

START Court

Participant Handbook

Success Through Accountability Restitution and Treatment



START Court is a partnership between the Multnomah County Circuit Court, Department of Community Justice, Volunteers of America, the Multnomah County District Attorney, Metropolitan Public Defenders, and Multnomah Defenders Inc.

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START stands for Success Through Accountability Restitution and Treatment.

This program is designed to assist in your recovery, encourage you to be a pro-social, responsible community member, and promote self-sufficiency. By starting your recovery and building a solid recovery foundation, you will see path forward that doesn't involve the criminal justice system and towards your full potential.

START is a partnership where we partner with you in your recovery. The judge, attorneys, probation officer and treatment team work closely together to support, encourage, and hold you accountable through this journey.

This handbook will be a great resource to you. It is designed to provide overall information including details on what is expected of you and what to expect from us throughout your time in START.

You can request a copy of this handbook at any time from a START team member.

What are drug courts?

Drug courts use a collaborative team approach to help those involved in the criminal justice system begin a recovery-oriented life by addressing addiction and related mental health needs. A noticeable difference with START court probation compared to traditional probation is the collaboration with the court, treatment, probation, and community resources.

There are over 1,700 adult drug courts across the country. The goal of drug court is to support participants in finding recovery and healing from addiction and other mental health needs which has led to criminal justice involvement. This model has been proven to reduce repeated incarceration and crime in the community and more fulfilling lives by those who participate.

Drug courts also have these benefits:

- Offer a cost-effective alternative to long term incarceration
- Offer an alternative to prison with treatment services
- Assist in build a positive peer support community
- Support reconnecting with supportive family, friends and/or children
- Support building positive relationships with law enforcement and courts
- Support restitution to victims
- Provide swift and sure incentives and accountability

What will participation in START Court look like?

Listed below is what you can expect from START court. This handbook will go into these core program requirements in more detail:

Five program phases – minimum of one year

- Drug/alcohol treatment services
- Mental health evaluation and services based on needs
- Random drug and alcohol testing throughout each week
- Regular court appearances with the START Court Judge
- Intensive supervision by a START Court probation officer
- Incentives and sanctions - acknowledging when you do well and providing accountability to support change
- Support and encouragement from the START team
- Collaborative treatment and supervision plan

The START Team

The START team is here to help you as your work towards finding long-term recovery. The team works together to create a safe and supportive environment and recovery plan so you can succeed in the program.

The team includes:

- Treatment provider/counselors
- A Judge
- Probation officers
- Treatment provider/counselors
- Deputy district attorney
- Defense attorneys
- Program coordinator
- Mentors
- Corrections technicians
- Career coaches



Court Dates and Hearings

As a START participant you will appear in court regularly. If you do not appear in court as required, it may result in a warrant. You will be given your next court date at each appearance.

The START dockets are held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10:15 AM.

The following team members will be present during your court hearings:

- A Judge
- Your defense attorney
- Deputy District Attorney
- A treatment representative
- A probation officer (usually your assigned PO)
- The program coordinator
- Other START participants
- Recovery mentors (often present)

The START dockets are open to the public as required by law. Victims from your probation case(s) may also be present for probation violation hearings.

Court appearances are an opportunity for us to acknowledge your progress as

well as provide accountability, structure, and discuss any challenges you may be having.



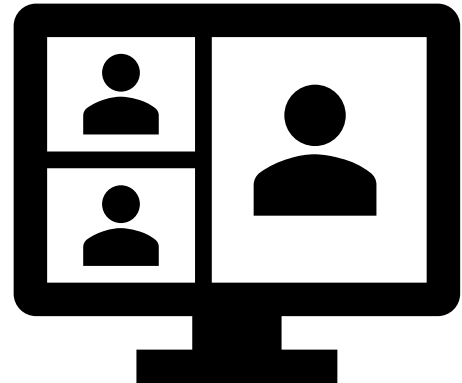
Court Staffing

Prior to START Court hearings, the START in-court team meets to review your progress since your last court appearance.

The review includes your drug test results, attendance, participation, behaviors in the community, employment, other requirements that may have been imposed, compliance with conditions and status of your financial obligations. Your defense attorney is always present during these discussions and will advocate on your behalf.

Remote Hearings

The court will hold some hearings via video on WebEx. You will be notified if your scheduled appearance is by video or if you are expected to appear in the courtroom. If you are appearing via WebEx, the court prefers for you to connect with the ability to turn on your camera for video. If you cannot connect using a device with a camera, there is also a phone option. If you have challenges or concerns appearing by video, please let us know before your scheduled appearance and we will work with you.



Audio and video from all WebEx hearings are recorded.

You may get the WebEx information from your defense attorney, probation officer, or by calling the courthouse.

For remote video appearances:

- Remain muted with your video off unless you are speaking, or it is your turn to appear.
- If at anytime during a video appearance you would like to speak privately to your attorney, please let us know.
- Be present and observing all appearances prior to your case being called. This is part of the learning experience of drug court.
- Do your best to be somewhere private without background noise.
- No driving, smoking, vaping, tobacco chewing, etc. allowed while you are on WebEx.
- You may not use your camera from a location that does not allow cameras such as locker rooms, restrooms, etc.

The Expedited Docket

The expedited docket is a program policy in effect throughout your participation in the program. Currently, it requires you to be in court the following Tuesday if you do any of the following, unless you are already scheduled to appear sooner:

- Miss a drug test - this includes not being able to provide a sample, random drug tests, or other requests from team members to provide a sample
- Miss a treatment appointment including groups, individual sessions, intake, medication management appointments or assessments.
- Miss a PO appointment
- Leave residential treatment without PO approval
- Leave detox without PO approval
- Fail to submit treatment logs (if required)

For example, if your next scheduled court date is in three weeks, but you miss a drug test (or anything else listed above), the team will be notified and you will automatically be scheduled to appear on the START docket on following Tuesday. We will be expecting you in court and if you do not appear, a warrant may be issued.

The expedited docket is to quickly provide accountability to support you in your recovery. By addressing violations quickly, you are able move forward from the issue much sooner. Our hope is this can help prevent a “snowball” effect of violations and to support you from feeling discouraged.

If you have questions about your court appearances, you may contact your attorney or your probation officer at any time.

Incentives

The court awards incentives to acknowledge progress and positive behavior and imposes sanctions for accountability and to support progress.

While doing well in the program, you may receive **incentives** such as the following:

- Praise by the Court/Judge
- Applause
- Gift cards
- Letter of recognition or support
- Certificates of achievement or completion
- to next phase
- Reduced court appearances
- Addition to the quick list
- Waiver of community service requirements
- Waiver of court ordered fines and fees
- FastPasses (called first in court – before the quicklist)



Participants who are meeting all program requirements may qualify for the quicklist for court appearances. Participants on the quicklist are called at the beginning of the docket so you can be recognized by the court team and your peers for meeting program requirements. By being on the quicklist, you will spend less time in court waiting to appear and your peers will have the opportunity to learn from your progress and accomplishments.

Quicklist participants at a minimum will have met the following:

- No drug or alcohol use within the last week
- No positive, diluted, or disputed drug tests
- Attended all required treatment services since your last appearance
- Attended all PO meetings since your last appearance
- No arrests or jail sanctions since your last appearance
- Complied with all court orders and program rules
- Paid restitution, fines, or fees as required
- No outstanding sanctions to be served (community services, jail, etc.)

Sanctions

Participants who have violations may be given *sanctions*. The program uses a variety of sanctions to provide accountability, support you in behavior change, and ensure community safety such as:

- Sit sanction (writing an essay on a topic provided, watching the entire court docket and reporting what was seen)
- Increased court reporting
- Community service
- Suspended jail or community service (for future misses for period of time)
- Curfew or house arrest
- Electronic monitoring
- Alcohol monitoring bracelet
- Jail sanctions



Treatment

Once you complete your intake with your treatment provider you will be given an appropriate treatment plan. In addition to drug and alcohol treatment, everyone will be assessed for mental health services. The START program partners with Volunteers of America (VOA) to provide outpatient treatment to participants. We also partner with providers who offer culturally specific and medication assisted treatment. If you are interested in these services, please let us know.

If you are assessed at needing residential treatment, we have several great community partners we work with to provide this service.

Treatment Stages

Treatment stages are designed by the treatment providers to outline what treatment will consist of throughout your time in the program. This is separate from the program phases, which are both described later. The treatment stages are specific to how many hours of treatment you are attending each week, which groups you will complete, and any other services or recovery community activities your counselor has included in your treatment plan.

Most participants will attend VOA for treatment but not everyone will, based on their needs. Wherever you receive treatment, all providers will provide a structured outline of what your treatment will consist of and you will be included in creating your treatment plan. Your treatment provider will be reporting regularly to the START team your level of engagement and progress in treatment.

Alumni Group

START offers an alumni group which is run by a VOA staff member, active participants, and alumni. This is a great source of support while you are in the program and after graduation. The alumni group is involved in service work, recovery events, and fundraising. This is also a great place to seek support from those that have completed the program and were once in the same position as you are today.



Program Phases

START Court has five program phases. These phases help outline your journey through the START program as you move towards graduation. In this section you can find what to expect in each phase. The program phases are different than treatment stages. Program phases track your overall progress in the program including meeting goals set by your probation officer, restitution requirements, community services requirements, obtaining clean and sober housing, meeting UA requirements, etc. Completion of phases will be acknowledged in court.

Your probation officer or attorney can help answer any questions about program phases during your time in the program.



START Court - Program Phases

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Phase 1 - Stabilization (minimum of 14 days – from orientation)

- Appear in court weekly in person unless otherwise approved by the court or PO
- Demonstrate honesty
- Attend office visits with PO as required
- Comply with case plan set by probation officer
- Establish housing plan
- Comply with conditions of probation
- Establish and engage in drug/alcohol and/or mental health treatment
- Meet with the recovery mentor
- Comply with UA expectations

Phase 2 - Treatment Engagement (minimum of 8 weeks)

- Appear in court every other week in person unless otherwise approved by the court or PO (if maintaining requirements)
- Demonstrate honesty
- Attend office visits with PO as required
- Comply with case plan set by PO
- Comply with housing plan
- Engage in drug/alcohol and/or mental health treatment
- Engage with recovery mentor
- Comply with UA expectations
- Comply with housing plan
- Establish primary care physician
- Minimum **8 consecutive weeks** of sobriety to advance

Phase 3 - Personal Growth (minimum 12 weeks)

- Appear in court every three weeks (if maintaining requirements)
- Demonstrate honesty
- Attend office visits with PO as required
- Comply with case plan set by PO
- Engage in drug/alcohol and/or treatment plan
- Establish court approved community recovery support activity plan
- Engage in an organized community activity weekly
- Comply with UA expectations
- Comply with housing plan
- Set restitution payment plan with the court
- Make at least one restitution payment or complete a restitution work crew
- Review court ordered community service with probation officer
- Minimum **10 consecutive weeks** of sobriety to advance

Phase 4 - Life Skills (minimum 12 weeks)

- Appear in court every four weeks (if maintaining requirements)
- Demonstrate honesty
- Attend office visits with PO as required
- Comply with case plan set by PO
- Engage with drug/alcohol and/or mental health treatment plan
- Maintain recovery network
- Engage in an organized community activity weekly
- Comply with UA expectations
- Demonstrate consistency with restitution payments and/or completing restitution crew
- Demonstrate consistency with community service requirements
- Work with a career coach if not enrolled in school, employed, or otherwise approved
- Comply with long term housing plan
- Approval of wellness plan document by treatment, PO, and the court
 - See wellness plan process on page **12 of participant handbook**
- Minimum **12 consecutive weeks** of sobriety to advance

Phase 5 - Living Well (minimum 12 weeks)

- Appear in court once every five weeks (if maintaining requirements)
- Demonstrate honesty
- Attend office visits with PO as required
- Review transition plan with PO
- Follow wellness plan
- Maintain recovery network
- Engage in an organized community activity weekly
- Comply with UA expectations
- Comply with long-term housing plan
- Satisfy community service requirements
- Satisfy restitution requirements
- Satisfy all probation conditions
- Obtain stable employment and/or full-time school unless approved otherwise
- Minimum of 12 consecutive weeks of being in the wellness plan stage of treatment
- Minimum on **12 consecutive weeks** of documented sobriety
- A **missed or dilute** drug test will restart 12-week requirement beginning with the first negative test
- **Complete the PHASE 5 COMMENCEMENT CHECKLIST with your probation officer and treatment provider**

Wellness Plan

The wellness plan is a long-term recovery plan that you will create with help from treatment once you are ready for the wellness plan stage of treatment.

After you have created this plan with treatment, your PO will then review it with you. The court will also review it for final approval, which is one of the program requirements to advance from program phase 4 to program phase 5.

Graduation Ceremony

Upon your **successful completion** of the five phases and satisfaction of all other court requirements, you will be eligible to graduate the START program.

Graduation from START is a very important event. Your family, friends and supports will be invited to join you as the START team recognizes and congratulates you for successfully completing the program.



Before graduation, your PO will review what is next for your probation. This is different for all graduates based on conditions of probation, restitution, amount of time left on probation, etc. However, everyone will be required to continue drug testing for a short period of time to help support your transition out of the program. Continued drug, alcohol, and mental health services will always be available to you after graduation, which many successful graduates find helpful.

Program Termination

Termination from START is a decision taken very seriously by the team. All team members review your history in the program and discuss if termination is the appropriate response. Some of the most common reasons for termination are:



- Absconding - multiple warrants, leaving residential treatment and not reporting, etc.
- Repeatedly missing drug tests
- Tampering with a drug test (including diluting your samples)
- Repeatedly missing program obligations
- Conditions of supervision are not being followed
- Conviction of new crime(s)
- Falsifying documents (medical paperwork, meeting slips, waitlist groups attendance logs, treatment logs, etc.)
- Violence or threat of violence directed at START team members, other participants, or members of the community.

Tips for Success in START

The two biggest tips you will often hear repeated in the program are to:

1. **Show up!**

We can't help you if you are not showing up. If you have missed something, including court, you can always do the next right thing by showing up and reaching out. The team will always take this into consideration in how to move forward. Even if you are struggling or have program violations, showing up and engaging in treatment is a sign you are willing to do the hard work needed for recovery.

2. **Be honest!**

The START team understands substance use disorder can be difficult to recover from. Until you receive the treatment services and learn the skills you need to remain substance free, we often do not impose sanctions for reporting new use. However, we **do** impose sanctions for dishonesty. If we don't know how often you are using or you are dishonest with the team in other ways, we cannot provide you right services you need. We may not expect everyone to be able to be sober right away, but we do expect you to be honest with us. Please reach out to your attorney at any time if you have questions about this.

Confidentiality

State and federal laws require that your identity and privacy be protected. START Court and its team members and partners have developed policies and procedures that guard your privacy. You will be asked to sign Releases of Information (ROI). These ROIs are for the sole purpose of allowing the START partner organizations to communicate about your supervision and treatment participation in this program. Other team members (or treatment facilities) may require that you sign additional forms and ROIs relative to your specific case within START.



The team will respect your right to privacy and refrain from sharing unnecessary personal information with other members of the team if it does not affect case planning, program expectations, or decision making. We take this very seriously.

If you have any questions about what may or may not be shared in treatment with the rest of the team, please ask your counselor. Our goal is for treatment to be a safe and comfortable space.

Information shared in court is public record by law, so please keep that in mind during your appearances.

Your attorney can also help answer any questions you may have about confidentiality and how we share information.

Equity and Inclusion

START is committed to providing an equitable and inclusive program. If there is need, concerns, or questions you have, please reach out to a team member. The program also offers anonymous participant surveys four times a year to make sure we are hearing and considering participant feedback as part of our policies and procedures.

The START program has several community partnerships and resources available to you that focus on supporting diverse communities.

All are welcome in START court.

Program Rules and Expectations

In START you will be required to follow all general and special conditions of your probation, as well as PO directives. This includes the program rules and policies outlined here:

1. **Expedited docket – You are required to appear in court on the following Tuesday at 10:15 in START Court (unless you are scheduled to appear sooner) if any of following occur:**
 - a. Miss a drug test - this includes not being able to provide a sample, random drug tests, or other requests from team members to provide a sample
 - b. Miss a treatment appointment including groups, individual sessions, intake, or assessments.
 - c. Miss a PO appointment
 - d. Leave residential treatment without PO approval
 - e. Leave detox without PO approval
 - f. Fail to submit treatment logs (if required)
2. Follow all treatment recommendations and requirements in addition to their program rules and policies.
3. Be respectful of others privacy and confidentiality.
4. Comply with drug testing requirements:
 - a. You are required to call the UA line every day and submit a valid sample on days your assigned number is called.
 - b. Provide non-dilute urine samples
 - c. Submit samples as required or requested
 - d. Tampering with a drug test is major violation may result in revocation in the program and new criminal charges.
 - e. You must be responsible for what you put in your body.
 - f. Alcohol, marijuana, NyQuil, “non-alcoholic” beer, CBD, cooking wine, kratom, poppy seeds, etc. are not allowed. If you test positive for a substance after consuming any of these substances, you will be required to change your program sobriety date and may receive a sanction for violation of this rule.
 - g. Synthetic and designer drugs are not allowed. This includes but is not limited substances commonly referred to as bath salts, flakka, spice, k2, etc.
 - h. If you take cold medication, you are responsible for knowing what is in

it by asking a doctor and/or pharmacist.

- i. Sharing of e-cigarettes, vapes, cigars, cigarettes, etc. is not allowed. If you test positive after doing so, you will be required to change your program sobriety date.

5. Follow all courthouse rules when appearing in START as well as:

- a. Attend court on time. Not being present at roll call may result in a sanction and failing to appear may result in a warrant.
- b. Please keep your cell phone silenced and put while in the courtroom.
- c. If you need to leave the courtroom for any reason you must first ask the PO or court staff for permission. Smoke breaks, personal calls, etc. are not allowed during court.

6. In addition to following all conditions of supervision and PO directives:

- a. Disclose to your PO within 24 hours of any prescriptions you have received from a medical doctor and sign an ROI (Release of Information) so PO's may verify you notified the prescriber.
- b. If released from custody you must contact your PO within 24 hours.

7. Answer questions from program team members honestly and truthfully

8. Do not provide altered or forged document to the court. This is considered a major violation may result in revocation in the program and new criminal charges.

9. Inform any medical care providers or prescribers that you are in a recovery program and are participating in a drug and alcohol treatment program.

10. Wear appropriate clothing during all START related activities. No clothing suggesting or promoting drugs, alcohol, gambling, sex or gangs will be allowed. You may be asked to leave if you violate this rule, which will count as a missed obligation.

11. Be respectful of other participants, staff, community partners and others in the community.

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START Court Drug Testing Expectations UA Line: 503.988.4070 - Press 0

I understand I must participate in random drug testing as part of the START Court Program. In addition to the program rules and expectations, I agree to the following:

- I will be assigned to a single number. **My UA # is _____.**
- Drug tests are conducted Monday through Saturday. I will call the line Monday through Saturday to see if I need to provide a UA. The UA line is updated each day at 6:00 AM.
- I will provide a UA at Volunteers of America Outpatient (Inact)
Monday – Friday between 9:00 AM and 6:10 PM. On Saturdays, I will provide a sample between 10:00 AM and 1:40 PM unless I am told otherwise by my probation officer or the court.
- If I am not enrolled in drug and alcohol treatment through VOA Outpatient (Inact), I will report to the probation office at the Mead Building (421 SW 5th AVE, Portland, OR 97204) to provide a sample on days my number is called unless I am in residential treatment or detox.
- A staff member will directly observe while I provide a sample and I will follow the instructions of the staff member taking the sample. I must:
 - **Provide an accurate sobriety date and report any new substance use prior to submitting sample**
 - Report any new or changes to prescription medications
- **Tampering with or attempting to tamper with a drug test is a misdemeanor offense and may result in revocation and/or new criminal charges.**
- I will provide a valid non-dilute sample. I understand dilute samples are not valid and at a minimum will be considered the equivalent to a missed test and may result in an additional sanction for tampering.
- I acknowledge my sample may be sent to the laboratory for further testing at any time.
- Consumption of **marijuana, CBD, kratom, NyQuil, bath salts/flakka, spice/k2, poppy seeds, non-alcoholic beer, cooking wine, vanilla extract, etc.** is not allowed and may result in a sanction and a change in my program sobriety date.
- Sharing of e-cigarettes, vapes, cigarettes, cigars, prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, etc. is not allowed and a positive result may result in a change in my program sobriety date.
- **IF I FAIL TO PROVIDE A VALID URINE SAMPLE, PROVIDE A POSITIVE URINE SAMPLE OR HAVE NEW USE I MUST REPORT TO THE NEXT START COURT DAY PER THE EXPEDITED DOCKET RULE (SEE PROGRAM RULES AND EXPECTATIONS).**

I have reviewed and understand the drug testing expectations.

Participant name (printed)

Signature

Date

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Notice to: _____

Drug Testing Tampering

Tampering with drug testing is a serious probation violation. A significant sanction will be imposed for tampering violations which may include new criminal charges, revocation of your probation, and/or termination from the START program.

The following are examples considered by START Court to be tampering and/or dishonesty:

- Providing urine samples with less than 20 mg/ml creatinine (dilute) without medical explanation
- Consuming or using products which may alter the validity, result, or testing of a sample
- Submitting a urine or saliva sample which is not produced by you at the time of collection under direct observation such as synthetic urine, another person’s urine, etc.
- Possessing, using, or attempting to use a device designed to falsify drug test results

The following are also examples of possible crimes which may be charged by the state:

| ORS 162.295 Tampering with physical evidence | Section 475.918 Falsifying drug test results | ORS 475.920 - Providing drug test falsification equipment |
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| <p>(1) A person commits the crime of tampering with physical evidence if, with intent that it be used, introduced, rejected or unavailable in an official proceeding which is then pending or to the knowledge of such person is about to be instituted, the person: (a) Destroys, mutilates, alters, conceals or removes physical evidence impairing its verity or availability; or (b) Knowingly makes, produces or offers any false physical evidence; or (c) Prevents the production of physical evidence by an act of force, intimidation or deception against any person. (2) Tampering with physical evidence is a Class A misdemeanor.</p> | <p>(1) A person commits the crime of falsifying drug test results if the person intentionally uses, or possesses with intent to use, any substance or device designed to falsify the results of a drug test of the person. (2) Falsifying drug test results is a Class B misdemeanor. (3) As used in this section and ORS 475.920, "drug test" means a lawfully administered test designed to detect the presence of a controlled substance.</p> | <p>(1) A person commits the crime of providing drug test falsification equipment if the person intentionally delivers, possesses with intent to deliver or manufactures with intent to deliver a substance or device designed to enable a person to falsify the results of a drug test. (2) Providing drug test falsification equipment is a Class A misdemeanor.</p> |

I acknowledge I have reviewed this information and understand I am required to provide valid samples for drug testing while participating in the START Court Program.

Participant Signature

Date

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Dilute Urinalysis

A urinalysis (UA) is considered dilute when the creatinine level in the urine sample is less than 20 mg/dl of creatinine. This happens when you ingest too much liquid prior to your UA.

To prevent dilute UAs, do not drink large quantities of water or other fluids before you provide a sample. This includes water, coffee, sports drinks, energy drinks, etc.

In general, **you should not drink more than 16 ounces of any liquids two hours prior to providing a UA.** If there are reasons you need or want to consume large quantities of liquid and you have to UA, you must provide a UA prior to doing so.

It is a program violation to provide a dilute UA and may result in a sanction. Providing valid drug testing samples are a requirement of participation in this program. If you are repeatedly not able to provide valid samples (without medical explanation), you may be revoked from the program. A dilute sample is treated by the Judge as a missed drug test and dishonesty.

I acknowledge receipt of this warning. I understand invalid drug tests may result in sanctions from the court up to and including revocation.

Participant Name (printed): _____

Participant Signature

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Prescription Drug Policy

To participate in the START drug court program, I agree to follow the prescription drug policy as follows:

1. **Prior to receiving any prescriptions, you will inform the prescriber you are in a drug treatment program.**
2. You are required to ask medical providers for a safe, equally effective, non-narcotic medication.
3. You must be honest when providing information to any medical providers.
4. You must disclose to the prescriber if you are on any forms of medication assisted treatment which includes suboxone, methadone, vivitrol or naltrexone. This is for your own safety.
5. You must sign a Release of Information (ROI) with your probation officer and treatment provider so they can confirm you are following the rules of this policy.
6. You must provide copies of any medical documentation and prescriptions to your probation officer within 24 hours of any medical appointments.
7. You must take medications as prescribed. If you are found to be distributing or selling medications, you are at risk for new criminal charges and revocation from the program.
8. If you are on a pain contract with your doctor, you may be required to develop a safety plan with your counselor and/or probation officer.
9. You may be asked to bring in your medication(s) for a pill count at any time.
10. If you have been prescribed an opiate, you understand you may receive an enhanced opiate drug test in order to determine if it is consistent with the prescribed medication.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I understand the above policy. I understand that failure to follow this policy may result in a sanction by the court up to and including revocation from the program.

Participant name (printed): _____

Participant Signature

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Contested Probation Violation Hearings

In order to participate in the START court program, I understand that I am required to submit to random urinalysis to test for the presence of controlled substances, alcohol, marijuana and other prohibited substances. I also understand that urinalysis testing will also detect if I submit a diluted urine sample.

I know that if a random urinalysis indicates the presences of any prohibited substance or a diluted sample, I have a right to request the sample be tested by an independent laboratory contracted with the START court program for confirmation. I understand that the laboratory is not in the state of Oregon.

If the laboratory results confirm the presence of any prohibited substance or a diluted sample, I will be given notice of the results. If I wish to dispute the findings, I have the right to request a probation violation hearing.

I further understand that the toxicology report conducted by an independent laboratory contracted with the START court program for confirmation will be admissible evidence for the probation violation hearing. As consideration for my participation in the START court program I waive any statutory or constitutional right to have the state call a witness for the probation violation hearing from the laboratory or treatment provider. I do have the right to have my attorney subpoena the toxicologist or other relevant witnesses for the probation violation hearing.

Acknowledging all this, I knowingly waive my right to require the state to have the laboratory witness to appear in person for any contested probation violation hearing. I agree that if a laboratory witness testifies at the probation violation hearing that the testimony will be by telephone or by any other two-way electronic communication device, including but not limited to satellite, cellular or other interactive communication device.

In special circumstances, I acknowledge that my attorney retains the right to request that the witness appear in person if necessary to assure due process. It is up to the START court judge to make the determination if the witness is needed to personally appear for the hearing. The judge may take into account several factors, including but not limited to: 1) The ability to evaluate the credibility and demeanor of the witness in person is critical to the outcome of the proceeding; 2) The issue or issues the witness will testify about are so determinative of the outcome that face-to-face cross-examination is necessary; 3) The exhibits or documents the witness will testify about are too voluminous to make telephone testimony practical; and 4) The failure of the witness to appear personally will result in substantial prejudice to a party to the proceeding.

Participant name (printed): _____

Participant Signature

Date

START Court Program
Multnomah County Courthouse
1200 SW 1st AVE
Portland, Oregon 97204



Circuit Court of the
State of Oregon
Fourth Judicial District
Multnomah County, Oregon

Expedited Docket
Updated: 3/3/2022

The expedited docket is a program policy in effect throughout your participation in the program.

The expedited docket policy requires you to be in court the following Tuesday at 10:15 if you do any of the following, unless you are already scheduled to appear sooner:

- Miss a drug test
- Miss a treatment appointment including groups, individual sessions, intake, screenings, or assessments.
- Miss a PO appointment
- Leave residential treatment without PO approval
- Leave detox without PO approval
- Fail to submit treatment logs (if required)

For example, if your next scheduled court date is in three weeks, but you miss a drug test (or anything else listed above), the team will be notified and you will automatically be scheduled to appear on the START docket on following Tuesday. We will be expecting you in court and if you do not appear, a warrant may be issued.

If you have questions about your court appearances, you may contact your attorney or your probation officer at any time.

Failure to appear on the expedited docket may result in a warrant being issued.

Participant name (printed): _____

Participant Signature

Date

START COURT - PHONE NUMBERS

Multnomah County Circuit Court: (971) 274-0500
Program Coordinator: (971) 718-1289 (work cell)

VOA Outpatient (Inact) (503) 228-9229 (main)
Probation Office: (503) 988-3801
UA Testing Line: (503) 988-4070
**Press 0 for START*

Metropolitan Public Defenders (MPD) (503) 225-9100 (main)
Multnomah Defenders Inc. (MDI) (503) 226-3083 (main)

County Crisis Line: (800) 716-1769
Community Resources 211 (call)
898-211 (text)

START Probation Officer:
(if already assigned to an officer)

Recovery support mentor:
(if assigned)

Other:



Signature Page

By signing this page, I affirm that I have read through the START Court Participant Handbook and understand what is expected of me as a participant while in the START Court Program.

Reviewed participant handbook with: _____

Printed name: _____

Signature of Participant: _____

Date: _____

Handbook Version Date: 2/2024