

Wake County Recovery Court

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Program Purpose



Wake County Recovery Court (RC) is a drug treatment court program designed to assist court involved high-risk/high-need individuals who have been diagnosed with a substance use disorder. The ultimate goal is to empower individuals to become drug free and enter long term recovery.

Eligibility Criteria

- Resident of Wake County
- Misdemeanor or Felony class F, G, H or I cases
- Must have a substance use disorder diagnosis (determined during assessment)
- Be willing to reside in a sober living environment, if court ordered



Services Offered

- Behavioral health assessments, counseling & medication prescribing
- Referrals for: housing, transportation, employment & vocational services
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) - funding for uninsured
- Bi-monthly court sessions (lead by a Judge)
- Substance use disorder treatment
- Multi-disciplinary team oversight
- Drug & alcohol testing
- Case management
- STI testing



Roles and Responsibilities

State:

Administrative Office of the Courts provide technical assistance and support to all operational drug treatment courts.

County:

To offer services for court involved citizens struggling with substance use disorder; provides oversight for budgets, grants administration, and contractual agreements.

Wake County Program Staff

Kamesha Falana, Human Services Program Supervisor (funded by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration-SAMHSA)

Ashley Frazier, Human Services Case Manager (funded by SAMHSA)

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Nicole Singletary, Injury and Drug Prevention Consultant (funded by the Drug Overdose Prevention and Tobacco Use Initiative)

Contracted Partners

Fellowship Health Resources*

> Provides treatment for mental health and substance use

Smart Start, Inc.*

> Provides daily alcohol monitoring

* *SAMHSA funded*

Program Outcomes (FY 2018/2019)

- Total participants served: 116
 - > approximately 63 (55%) are opioid dependent
 - > approximately 75 (65%) have at least one mental health disorder
- Graduation Rate: 36%
- Number of participants who received Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT): 18
- Number of drug-free babies born: 1
- Number of participants tested for Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) since November 2018: 5



Program Challenges

- Lack of funding for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) post Recovery Court enrollment
- Need for funding for affordable housing



Program Opportunities

- Partnership with the Wake County Human Services' Pharmacy to provide Buprenorphine (Suboxone) for uninsured participants using federal SAMHSA grant funds
- Partnership with the Wake County HIV/STI Non-Traditional Site Testing Program



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