



"A Drug Court is a special court given the responsibility to handle cases involving substance-abusing offenders through comprehensive supervision, drug testing, treatment services and immediate sanctions and incentives.

Drug Court programs bring the full weight of all interveners (judges, prosecutors, defense counsel, substance abuse treatment specialists, probation officers, law enforcement and correctional personnel, educational and vocational experts, community leaders and others) to bear, forcing the offender to deal with his or her substance abuse problem.

In addition, drug courts ensure consistency in judicial decision-making and enhance the coordination of agencies and resources, increasing the cost effectiveness of programs."

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# MADISON COUNTY DRUG COURT

## WHAT IS MC-ATAC

In a response to Madison County's significant growth in drug related crimes, local leaders formed a drug control strategy task force. Through a series of public hearings, the task force discovered a need to organize a response to the growing problem. The task force implemented a specialized court, known as a Drug Court, and created the Madison County Assessment & Treatment Alternative Court (MC-ATAC) consisting of both intensive substance abuse treatment and court supervision.



## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the MC-ATAC program is to promote public safety and reduce recidivism by providing intensive treatment, supervision & judicial oversight for drug dependant individuals, who commit non-violent crimes as a result of their drug addictions, and to return sober, law-abiding citizens back into the community

## COST & FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

The Madison County Board was instrumental in making the MC-ATAC program possible. The County Board's strong support and allocation of funds allows MC-ATAC to be operational. Special tax revenues for treatment services are provided by the Madison County Community Mental Health (708) Board.

Any Drug Court participant with court-related financial obligations, such as child support, restitution, or probation service fees will make court approved payments on a regular scheduled basis.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- T.A.S.C. provides the substance abuse assessment for persons eligible to enter MC-ATAC
- There are 3 phases to the program. Participants move through each phase based on their individual participation.
- Substance abuse treatment is provided by Chestnut Health Systems. The type of treatment or services a participant receives is based upon the participant's needs.
- Regular attendance at 12-step support group meetings is mandatory.
- Weekly random drug screens.
- Supervision consists of face-to-face meetings on a scheduled basis.
- Court appearances are mandatory and are held on a scheduled basis.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE

The MC-ATAC program has 2 tracks available to individuals who have charged with a felony. Individuals entering the MC-ATAC program will do so through written agreement between the State's Attorney's office and the defense attorney.

### Track I

\*Individuals who are first time felony offenders, have little to no criminal history and are charged with one of the following or are charged with an offense not list below and have prior approval of the State's Attorney's office:

- Class 3 & 4 Drug Possession (No trafficking)
- Class 3 & 4 Theft or Retail Theft
- Deceptive Practices or Forgery
- Criminal Damage to Property
- Prostitution

\* Individuals enter treatment and successfully complete requirements in lieu of prosecution

### Track II

\*Individuals who are not eligible for Track I, have a prior criminal history, are currently on probation or who qualify for being placed on probation. Individuals considered for this Track must have prior approval of the State's Attorney's Office.

\*Individuals who enter treatment and successfully complete requirements are eligible for early discharge from probation.