

Juneau Therapeutic Court

What are the Benefits of the Juneau Therapeutic Court?

- Reduced jail time and fines
- Possible dismissal of the case
- Swift access to substance abuse assessments and treatment
- Assistance with housing and job searches
- Safer roads and communities
- Eligibility for a limited license

What is the Juneau Therapeutic Court?

The Juneau Therapeutic Court helps felony and misdemeanor defendants who want to overcome a serious addiction. The Juneau Therapeutic Court is a jail diversion program that offers intensive substance abuse treatment and community supervision to support participants' abstinence and recovery.

Who is Eligible and How do I Get Referred?

A defendant is eligible to be considered for the Juneau Therapeutic Court if the defendant is:

- Charged with a felony or misdemeanor drug or drug-related charge, **or**
- Charged with a felony DUI, **and**
- Assessed as needing intensive outpatient substance abuse treatment.

Entry into the Juneau Therapeutic Court is not automatic, but is based on state prosecutor approval and treatment assessment. Contact the Project Coordinator (contact information on last panel) or your defense attorney for an application form.

How Much does it Cost?

Program fees are based on a sliding scale and some additional financial assistance may be available. You may also be required to access electronic monitoring.

How does the Juneau Therapeutic Court Work?

The Juneau Therapeutic Court is an intensive 12- to 18-month program.

Participants are required to:

- Attend intensive outpatient substance abuse treatment and other services as recommended
- Attend recovery support groups such as AA or NA
- Attend regular compliance hearings before the Juneau Therapeutic Court judge
- Attend regularly scheduled meetings with their probation officers
- Be employed or attend school for a minimum of 24 hours a week
- Undergo regular alcohol and drug testing
- Maintain sobriety
- Pay program fees

Who is the Juneau Therapeutic Court Team?

The Juneau Therapeutic Court Team is made up of the judge, state prosecutor, defense attorney, treatment provider, case manager/probation officer, and project coordinator. Team members support and encourage participants while holding them accountable.

The Juneau Therapeutic Court is a cooperative effort of:

- Alaska Court System
- Alaska Department of Law
- Alaska Public Defender Agency
- Alaska Department of Corrections
- City and Borough of Juneau
- Alaska Highway Safety Office
- Gastineau Human Services
- Alaska Division of Behavioral Health ASAP
- Alaska State Troopers
- Community members

Juneau Therapeutic Court Status Hearings are open to the public. These are generally held on Wednesdays at 3:30 pm at the Dimond Courthouse, 123 4th Street, Juneau. Judge Swanson presides. If you are interested in observing court, please call (907) 465-4756 to confirm that court is being held on its regularly scheduled day.

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