



# PIVOT Drug Court

A multi-jurisdictional specialty court offered by  
Seneca County Court of Common Pleas and  
Tiffin-Fostoria Municipal Court



## Client Information

*PIVOT Drug Court is an intense program, at least 15 months in length, that helps offenders with drug and/or alcohol addictions get the treatment and skills they need to achieve a sober, law-abiding, positive lifestyle. The PIVOT Team – Seneca County Common Pleas Court Judges Steve Shuff and Michael Kelbley and Tiffin-Fostoria Municipal Court Judge Mark Repp, along with dedicated professionals from Oriana House, Inc., the Seneca County Prosecutor's Office, and law enforcement – work together to provide the resources, instruction, support, accountability, and tools needed for participants to reach their full potential.*

### Programming

The PIVOT Drug Court program consists of progressive phases, with reporting requirements going from most restrictive to least restrictive, as the client learns new skills and moves further along in his or her recovery.

Participants must attend regular court hearings, meet often with their caseworker and probation officer, attend treatment and self-help meetings as directed, undergo random and routine alcohol and drug testing, abide by the rules of the PIVOT Program and probation, and obey all laws. Additional requirements of each phase include, but are not limited to:

Phase 1 - Program Compliance: A minimum of 60 days

- Negotiate terms of an Individual Program Plan (IPP)
- Secure safe housing (maintain throughout program)
- Obtain insurance and proper medical provider/care (maintain throughout program)
- Begin to change high risk people, places, and things
- Secure transportation to and from treatment (maintain throughout program)
- Abide by 9:30 p.m. curfew
- Remain drug and alcohol free for 20 consecutive days

Phase 2 - Program Engagement: A minimum of 90 days

- Continue to change high risk people, places, and things (throughout program)
- Begin to address financial needs/obligations with caseworker
- Begin to address employment needs
- Attend at least two recovery support group meetings each week
- Remain drug and alcohol free for 30 consecutive days

Phase 3 - Program Growth: A minimum of 90 days

- Continue to address financial needs and employment (throughout program)
- Engage in at least one pro-social activity every two weeks
- Begin to develop a positive social network
- Identify and eliminate criminal thinking patterns (maintain throughout program)
- Attend at least two recovery support group meetings each week
- Abide by curfew of 10:30 p.m.
- Remain drug and alcohol free for 45 consecutive days

Phase 4 - Program Development: A minimum of 90 days

- Develop a sober network
- Engage in at least one pro-social activity every two weeks
- Attend at least one recovery support group meeting each week
- Develop and share a relapse prevention plan
- Abide by curfew of 11:00 p.m.
- Remain drug and alcohol free for 60 consecutive days

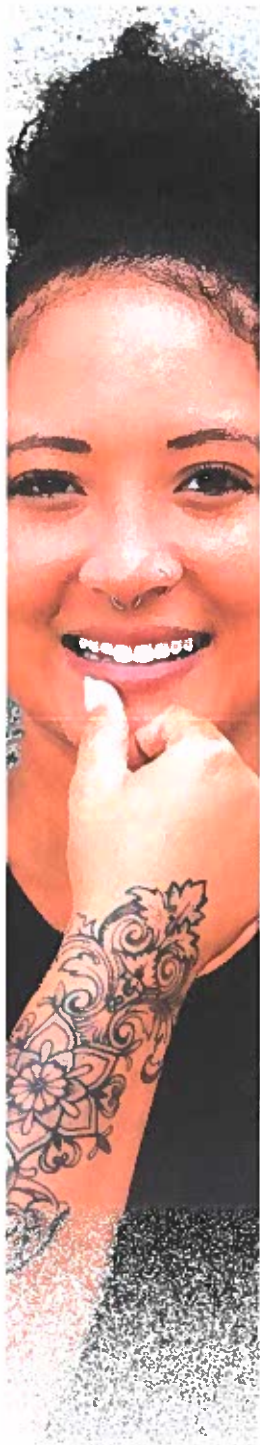
Phase 5 - Program Maintenance: A minimum of 90 days

- Engage in at least two pro-social activities each month
- Attend at least one recovery support group meeting each week
- Submit an idea for a community engagement project to the team for approval, then complete project before graduation
- Complete community plan and submit for approval
- Abide by curfew of 11:30 p.m.
- Remain drug and alcohol free for 90 consecutive days

*Additional program requirements are outlined in the client handbook.*



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### **System of Rewards and Sanctions**

Research shows it is important to recognize and reinforce progress toward responsible, abstinent behavior. Graduated sanctions (lesser sanctions for less serious noncompliance and increasingly severe sanctions for serious problems) can also be an effective tool.

PIVOT participants are rewarded for positive behavior and progress in ways which may include:

- Judicial praise in court
- Certificate of achievement or completion
- Gift cards and sobriety-related rewards
- Reduction of program requirements
- Advancement to next phase in program
- Reduction of community control term

Rule violations such as missing a court hearing, a meeting with the caseworker or probation officer, or a drug test; or testing positive for drug or alcohol use will result in sanctions such as:

- More frequent review hearings
- Additional case management sessions
- Increased alcohol or drug testing
- Behavioral contracts
- Verbal reprimand by the Judge
- Written essays
- Community service
- Incarceration or placement into a residential community correctional program
- Courtroom observation
- Electronic monitoring
- Returning to previous program phase
- Termination from the PIVOT Program

### **How does PIVOT help?**

Making life-altering changes isn't easy, but the information, treatment, and teaching provided in this intense, research based program helps individuals chart a new course that includes:

- A clean and sober lifestyle
- A family life with close relationships
- Healthy friendships
- Educational opportunities
- Employment goals and options
- Becoming trustworthy
- An overall, healthier lifestyle
- Resources to help you reach your full potential



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