

Goals & Benefits

- To break the cycle of alcohol and/or drug use and driving, thereby enhancing public safety.
- To reduce criminal justice costs by reducing alcohol/drug addiction and crime.
- To reduce incarceration for participants who undergo treatment and case management.
- To provide a comprehensive treatment and monitoring program.
- To enhance personal, academic, and employment abilities among program participants.



The Rock County OWI Court is a collaborative effort between the Rock County Courts, Rock County District Attorney's Office, State Public Defender's Office, DOC Division of Community Corrections, Rock County Human Services, and the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

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Rock County OWI Treatment
Court Program

Honorable R. Alan Bates Presiding
Meets Tuesdays at 4 pm
Courtroom C
Rock County Courthouse
51 S. Main Street
Janesville, WI 53545

Rock County OWI Treatment Court Program

**Serving 3rd
Offense OWI
Offenders**



Improving
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producing
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The Rock County OWI Court's mission is to improve public safety by producing sober drivers. The Court incorporates research driven principles and accountability to save money, lives, and create a better community. It is a voluntary, post-adjudication specialty court created to reduce recidivism by allowing OWI 3rd Offense defendants to participate in substance abuse treatment under judicial and community supervision.



It is a four-phase program consisting of intensive supervision of defendants by a case manager and probation officer, frequent appearances before the OWI Court judge, individualized drug/alcohol treatment, other treatment/counseling as necessary, random drug testing, home visits, and support group attendance. Participants are required to be on electronic monitoring through Probation. AODA treatment and case management will be provided by the Rock County Human Services Department. Monitoring and linking to collateral services will continue throughout all phases of the program. OWI Court will also work in concert with the Intoxicated Driver Program in an effort to secure participants' licenses.

Program Overview

Upon entrance to the program each participant will receive an individualized Risk and AODA assessment to determine areas of need. Based on these assessments, the individual will be required to participate in treatment groups as recommended by the Case Manager and Probation Department. Each participant will receive intensive case management to monitor and support the individual in the community. Participants are required to submit to random Urinalysis/Swab and Breathalyzer tests as well as home checks. Clients are required to appear weekly before Judge R. Alan Bates for a review of their treatment progress.

Eligibility Criteria

An offender is eligible to participate in the Rock County OWI Court if:

- The defendant is a resident of Rock County;
- The defendant is charged as an adult;
- The defendant is charged with a 3rd offense OWI in Rock County, (not eligible if have multiple pending 3rd offense OWIs);
- The defendant is willing to comply with the OWI Court Program rules;
- The defendant is found, through use of a screening and assessment tool, to be a person who is diagnosed with a moderate to severe Substance Use Disorder;
- The defendant is able to physically participate in treatment activities (within guidelines of the American with Disabilities Act); and
- The defendant's criminal record check must disclose no prior violent felony convictions.

**Eligibility criteria can be waived at the discretion of the team on a case-by-case basis.

Fees

Participants are required to pay \$75 per month to participate in the program. The average length of time in the program is 18 months.

Participant Incentives

- Defendants will receive lowest penalties as allowed under OWI Sentencing Guidelines
- Reduced fees & fines
- Jail sentence significantly reduced—participant receives preference for Electronic Monitoring
- Time on Probation reduced upon program completion
- Evidence-based AODA treatment provided free of charge to participants without insurance
- IID timeframe/costs reduced
- Personalized assistance receiving occupational driver's license
- Period of license revocation lessened
- Improve chance for a healthy, sober life

