

Drug Intervention Programs



Under section 51-181b of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Connecticut Judicial Branch runs Drug Intervention Programs in Bridgeport, New Haven, and Danielson that handle many different kinds of cases in which substance abuse is a main issue. The Drug Intervention Programs work to decrease criminal behavior and reduce substance abuse problems by using strategies and techniques – including treatment, supervision, and court monitoring – that have been successful in dealing with defendants who have substance abuse problems.

Cases in which the defendant is not violent and is drug dependent can be referred to a Drug Intervention Program by the judge, defense counsel, the state's attorney, a supervision officer, or an Intake, Assessment, and Referral (IAR) Specialist. This referral can happen at any time during the court process of a specific case. Cases referred to the Drug Intervention Programs are handled separately from other matters that are pending in the courthouse.

If defendants are allowed to take part in a Drug Intervention Program, they must come to court regularly, usually for 12 to 15 months, so the court can

keep track of their ongoing behavior. Defendants must also agree to drug testing, and the court may order defendants to take part in substance abuse treatment, including detoxification, in-patient treatment, and intensive outpatient treatment. The court may also order defendants to take part in vocational and educational training.

The court, courthouse staff, treatment, and social service staff work together to monitor the progress of defendants while they are in the Drug Intervention Program. Defendants may also take part in daily supervision through alternative incarceration centers to help them stay on track. If the defendant finishes the Drug Intervention Program successfully, the defendant may get a better result in his or her case, such as getting a suspended sentence instead of having to go to jail.

How can I get more information about the Drug Intervention Program?

For more information about the Drug Intervention Program call: (860) 756-7015.



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