

GUIDELINES

A. Eligibility and Ineligibility (Certification Requirements 1.3 & 1.4)

Individuals with offenses in Troup County who have with two DUI convictions within a five-year period, or who have three lifetime convictions are eligible to be reviewed for entry into the Troup County DUI/Drug Court. These individuals will be sentenced to the DUI/Drug Court unless there is a criminal history that would exclude them or other extenuating circumstances which bar them from participating or make them incapable of finishing the process. Also participants must live in or around Troup County in order to be eligible for program entry (*Standards*, 3.1, 3.2).

Individuals with one DUI conviction, and others with no DUI conviction who exhibit a pattern of criminal behavior consistent with continuing substance abuse, may be sentenced to participate in the DUI/Drug Court program at the Judge's discretion. Should an individual, or his/her attorney, request the DUI/Drug Court, such request will be evaluated and a determination will be made regarding participation (*Standards*, 2.4). Criteria for eligibility requirements in the Court's target population may include but should not be limited to demographic information, current charge, prior record, nature and severity of substance abuse problem, non-violent charges, and other criteria. (Certification Requirement 3.3)

B. Financial Issues

Participants accepted into the Troup County DUI/Drug Court will be required to pay the mandatory minimum fines for their DUI charge. Participants are responsible for all costs attend to their participation including all intake fees, treatment costs, probation supervision fees, and drug screen confirmation costs when the confirmation is positive. Maintaining financial obligations is a part of participation in the DUI/Drug Court, and action will be taken if not addressed by the participant. It is the participant's responsibility to work out payment arrangements with the Treatment Provider and the Probation Officer. Arrearages to the DUI/Drug Court greater than \$300.00 require an established payment plan in order that all participants maintain their financial responsibly to the Court. Participants who have trouble paying their treatment fees will be offered the chance to do extra Community Service Work that will provide funds to pay for treatment.

Inability to pay is not exclusion to participate. The Court, in partnership with primary treatment provider Counseling and Psychological Services, Inc., has created indigent slots so that the lack of financial resources will never prevent participation. It is expected that any participant who is put in an indigent slot will move out of that slot in a designated period of time in order for others to take advantage of this opportunity.

C. Public Safety Issues

It is the responsibility of the DUI/Drug Court Judge to decide what violation or behavior will result in the incarceration of a participant. If, however, in the judgement of the DUI/Drug Coordinator, a