

OVERVIEW

In 2005, the City of Lansing implemented the Sobriety Court Program in response to the serious community problem of drunk driving.

The program's multifaceted approach utilizes a team concept. It includes a fast-track system with routine team staffing, frequent interaction with a Judge, intensive supervision by the probation officers, intensive treatment, random drug screening, alcohol testing, community service and attendance at a MADD Victim Impact Panel.

Treatment consists of individualized assessment and treatment planning, individual and group counseling for substance abuse and other issues, self-help support meetings, education, life skills, parenting and employment issues.

Positive reinforcement is provided for performance in the program. Sanctions are imposed and therapeutic interventions made in response to non-compliance.

PHASES OF THE PROGRAM

Each of the program's phases is designed with a built-in incentive system. Participants receive credit for requirements performed which advances them through the phases.

Phase I (eight week minimum)

- Judicial one-on-one review every two weeks
- Meet with probation officer once a week
- Substance abuse counseling
- Daily alcohol testing
- Random drug screening
- Employment
- Random home visits
- Journaling

Phase II (eight week minimum)

- Judicial one-on-one review every four weeks
- Meet with probation officer every two weeks
- 10 hours of community service
- Attend MADD Victim Panel
- Self-help support sponsor
- Self-help support meetings
- Continue all other program activities

Phase III (eight week minimum)

- Judicial one-on-one review every six weeks
- Meet with probation officer every two weeks
- 20 hours of community service
- Continue with program activities

Phase IV Transition (12 week min.)

- Judicial one-on-one every eight weeks
- Meet with probation officer monthly
- Substance abuse counseling as directed
- Random PBT and drug testing
- Continue with self-help support

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Upon successful completion of Phases above and payment of all court monies.

Post-Graduation (3 to 12 months)

- 12 step meetings
- Random alcohol and drug screening

SERVICES

One-on-One Judicial Interaction,
Intensive Probation Supervision,
Substance Abuse, Mental Health,
Family and other Counseling,
Random Alcohol and Drug
Screening, Education Programs,
Community Service,
MADD Victim Impact Panel,
Employment Assistance.

ELIGIBILITY

Non-violent defendants who have
been convicted of repeat drinking
and driving offenses may be eligible
for the program.

Participants must live in the greater
Lansing area. Participants cannot
have a prior conviction for a violent
offense or drug delivery.

For further information contact:
54A District Court Probation
5th Floor City Hall
124 W. Michigan Ave.
Lansing MI 48933
517.483.4424
www.lansingcourt.com

MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Lansing Sobriety Court's
mission is to enhance the public safety
and community welfare by reducing
recidivism among alcohol offenders.
The mission is accomplished through an
interdisciplinary approach which
includes intensive supervision,
individualized treatment, and personal
accountability through frequent judicial
review. The program will effectively
use court and community resources to
support individuals in developing and
maintaining a substance free lifestyle

RESULTS

- * Participants become clean and sober
- * Reduction in alcohol related crimes
- * Reduce expensive incarceration costs
- * Significantly reduce recidivism
- * Returns productive member to
society

**IMPROVED OUTCOMES MEAN
FEWER DRUNK DRIVERS, LESS
VICTIMS AND A SAFER
COMMUNITY!**

54A District Court SOBRIETY COURT



**A PROGRAM OF
INTENSIVE
JUDICIAL
INTERVENTION,
TREATMENT,
SUPERVISION AND
MONITORING**