavior. Some examples of possible sanctions are strict curfew, loss of privileges (cell phone, computer time, TV time, etc.), restricted from participating in recreational activities, probation violated, etc. Participants will be involved in the determination of their own sanctions and incentives during Phase I.

### **CELL PHONE POLICY**

Cell phones are a privilege not a right. Unlike rights, privileges can be revoked at any time. Cell phone use will be a part of both the incentives and sanctions of this court. If the Drug Court Team and or parent/guardian deem it necessary, a participant can have their access to a cell phone limited or completely cut off in an effort to prevent negative behavior. For a participant who has lost access to their cell phone, any attempt to acquire another phone or use one without adult supervision will result in further sanctions.

Furthermore, participants who are still of the age of minority (under 18 years of age) will have no expectation of privacy regarding their cell phone. A parent/guardian will have full access to any content on the cell phone at any time they request to inspect the phone. The owner of the cell phone account (i.e. the one who pays the bill) can also give permission to the YSO to inspect the participant's cell phone at any time. Any portion of their phone that is locked by a password will be unlocked for parents/guardians/Probation Officer when they are inspecting the phone. Participants will also not use any apps that delete data after it is viewed (e.g. Snapchat, Invisible Text, etc.).

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Each participant will complete community service hours as a condition for graduation from the Recovery Court. The number of hours and project selected will be determined by the Bradley County Recovery Court Coordinator

### **COURT ROOM RULES**

- Arrive on time for court at 5:30 pm.
- Family members only in the courtroom.
- Remain seated in court. No one is to leave once court begins.
- Participants must sit with their parent/guardian in the courtroom.
- Participants must follow all other listed rules posted inside the lobby listed at the front entrance.

### **COURT DRESS CODE**

The following is a list of **unacceptable** clothing or accessory items in the courtroom. This is a court of law and **will** be respected. **Appropriate dress is mandatory**. There will be none of the following:

- Hats or any head gear
- Tank tops (i.e., "wife beaters")
- Shorts above the knee
- Piercing in ears only, any other visible body piercings are not acceptable.
- Alcohol or drug paraphernalia on any visible clothing garment

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- Sagging or Bare midriffs
- Gang affiliated clothing
- No clothing garments shall be worn ripped and/or torn.
- No clothing with profanity or inappropriate graphics

The Recovery Court Team has the authority to make decisions regarding the appropriateness of any clothing or accessory worn to Recovery Court.

### **GRADUATION**

A participant will be eligible for graduation when the following criteria have been met:

- All four phases and aftercare have been successfully completed
- All court costs and fines are paid
- Completion of Community Service Project
- Grades, attendance, and discipline are satisfactory
- Minimum of 60 days of sobriety

**PROGRAM PHASES**

The Juvenile Recovery Court consists of four phases and aftercare. Phase I is limited to six weeks; however, all other phases consist of a minimum number of weeks listed below, but they can be extended if necessary.

<p><b>Phase I</b></p> <p><i>Assessment</i></p> <p><b>6 weeks</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matrix Referral for A&amp;D           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Follow Recommendations for Treatment</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 2 School visits/Drug tests per week (Monday and Friday)</li> <li>• Bi-weekly Court Dates</li> <li>• Complete Questionnaire</li> <li>• Sign Participation Contract           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Parent/Guardian Contract</li> <li>○ Cell Phone Contract</li> <li>○ Consent to Search</li> <li>○ Curfew Form (24 Hour Curfew)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Initial Home Visit/Search</li> <li>• Clean Screen at the end of the 3 Months to move onto Phase II</li> </ul>
<p><b>Phase II</b></p> <p><i>Engagement</i></p> <p><b>10 weeks (minimum)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard Curfew if Drug Screens are clean.</li> <li>• Continue Treatment</li> <li>• Identify Activity</li> <li>• 1 Drug Test per week/Visit if clean (Random Drug Screens Throughout)</li> <li>• Service Project/Community Service (10 Hours each Month of Phase II)</li> <li>• Bi-Weekly Court Dates</li> <li>• Clean 30 Days before moving onto Phase III</li> </ul>
<p><b>Phase III</b></p> <p><i>Application</i></p> <p><b>6 weeks (minimum)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard Curfew</li> <li>• Continued Treatment or Aftercare if Recommended</li> <li>• Job Search/Resume for Highschoolers or Above</li> <li>• CSW 10 Hours a Month for Middle Schoolers</li> <li>• ATS Bridge Drug Class with Parents</li> <li>• Bi-Weekly Court Date</li> <li>• Weekly Visits/Drug Screens</li> <li>• Home Visit for Search</li> <li>• Clean Entire Phase; if not, bumped back down to Phase II</li> </ul>
<p><b>Phase IV</b></p> <p><i>Lifestyle</i></p> <p><b>6 weeks (minimum)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extended Curfew</li> <li>• Bi-Weekly School Visit/Screens</li> <li>• Bi-Weekly Court Dates</li> <li>• Sobriety Plan</li> <li>• Check in Call or Text</li> <li>• Exit Evaluation/Interview</li> <li>• All Court Costs/Fines Paid</li> </ul>



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