

Community Collaboration

Green Lake County Treatment Court is a multi-disciplinary collaborative effort between:

- Green Lake County Courts
- Green Lake County District Attorney's Office
- State Public Defender's Office
- Green Lake County Correctional Facility
- Green Lake County Sheriff's Department
- Green Lake County Health & Human Services
- Wisconsin Department of Corrections

Goals & Benefits

- Reduce alcohol/drug related crimes
- Reduce offender contacts with the Criminal Justice System.
- Provide intensive treatment and other services to support recovery.
- Break the cycle of drugs and/or alcohol use and crime.
- Reduce criminal justice costs.
- Decrease recidivism.
- Enhance social, moral, educational, and employment capacity in program participants.

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Green Lake County Treatment Court

**A Judicially monitored
Treatment Alternative Diversion
Program**

Program Overview

Green Lake County Treatment Court Program was launched in response to the devastation caused by addiction in our community. Treatment Courts are the most effective criminal justice intervention for breaking the cycle between substance misuse and criminal behavior. The multi-disciplinary Treatment Court team oversees the progress of participants in the program.

Entry into the program requires a Treatment Court contract agreement between the Green Lake County District Attorney's Office, the participant and his/her Defense Counsel. Entry also requires a plea of guilty or no contest to current charges. Participants can also enter the program through a referral from the Department of Corrections.

Once accepted, each participant will receive a comprehensive evaluation and an individualized care plan. Participants make frequent appearances before the Treatment Court Judge. They will receive intensive case management, supervision, and support in the community. Participants are required to attend treatment, comply with random drug tests, and participate in community service. The average length of the program is 14 months.

Eligibility Criteria

- Established resident of Green Lake County.
- Assessed as high risk/high needs using a validated assessment tool.
- Assessed as having a severe Substance Use Disorder
- Charged with and/or convicted of a misdemeanor or felony involving the possession, use, or sale of a controlled substance or other crime motivated by substance use.
- Criminal proceeding must be at the post-conviction stage with a minimum of 18 months of supervision available.
- Voluntarily agree to abide by all Treatment Court Conditions/Terms of Participation including signing all releases of information as requested.

Exclusionary Criteria

- Be a violent offender by Federal definition

Treatment Overview

Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT)

MRT is the premiere cognitive-behavioral program for substance abuse treatment and criminal justice defendants. It is an intensive group therapy program designed to restructure thinking patterns. MRT seeks to decrease recidivism by increasing moral reasoning.

Substance Use Disorder Treatment

- **Seeking Safety**
Integrated treatment of trauma and substance misuse. Includes topics among cognitive, behavioral and interpersonal domains.

Treatment and Case Management

Services Provided By:

Green Lake County Department of Health and Human Services