

FRESH START PROGRAM
DAYTON MUNICIPAL COURT

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OBJECTIVES

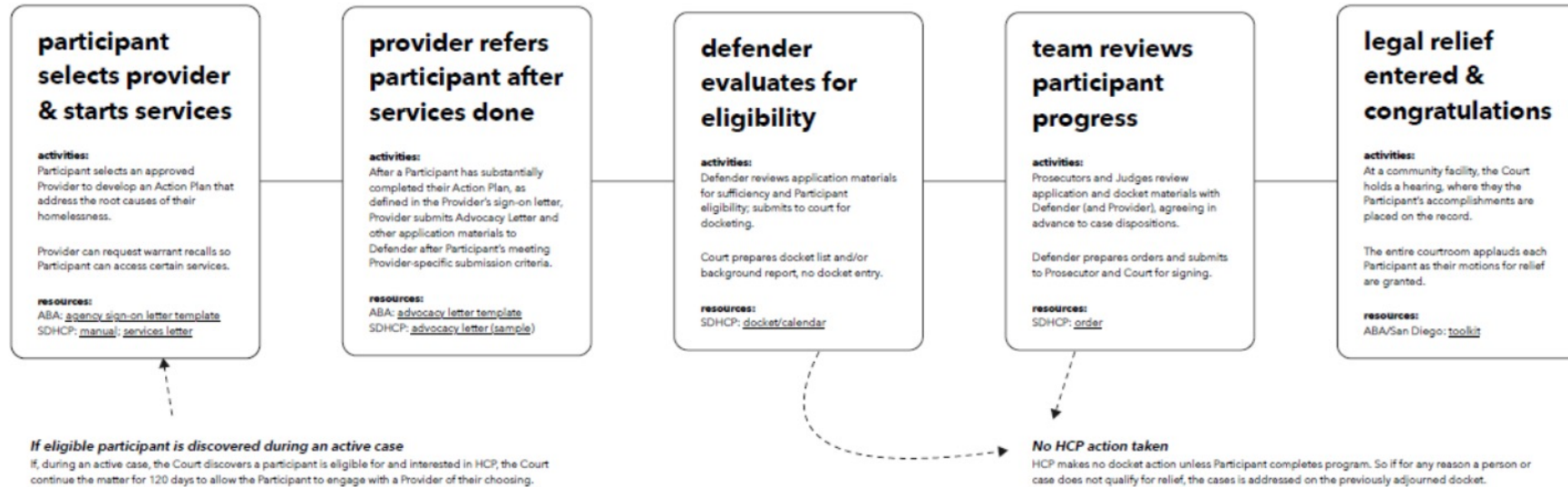
- Learn about the Homeless Court model and its benefits to clients
- Learn how to build community partnerships and buy-in for a Homeless Court
- Learn how to develop a referral process and court program that fits your community's needs

HOMELESS COURT MODEL

- First homeless court in San Diego in 1989 at a Standdown for Homeless Veterans
- Recognition Court
- Targets individuals who are literally or at-risk of homelessness
- Typically addresses crimes related to homelessness- low level misdemeanors
- Often forgives fines/fees
- Individual courts can determine scope of issues to address
- Assurance of “no custody”
- American Bar Association provides support

homeless court program

how it works



STARTING A HOMELESS COURT

- Identify key stakeholders
 - Judges, Public Defender, Prosecutor, Homeless Provider Agencies, Mental Health/Substance Abuse Treatment Providers
- Reach out to the American Bar Association for guidance
- Meet with stakeholders to discuss buy-in, goals, and community needs
- Create criteria for courts
- Create referral documents
- Communities can create court that meets their needs

DAYTON MUNICIPAL MODEL

- First court planned for January 18, 2024
- Accepting only post-disposition cases
- Focusing on forgiving fines/fees
- Plans to expand to additional municipalities

REFERRAL FORM

Dayton Municipal Courts FRESH START PROGRAM

Name:Click or tap here to enter text.

DOB:Click or tap here to enter text.

SSN:Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone Number:Click or tap here to enter text.

Address:Click or tap here to enter text.

Veteran:

YES NO

Referring Agency:Click or tap here to enter text.

Name and Contact Information for Agency Representative:Click or tap here to enter text.

Does participant have any pending cases in other jurisdictions outside of Montgomery County?

YES NO

If yes, please explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Participant has engaged in the following activities:

ID: Applied Obtained N/A

Social Security Card: Applied Obtained N/A

Birth Certificate: Applied Obtained N/A

Housing Goals:

Working toward housing. Explain:Click or tap here to enter text.

Housed. Explain:Click or tap here to enter text.

Vocational/Educational:

Employed YES NO Where:Click or tap here to enter text.

Working toward employment Explain Click or tap here to enter text.

Applying for Benefits:

Social Security Applied Obtained N/A

VA (if applicable) Applied Obtained N/A

Food Stamps Applied Obtained N/A

Medicaid Applied Obtained N/A

Treatment Information:

Mental Health YES NO Where:Click or tap here to enter text.

Substance Use Treatment YES NO Where:Click or tap here to enter text.

Length of Sobriety, if applicable Click or tap here to enter text.

Family Information: If relevant, please explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Participation in the court would benefit this client because:Click or tap here to enter text.

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