

## New Jersey Recovery Courts

Atlantic County	609-402-0100
Bergen County	201-221-0700
Burlington County	609-288-9500
Camden County	856-650-9100
Cape May County	609-402-0100
Cumberland County	856-878-5050
Essex County	973-776-9300
Gloucester County	856-878-5050
Hudson County	201-748-4400
Hunterdon County	908-824-9750
Mercer County	609-571-4200
Middlesex County	732-645-4300
Monmouth County	732-358-8700
Morris County	862-397-5700
Ocean County	732-504-0700
Passaic County	973-653-2910
Salem County	856-878-5050
Somerset County	908-332-7700
Sussex County	862-397-5700
Union County	908-787-1650
Warren County	908-750-8100

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The Judiciary's recovery court program operates within the Superior Court to address non-violent offenders who are struggling with substance use.

The program requires completion of distinct phases of intensive drug and alcohol treatment and recovery. This level of supervision permits the program to support the recovery process but also allows the recovery court team to react quickly to impose appropriate therapeutic sanctions or to reinstate criminal proceedings when participants do not comply.



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# Will Recovery Court Work for Me?

For more information about the adult recovery court program, go to [www.njcourts.gov](http://www.njcourts.gov) and search for recovery courts.



## **Is recovery court a “set up”?**

You might have been told that recovery court is a set up. Recovery court is a program that helps people who are abusing drugs and/or alcohol and have been convicted of a crime. Recovery court programs have been successful for many individuals like you, and can help you get your life back.

## **Will I be accepted into recovery court?**

To participate in New Jersey’s recovery court you must have an established New Jersey residence and have been assessed by a recovery court team. You can’t participate in recovery court if you have previous convictions or pending charges for a violent offense. If you have any questions, speak with your attorney.

## **How long will I be in recovery court?**

That is up to you. The goal is for you to complete the program within three years.

## **Substance Use testing**

Frequent random substance use testing is just one of the ways the recovery court team helps you in your recovery. Substance use tests can be taken at probation, at court sessions or at other approved locations. You can be sanctioned for using drugs, consuming alcohol, and for altering drug tests.

## **Your probation officer**

Your probation officer will help you achieve your goals and succeed in the program. You will meet with your probation officer at the probation office. Your probation officer also will visit you at your home and at your workplace. Tell everyone in your home and your supervisor at work that your probation officer will be visiting. You will be supervised in the county where you live.

## **Where will I go for treatment?**

Treatment providers are a part of the recovery court team. The recovery court program works with many treatment providers statewide. Your treatment is funded by recovery court and there are not out of pocket expenses. While in treatment, you will participate in individual and group sessions. The level of treatment assigned to you will be based on your needs.

## **What about employment and school?**

While in the recovery court program, the team will work with you to get a job and continue your education. Many participants can have their driver’s license reinstated or get a driver’s license for the first time. Think about the personal goals you want to achieve and we can help you reach them.

## **Court sessions**

At the beginning of the recovery court program, you will attend court weekly.

As you progress through the program you will attend court less frequently.

## **Peer support group meetings**

During your time in recovery court, you will be asked to establish a clean and sober network. You can do this by attending self-help meetings such as Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) or Narcotics Anonymous (NA). Your treatment provider will discuss self-help meeting options with you.

## **Sanctions and incentives**

If you don’t follow the rules of recovery court, you can expect to receive certain sanctions. If you have done particularly well in certain areas, you can expect to receive an incentive or reward. Whatever you do, do not get discouraged and quit - that will not help you get your life back. Only working through the hard times will produce results.

Just because you miss a meeting or test positive for drugs or alcohol does not mean you will be terminated from the program. We will work with you. We want you to succeed.

## **Will my record be expunged after I graduate?**

If you are eligible, your record could be expunged after you graduate from the recovery court program. Expungement is not guaranteed and not everyone who graduates is eligible for expungement. Your attorney can tell you at the time of sentencing if you are eligible.