

Lake County Sobriety Court

Phase 1

- Bi-weekly Court Appearances
Wednesday 2pm
- Weekly Probation Meetings
- Home Visits
- Outpatient treatment per treatment plan*
- Frequent Drug and Alcohol Testing
- Weekly Support Group Attendance
- Set Up Payment Plan with Court
- Mental Health Screen

Phase 2

- Bi-weekly Court Appearances
Wednesday 2pm
- Bi-weekly Probation Meetings
- Home Visits
- Outpatient treatment per treatment plan*
- Frequent Drug and Alcohol Testing
- Weekly Support Group Attendance –
3x/Week Minimum
- Employment/School
- Compliant with Payment Plan

Phase 3

- Bi-weekly Court Appearances
Wednesday 2pm
- Bi-weekly Probation
Appointments
- Outpatient treatment per
treatment plan*
- Frequent Drug and Alcohol Testing
- Weekly Support Group
Attendance – 3x/Week Minimum
and Obtain Sponsor
- Employment/Education
- Community Service as Directed by
Court
- Compliant with Payment Plan

Phase 4

- Monthly Court Appearances
- Monthly Probation Meetings
- Home visits
- Outpatient Treatment per
treatment plan*
- Level II Education
- Frequent Drug and Alcohol Testing

- Weekly Support Group
Attendance – 1x/Week Minimum
- Employment/Education
- Compliant with Payment Plan
- Complete Community Service
- Complete Final Project

Phase 5

- Monthly Court Appearances
- Monthly Probation Meetings
- Home Visits
- Treatment as Needed
- Frequent Drug and Alcohol Testing
- Mentor New Participant
- Employment/Education
- Complete Payments to Court

*Each client's treatment requirement will be individualized and based on assessments. Each client will work with a counselor to develop an individualized treatment plan.

Note: This program takes minimum one year



Incentives and Motivations

- ◆ Financial assistance
- ◆ Responses to violation behavior to encourage change
- ◆ Rewards for positive behavior to acknowledge progress
- ◆ Accountability
- ◆ Group Sober Activities
- ◆ Support in Recovery
- ◆ Recognition from the Team & Judge
- ◆ Increase or Decrease in Supervision and Services
- ◆ Life Changing!

Graduation Requirements

- ◆ 90 Days of Continuous Sobriety
- ◆ Completion of All Treatment
- ◆ Reparations Made to Victim(s) and Community
- ◆ Compliance with Useful Public Service requirement
- ◆ Treatment Costs Paid in Full
- ◆ Completion of Relapse Prevention Plan

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What is a Problem Solving Court?

Problem Solving Courts are specialized court dockets which include intensive court and probation supervised programs that target high risk and high needs people involved in the criminal justice system.

What do Problem Solving Courts do for your community?

Problem Solving Courts improve communities by supporting recovery of participants, reducing substance related crime and recidivism, strengthening family relationships, reducing impaired driving and increasing accountability while maintaining community based sentences.



Lake County Sobriety Court Team

Judge: Jonathan Shamis
 Probation Officer: Chris Morton
 Treatment Providers: Carlos Abel, Heather Adams
 Prosecutor: Ryan Kornegay
 Defense Counsel: John Scott, Jessica Dennis
 Law Enforcement: Saige Bertolas
 Court Liaison: Brenda Knoll
 Coordinators: Lisa Morton



Lake County Sobriety Court History:

In July 2010, County Court Judge Wayne Patton began this specialized alternative court for people in the criminal justice system with substance use disorder who are high risk and high needs. A phase program was developed to direct each client towards a path of recovery and to address their individual needs as they progress through the program while increasing community safety through reduced recidivism.

In September 2013, County Court Judge Jonathan Shamis became the presiding and present day Judge. He works in collaboration with the local probation department, treatment agencies, sheriff's department, district attorney's office, and public defender's office to create a multidisciplinary team. Each week before court the team meets to staff each client's strengths, areas of concern, and violations to ensure full participation and compliance with the program. Judge Shamis offers an open-minded, thoughtful, strengths-based approach when addressing client achievements and concerns and balances this with community safety and victim reparation.

Accreditation

The Lake County Sobriety Court received accreditation by Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Nathan B. Coats on September 28, 2018. The accreditation is a multi-faceted process that upon successful completion signifies a Problem Solving Court demonstrates a fidelity to evidence-based practices required by the Colorado Problem Solving Court Standards.