

NELSON COUNTY RECOVERY COURT - A PARTNERSHIP WITH OFFENDER AID AND RESTORATION

Offender Aid and Restoration-Jefferson Area Community Corrections (OAR-JACC) is dedicated to providing safe, evidence-based, and cost-effective alternatives to incarceration for Central Virginia. We believe in second chances and helping individuals lead successful lives.

OAR-JACC currently maintains 4 Recovery Courts and one Therapeutic docket in the jurisdictions of Charlottesville-Albemarle, Orange-Madison, Fluvanna, and Nelson Counties.

OAR-JACC also provides Pretrial Supervision, Community Corrections, and Reentry services in Charlottesville, Albemarle, Fluvanna, Goochland, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, and Orange.

ABOUT US

Nelson County Recovery Court is an intensive, community-based program that helps justice-involved individuals receive treatment that addresses substance use disorders while offering them an opportunity to reduce or dismiss their criminal charges upon successful completion of the program. Recovery Court is a voluntary program; every participant is here because they want to make a change. Graduates of Recovery Courts are less likely to be arrested on new charges in the future.

***Recovery Court is held every
Tuesday at 1pm
Nelson County Circuit Court
84 Courthouse Square
Lovingston, VA 22949***

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***Recovery
is only the
beginning.***

ELIGIBILITY

Recovery Court candidates must be referred to the program and meet certain eligibility criteria.

While defendants are awaiting approval for entry, they are expected to report for random drug testing weekly and attend Recovery Court sessions.

ELIGIBLE OFFENSES

Not all offenses will be eligible for referral into Nelson County Recovery Court. The most commonly referred offenses are listed below:

- Possession of a Schedule I or Schedule II Substance
- Felony DUI
- Probation Violations
- Felony Property Crimes
- Prescription Fraud

Other offenses may be allowed at the discretion of the Nelson County Commonwealth's Attorney.

PROGRAM ENTRY

In order to participate in Recovery Court, defendants must enter into a plea agreement with the Commonwealth's Attorney's office after pleading guilty to arraigned charges. Final disposition is held pending program completion.

REFERRAL AND SCREENING TIMELINE

Defense Attorney initiates referral

Commonwealth's Attorney conducts preliminary screening

Defendant voluntarily agrees to participate in further screening

The Recovery Court Coordinator conducts a Risk-Need screening assessment

Region Ten Community Services Board screens the participant for substance use disorder(s).

If found eligible, the defendant may enter the program at the next scheduled Recovery Court Docket.

If a defendant is in custody at the time of referral, all screenings will be conducted virtually or at the jail.

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM LIKE?

Nelson County Recovery Court is minimum 14-month program consisting of 5 distinct phases. Throughout the program, participants receive intensive case management by the Recovery Court Coordinator or Case Manager, as well as comprehensive mental health services and substance use treatment provided by Region Ten.

As participants successfully move through the program, they are taught skills to maintain recovery independently and their supervision intensity is gradually decreased to allow those skills to grow.

Upon successful completion of the program requirements, Nelson County Recovery Court will hold a graduation ceremony to honor the hard work and commitment the graduate has demonstrated toward their recovery. Friends and family are encouraged to join the graduate in celebration of their achievement.

Additionally, successful graduates will have their charges reduced or dismissed per the plea agreement entered into at the beginning of the program.

*"The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson*