

Franklin County
Good Wolf Treatment Court



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ONE EVENING, AN ELDERLY CHEROKEE BRAVE TOLD HIS TROUBLED GRANDSON ABOUT A BATTLE THAT TAKES PLACE INSIDE OF ALL OF US.

HE SAID "THE BATTLE IS BETWEEN TWO 'WOLVES' INSIDE US ALL. ONE IS EVIL. IT IS ANGER, ENVY, JEALOUSY, SORROW, REGRET, GREED, ARROGANCE, SELF-PITY, GUILT, RESENTMENT, INFERIORITY, LIES, FALSE PRIDE, SUPERIORITY, AND EGO.

THE OTHER IS GOOD. IT IS JOY, PEACE LOVE, HOPE, SERENITY, HUMILITY, KINDNESS, BENEVOLENCE, EMPATHY, GENEROSITY, TRUTH, COMPASSION AND FAITH."

THE GRANDSON THOUGHT ABOUT IT FOR A MINUTE AND THEN ASKED HIS GRANDFATHER: "WHICH WOLF WINS?"

THE OLD CHEROKEE SIMPLY REPLIED, "THE ONE THAT YOU FEED."

Mission Statement and Goal

The mission of the Good Wolf Treatment Court of Franklin County is to promote public safety by providing accountability and support for sobriety and recovery for criminal defendants. The aim is to assist participants in regaining health, forging supportive personal relationships, and creating a prosocial life that ends the cycle of addiction and recidivism.

The primary goal of the Good Wolf Treatment Court of Franklin County (GWTC) is to protect public safety by responding to the root causes of criminality for substance addicted participants.

GWTC – Team Members

1. President Judge Carol L. Van Horn
2. District Attorney
3. Public Defender
4. Single County Authority
5. Franklin County Adult Probation
6. Treatment Providers
7. Court Administration
8. GWTC Coordinator
9. Law Enforcement

Ten Key Components

The Ten Key Components of Drug Courts, as established by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals and the National Drug Court Institute, form the foundation and structure of this court:

1. Drug courts integrate alcohol and other drug treatment services with justice system case processing.
2. Using a non-adversarial approach, prosecution and defense counsel promote public safety while protecting participants' due process rights.
3. Eligible participants are identified early and promptly placed in the drug court program.
4. Drug courts provide access to a continuum of alcohol, drug, and other related treatment and rehabilitation services.
5. Abstinence is monitored by frequent alcohol and other drug testing.
6. A coordinated strategy governs drug court responses to participants' compliance.
7. Ongoing judicial interaction with each drug court participant is essential.
8. Monitoring and evaluation measure the achievement of program goals and gauge effectiveness.
9. Continuing interdisciplinary education promotes effective drug court planning, implementation, and operations.
10. Forging partnerships among drug courts, public agencies, and community based organizations generates local support and enhances drug court program effectiveness.

Eligibility

Defendants are only made eligible for entry into Good Wolf Treatment Court of Franklin County (GWTC) by motion of the District Attorney (DA).

Those eligible for consideration for GWTC must be documented, adult residents of the United States and Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

GWTC is available to Defendants who are not currently under probation/parole supervision except at the discretion of the DA.

The DA will not move for the admission of those charged with a crime of violence which would jeopardize public safety.

Defendants will not be recommended for entry into GWTC by the DA unless first identified as a substance abuser following a Drug/Alcohol assessment by the Court's clinical provider.

The DA will only refer a case to GWTC after receiving input from the Affiant. If the crime involves a victim, the DA will only refer a case to GWTC if the victim(s) consents.

GWTC – Key Documents

1. Good Wolf TC Participant Handbook
2. Good Wolf Treatment Court Manual
3. GWTC Basic Understanding, Waivers and Agreements
4. GWTC Colloquy
5. GWTC Rules
6. GWTC Sentence Order

GWTC Process

CENTRAL COURT

At the first listing, determine whether the Defendant wants to be evaluated for GWTC, or is in need of treatment.

If so, the case should be continued (by the defense) for one week.

Commonwealth will ensure any victim is on board with the Defendant participating in GWTC, and will make a determination concerning the Defendant's overall legal eligibility (based upon the offense, priors, pending supervision/detainer(s), residency, and input from the victim and affiant).

GWTC – Process

ASSESSMENT

If legally eligible, the Commonwealth will set up a D/A assessment, which will occur the following Tuesday on the Second Floor of the Courthouse.

The assessment must specifically be done by our clinician from Gaudenzia (and a member of the GWTC Treatment Team) rather than a random provider in the community.

Scheduling of the assessment is done by the DA's Office rather than defense counsel.

The assessment can take as long as an hour, or more, depending upon the needs of the potential participant.

GWTC – Process

WAIVER OF PRELIMINARY HEARING

At the second listing of Central Court, the Defendant must waive the preliminary hearing immediately and schedule the case on for an Early Accountability disposition fifteen days later.

IT MUST BE LISTED IN FRONT OF P.J. VAN HORN.

Waive the case before the Defendant meets with the GWTC staff to be assessed, so the Central Court staff isn't waiting on the case to resolve while the assessment is occurring.

GWTC – Process

PLEA AND SENTENCE

After the assessment, the GWTC staffer will contact the DA's Office concerning the assessment results (signed release by Defendant).

The Commonwealth will then contact defense counsel with the specific plea offer, if the Defendant is determined to be eligible.

If the Defendant is deemed eligible and a GWTC offer is made, please be advised that THESE WILL ALL BE IP SENTENCES. As such, there is no “time served” and no “parole.”

If the Defendant is in jail, the release eligibility will often (but not automatically) be when a residential/inpatient bed date is available.

NONE OF THESE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR WORK RELEASE.

GWTC – Process

PLEA AND SENTENCE

At EA, the plea/sentence should occur immediately, in front of P.J. Van Horn.

The Defendant will be ordered to report to the next GWTC session (it meets every other week in front of P.J. Van Horn, so the Defendant will either be coming back the following day or one week and a day from the EA date).

THE PD'S OFFICE WILL 'REPRESENT' THE DEFENDANT IN GWTC, SO THE SAME ATTORNEY FROM THE PLEA/SENTENCE WILL NOT BE APPEARING FOR GWTC.

The standard Plea Colloquy will be used, as well as the EA Bill of Information/Plea Sheet. The Defendant must also complete the GWTC Colloquy and the GWTC Basic Understanding, Waivers, and Agreement as well. All of these will be utilized during the entry of the plea at the bar of the Court, with the proposed GWTC Sentencing Order.

GWTC – Process

PRIVATE REPRESENTATION

The Participant will be required to adhere to his/her Treatment Plan, and report for GWTC every other Thursday, in front of P.J. Van Horn. Private defense counsel does NOT appear for these sessions.

Should a Participant violate the terms of GWTC, the case will be listed for a standard violation hearing outside of GWTC. Private defense counsel may represent as usual.

Five Phases

Phase One (2 Months)

Complete all needed assessments

Work with treatment provider to complete your individual treatment plan

Begin to work on treatment plan goals

Attend all appointments and therapy sessions

Participate in treatment as determined in your treatment plan

Meet with your probation officer as directed

Comply with all court orders and probation stipulations

Begin addressing need for stable housing conducive to recovery

Attend court bi-monthly

Accept feedback and sanctions

Acknowledge rewards and accomplishments

Submit to frequent, random urinalysis testing

Comply with 9:00 P.M. curfew

Participant must have at least 14 consecutive days clean and sober (C&S) prior to Phase II advancement

Phase Two (3 Months)

Work with treatment provider to update your individual treatment plan based on your current needs

Continue working on treatment plan goals

Attend all appointments and therapy sessions

Participate in treatment as determined by your treatment plan

Meet with your probation officer as directed

Comply with all court orders and probation stipulations

Obtain stable housing conducive to recovery

Obtain employment or engage in employment/vocational training

Address any educational needs and take GED pre-test, if applicable

Begin addressing financial planning and stability

Attend court bi-monthly

Accept feedback and sanctions

Acknowledge rewards and accomplishments

Submit to frequent, random urinalysis testing

Comply with 10:00 P.M. curfew

Participant must have at least 30 consecutive days C&S prior to Phase III advancement

Phase Three (3 Months)

Work with treatment provider to review and revise your treatment plan based on your current needs

Continue working on treatment plan goals

Attend all appointments and therapy sessions

Participate in treatment as determined by your treatment plan

Meet with your probation officer as directed

Comply with all court orders and probation stipulations

Maintain stable housing conducive to recovery

Maintain employment or engage in employment/vocational training

Begin cognitive-behavioral therapy to address your criminogenic needs

Attend a minimum of one (1) recovery support meeting per week

Participate in a minimum of one (1) pro-social activity per week

Take GED test, if applicable

Attend court bi-monthly

Accept feedback and sanctions

Acknowledge rewards and accomplishments

Submit to frequent, random urinalysis testing

Comply with 10:00 P.M. curfew

Participant must have at least 45 consecutive days C&S prior to Phase IV advancement

Phase Four (3 Months)

Work with treatment provider to review and revise your treatment plan based on your current needs

Continue working on treatment plan goals

Attend all appointments and therapy sessions

Participation in treatment as determined by your treatment plan

Meet with your probation officer as directed

Comply with all court orders and probation stipulations

Maintain stable housing conducive to recovery

Be gainfully employed (at least 20 hours/week) or in an educational training program at least 180 consecutive days prior to graduation

Maintain financial stability

Successfully complete cognitive-behavioral therapy

Maintain recovery support meeting attendance at least two (2) times weekly

Find a recovery support/sponsor and verify with your probation officer

Maintain attendance at pro-social activities at least two (2) times weekly

Successfully pass GED test, if applicable

Continue with sponsor and verify with probation officer

Attend court monthly

Accept feedback and sanctions

Acknowledge rewards and accomplishments

Submit to frequent, random urinalysis testing

Participant must have at least 45 consecutive days C&S prior to Phase V advancement

Phase Five (3 Months)

Work with treatment provider to complete Aftercare/Relapse Prevention treatment plan determined by your current needs

Begin working on Aftercare/Relapse Prevention treatment plan goals

Attend all appointments and therapy sessions

Meet with your probation officer as directed

Comply with all court orders and probation stipulations

Maintain stable housing conducive to recovery

Be gainfully employed (at least 20 hours/week) or in an educational training program at least 180 consecutive days prior to graduation

Maintain recovery support meeting attendance at least two (2) times weekly

Continue to use recovery support/sponsor and verify with your probation officer

Maintain attendance at pro-social activities at least two (2) times weekly

Attend court monthly

Accept feedback and sanctions

Acknowledge rewards and accomplishments

Acknowledge rewards and accomplishments

Submit to frequent, random urinalysis testing

Participant must have at least 90 consecutive days C&S prior to graduate

Basic Rules

1. Always tell the truth.
2. Become and remain drug and alcohol free.
3. Follow the treatment plan made for you by your treatment provider and attend all assigned treatment sessions, including individual and group counseling, educational sessions and self-help group meetings, such as AA or NA.
4. Report to your probation officer as directed.
5. Attend and be on time to all court sessions.
6. Behave appropriately in court and at treatment:
7. Obey all laws.
8. Travel is a privilege and all requirements of your probation must be met prior to traveling, either inside or outside the state. All travel requiring an overnight stay must be approved prior to travel by either the court or your probation officer. A drug screen will be done prior to you leaving and on your return from travel.

Responses to Behavior

Achievements

Attending court appearances

Negative drug test results

Attendance and participation in treatment

Completing treatment classes/programs

Attendance and participation in support meetings

Passing parts of GED

Completion of GED

Obtaining employment

Job promotion

Obtaining permanent housing

Rewards

Recognition by the Judge

Courtroom recognition through applause

Certificates of achievement

Decreased court appearances

Decreased court time

Phase advancement

Fish bowl drawing

Program graduation

Good Wolf Coins

Good Wolf T-shirts

Framed Good Wolf story

Poor Choices

Missed court appearances

Missed appointment with probation officer

Missed support meetings

Violation of court order

Positive drug test

Missed drug test

Dilute drug test

Failure to provide copies of prescription medications

Tampered drug test or forged case documentation

Missed treatment groups/classes/appointments

Inappropriate behavior at treatment facility

New arrest

Driving while license suspended/revoked

Failure to perform sanctions

Noncompliance with treatment plan

Dishonesty

Sanctions

Verbal reprimand from the Judge

Increased court appearances

Increases supervision visits

Increased drug testing

Curfew reduction

Community service hours

Essay

Flash incarceration

Electronic Monitoring

Termination from the program

Graduation Eligibility

Completion of all program phases

Development of an aftercare plan

Minimum of three (3) months sobriety

Consistency in keeping appointments with Probation Officer, treatment provider, etc.

Consistency in complying with the terms of the treatment plan

Stable housing

Stable employment

Completion of community service

Completion of GED, if applicable

Engagement in community support groups (AA/NA or other approved groups)

Commitment to a sponsor or mentor

Demonstration of community involvement through prosocial activities

Requirements for graduation must be completed seven (7) days before graduation.

Journals
Team Meetings
Court Appearances

Admission Date	Age at Screening	Current Phase	Days Convicted In Program	Drug Court Eligible Charge	Drug of Choice	Education Level at Admission	Employment Status at Admission	Gender	Race	Zip
6/20/2017	36	Phase II	98	Int Poss Contr Subst By Per Not Reg	Opiate (Other)	Some College	Unemployed	F	White	17237
5/17/2017	30	Phase II	132	Criminal Mischief - Damage Property	Heroin	Some College	Employed Full Time > Or = 35 Hours/Week	M	White	17225
5/24/2017	35	Phase I	125	Simple Assault	Heroin	GED	Employed Part Time	M	White	17268
4/6/2017	20	Phase I	173	DUI: Minor - 3rd Offense	Heroin	High School Graduate	Unemployed	M	White	17225
8/9/2017	22	Phase I	48	Retail Theft-Take Mdse	Heroin	High School Graduate	Unemployed	F	White	17268
5/17/2017	26	Phase I	132	Use/Poss Of Drug Paraph	Heroin		Unemployed	M	White	17252
4/20/2017	46	Phase I	159	Theft By Decep-False Impression	Heroin		Unemployed	M	White	17202
4/20/2017	22	Phase I	159	Theft By Decep-False Impression	Heroin	High School Graduate	Unemployed	F	White	17202
4/20/2017	32	Phase I	159	Theft By Unlaw Taking-Movable Prop	Heroin	High School Graduate	Disabled	M	White	17225
8/23/2017	26	Phase I	34	Use/Poss Of Drug Paraph	Heroin	GED	Unemployed	M	White	17225
5/3/2017	21	Phase I	146	Use/Poss Of Drug Paraph	Heroin		Unemployed	F	White	17201
6/8/2017	31	Phase II	110	Int Poss Contr Subst By Per Not Reg	Heroin	Some College	Unemployed	M	White	17202
5/17/2017	42	Phase I	132	Criminal Mischief - Damage Property	Heroin	GED	Unemployed	M	White	17225
8/30/2017	21	Phase I	27	Manufacture, Delivery, or Possession W/ith Intent to Manufacture or Deliver	Heroin		Unemployed	F	Black	17222
8/23/2017	22	Phase I	34	Theft By Unlaw Taking-Movable Prop	Crack Cocaine	High School Graduate	Unemployed	F	White	17268
4/6/2017	32	Phase I	173	Retail Theft-Take Mdse	Cocaine		Unemployed	M	White	17201
5/31/2017	21	Phase I	118	DUI: Gen Imp/Inc of Driving Safely - 2nd Off	Opiate (Other)	High School Graduate	Unemployed	M	White	17202
4/6/2017	31	Phase II	173	DUI: Gen Imp/Inc of Driving Safely - 2nd Off	Heroin	GED	Employed Full Time > Or = 35 Hours/Week	M	White	17222
4/6/2017	40	Phase II	173	Theft By Unlaw Taking-Movable Prop	Opiate (Other)		Unemployed	M	White	17252
7/6/2017	31	Phase I	82	Theft By Unlaw Taking-Movable Prop	Heroin		Unemployed	M	White	17268
6/22/2017	33	Phase II	96	DUI: Cont Subs - Comb Alc/Drug - 3rd Off	Heroin	GED	Disabled	M	White	17222
8/23/2017	37	Phase I	34	Endangering Welfare of Children - Parent/Guardian/Other Commits Offense	Heroin		Unemployed	F	Black	17201