# A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

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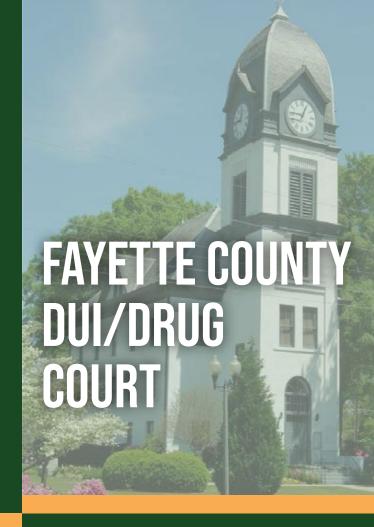
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- ASSISTANCE WITH LICENSE REINSTATEMENT WHEN ELIGIBLE

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- REDUCES COMMUNITY COST (JAIL AND COURT TIME)
- FOCUSES ON REHABILITATION
- PROMOTES PRO-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR
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## **COURT TEAM**

- STATE COURT JUDGE
- COURT COORDINATOR
- COURT CASE MANAGER
- PUBLIC DEFENDER
- SOLICITOR GENERAL
- SURVEILLANCE OFFICER
- PROBATION OFFICER
- TREATMENT TEAM
- COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
- DRUG SCREENERS



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#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- 2nd DUI in 5 years or 3rd DUI in lifetime or DUI with aggravating circumstances
- Resident of Fayette County
- No violent convictions
- No convictions for selling or distributing a controlled substance
- Admission of a problem and a desire for treatment and recovery

#### THE PROCESS

- · Solicitor-General screens and refers
- Court Coordinator meets with potential participant to review program and complete initial paperwork
- Treatment provider conducts evaluation and gives recommendation to Court
- Plea scheduled
- Participant reports to Court to complete contract, paperwork, and enters plea

#### **TREATMENT**

- Individualized counseling and treatment plan with 4 phases, lasting on average 15-18 months
- Weekly group sessions, AA/NA meetings, random drug and alcohol testing

#### **SUPERVISION**

- Frequent and random substance abuse testing
- Residence compliance checks
- Ensure accountability
- Monitor for non-compliance
- Progresive sanctions for regression
- Reward positive phase progression
- Requires monthly court sessions

# MISSION STATEMENT

Identify and educate those with addictions through accountability and treatment to strengthen our community in a collaborative court setting.

The Fayette County DUI/Drug Court Program was established in 2016 to provide evidence based treatment to those with alcohol and drugs issues and have been charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. The program encompasses vocational, spiritual, and educational components in conjunction with substance abuse treatment. The DUI/Drug court team consists of the judge, solicitor- general, Law enforcement, public defender's, a court coordinator, probation officers, and licensed substance abuse treatment professionals.

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- VETERANS JUSTICE OUTREACH SPECIALIST
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#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Candidates must be a veteran with service in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, or corresponding reserves or National Guard. Additionally, one must also have the following charges and no excluding factors:

- Possession of a controlled substance
- Prescription drug offense
- Criminal charges in which drug is a major factor or where are indications that trauma or mental illness may have a factor
- Recommendations from law enforcement officers, probation officers, defense attorneys, solicitor general's office, family, etc.



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- Requires monthly court sessions
- Regular communication with veteran monitor

# MISSION STATEMENT

Identify and educate Veterans through accountability and treatment to strengthen our community in a collaborative environment. The process that eligible participants receive entails individualized treatment, mentoring, and surveillance in the form of random check-ups and drug/alcohol testing.

The Fayette County Veterans Treatment Court was established by State Court Judge Jason B. Thompson in July 2019. It is a voluntary 4-phase program for adults with prior military service who have been charged with one or more criminal offenses in Fayette county and are struggling with addiction, mental illnesses, and/or trauma-related disorders such as PTSD. The judge, court staff, probation officer, treatment team, and other team members will guide and assist you. The program requires individuals to be motivated to make these changes and commit to a drug-free life.