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# Drug Diversion and Treatment Program



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## A Message from the District Attorney:



*As District Attorney, I often hear about the heartbreaking stories of lives lost or destroyed as a result of drug abuse. I am pleased we are able to offer a voluntary drug diversion and treatment program at Eastern Hampshire, Greenfield, Northampton, and Orange District Courts as an alternative to the traditional court process.*

*This innovative program gives people who are struggling with addiction to drugs the opportunity to obtain treatment and support in a compassionate and meaningful way.*

*Together, we can help individuals in our community to deal with their addictions, gain sobriety, and lead productive lives. We can all help to reduce the consequences of addiction while making our communities safer.*



# The Drug Diversion and Treatment Model

## Treatment in Lieu of Prosecution

The program seeks to reduce drug abuse and improve public safety by offering treatment on demand.

## Program provides opportunity

Clients receive comprehensive substance abuse services, including a recovery coach.

## Clinical interventions & after-care

Treatment includes appropriate outpatient services and support designed to help participants become drug-free.

## Continuum of treatment

Completing Diversion requires participation in a continuum of treatment interventions and case management for a period of at least six months.

**The Northwestern District Attorney's Drug Diversion and Treatment Program** is designed for non-violent offenders with substance abuse issues, who are charged with certain drug-related offenses.

This voluntary program seeks to reduce drug abuse and improve public safety by offering evaluation, treatment and intensive case management.

It provides eligible candidates with the opportunity to receive comprehensive substance abuse treatment services in lieu of prosecution through the traditional court process.

Completing the diversion program requires full participation in an individualized treatment plan with case management for a **period of at least six months**. Eligible persons must sign a contract acknowledging responsibility for their behavior and agree to voluntarily participate in all aspects of the program.

## Clinical Intervention and After-care

The clinical evaluations and treatment plans are administered by clinicians from Clinical & Support Options and Center for Human Development. Treatment options include a range of inpatient and outpatient services and support designed to help participants become drug-free, functioning members of society.

Persons identified by the District Attorney's Office as eligible to enter the program will:

- Receive a thorough clinical evaluation;
- Participate in intensive treatment;
- Be subject to strong case management, including drug screening when applicable;
- Offered a recovery coach to assist with long-term recovery and sobriety.

Compliance is recognized as confirmed participation in appropriate treatment modalities and the consistent maintenance of sobriety from all illicit, non-prescribed substances and alcohol.

When necessary, a client who completes the program will receive assistance in addressing their housing, employment and education needs as part of their after-care plan.

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