

Juneau Therapeutic Court

Overcome addiction and minimize jail time

What Happens in Juneau Therapeutic Court?

If you enter the program you will:

- Get an alcohol assessment
- Enter treatment with an alcoholism counselor
- Take a medicine that stops cravings for alcohol
- Attend MRT (Moral Reconciliation Therapy)
- Attend Alcoholics Anonymous or other recovery meetings
- Frequently appear before the Juneau Therapeutic Court Judge for Compliance hearings
- Work or attend school a minimum of 32 hours a week
- Be tested for continued sobriety
- Maintain sobriety

What are the Benefits?

- Achieving sobriety and avoiding future criminal cases.
- Reducing jail time and the amount of your fine on your current case.

Admission into the Juneau
Therapeutic Court
is NOT automatic.
Each defendant is considered
on a case-by-case basis.

How do I Enter Juneau Therapeutic Court?

If you are reading this at your arraignment and decide you want to be considered for Juneau Therapeutic Court, ask your attorney, the prosecutor, or the judge to have your case placed on the next Juneau Therapeutic Court calendar for an “opt-in” hearing. You should enter a plea of “not guilty” at this time. This is necessary to fit into standard case processing, even though you will need to change your plea to guilty or no contest in order to enter Juneau Therapeutic Court.

If you decide after arraignment that you want to be considered for Juneau Therapeutic Court, you can still request an “opt-in” hearing by asking your attorney. Your attorney may call the Court Coordinator and begin the processing for your entry into the Juneau Therapeutic Court.

After your initial assessment, a referral will be made for treatment and testing, etc. The costs will vary. The Juneau Therapeutic Court will be able to provide some financial assistance through grant sources.

What are the Steps for Entering the Program?

1. You indicate your interest in Juneau Therapeutic Court by contacting your defense attorney or inform the judge at your initial arraignment.
2. The prosecuting attorney decides whether to make a Criminal Rule 11 offer which incorporates the Juneau Therapeutic Court. (Criminal Rule 11 outlines the terms and conditions.)
3. You complete an alcohol assessment and physical for the purposes of prescribing anti-craving medication.
4. The Juneau Therapeutic Court Team considers your admission into the program.
5. You accept the Criminal Rule 11 offer, and enter a guilty plea.
6. The Juneau Therapeutic Court Judge approves the Rule 11 agreement and the Treatment Plan.

The Juneau Therapeutic Court is an 18-month program that requires commitment, strength and persistence. The reward for success is a better life free of addiction.

Invitation

Everyone is invited to observe the Juneau Therapeutic Court

Dimond Courthouse
Courtroom B
123 4th Street
Juneau, Alaska

Wednesdays at 3:30 PM

Please call to confirm that Juneau Therapeutic Court is being held on its regularly scheduled day: 907-463-4756, or 907-463-4730.

What is the Juneau Therapeutic Court?

The Juneau Therapeutic Court is a court for misdemeanor or felony defendants who are charged with a DUI or refusal or have a history of alcohol-related offenses, and who want to overcome their addiction to alcohol and achieve lifetime sobriety.

The Juneau Therapeutic Court is a cooperative effort of:

- Alaska Court System
- Alaska Department of Law
- Alaska Highway Safety Office
- Alaska Public Defender Agency
- City and Borough of Juneau
- Gastineau Human Services
- Juneau Police Department
- National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence
- Rainforest Recovery Center

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