

MISSION

"To reduce juvenile crime and drug use through therapeutic interventions, collaborative community partnerships and intensive judicial supervision of court-involved youth and families thereby improving juvenile and family functioning and community safety."

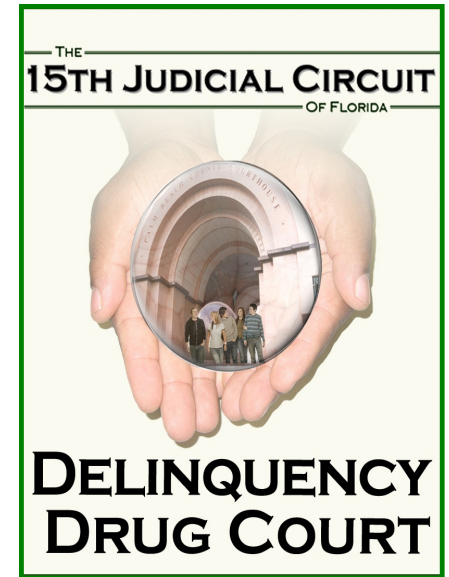


Through a partnership with:

- 👏 Administrative Office of the Court*
- 👏 Office of the State Attorney*
- 👏 Office of the Public Defender*
- 👏 Department of Juvenile Justice*
- 👏 Palm Beach County School District*
- 👏 Office of the Clerk & Comptroller*
- 👏 Treatment providers*
- 👏 Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners*



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What Is Delinquency Drug Court?



The 15th Judicial Circuit's Delinquency Drug Court (DDC) targets youth in Palm Beach County who have a history of substance abuse. The program is committed to the goal of reducing juvenile crime and drug use. Success requires both the youth and family's participation throughout the program.

Program Components

Delinquency Drug Court is a three-phase program. Participants develop treatment plans and will receive individual, family and group counseling. Other components include: regular court appearances, frequent and random urinalysis, written assignments, and attending school daily. Progress in the program is reviewed regularly by the Drug Court Team. Members include:

- Drug Court Judge*
- Juvenile Operations Manager*
- Drug Court Coordinator/Case Manager*
- State Attorney*
- Public Defender*
- School representative*
- Juvenile Probation Officer*
- Treatment providers*
- Clerk*

Who Qualifies?

- A. Resident of Palm Beach County, between the ages of 14 and 17; participant and advocate agree to participate; **and**

one of the following (B1, B2, B3 or B4):

- B1. **985.345 CASES:** Meets criteria as outlined in F.S. 985.345

B2. **DEFERRED PROSECUTION CASES:**

Any filed Misdemeanor **or** non-violent, 2nd or 3rd degree Felony offense(s) where youth is **not** on Probation and WITH WRITTEN AGREEMENT FROM THE STATE ATTORNEY where:

- there is evidence of a substance abuse problem **and** victim is in agreement (victim cases)
- youth is/has not :
 - previously been enrolled in a diversion program for a felony non-drug offense
 - previously been found to have committed a non Chapter 893 felony
 - previously been found to have committed more than 2 felony drug offenses
 - charged with a firearm, sale of controlled substance* or a sex offense
 - previously participated* (signed contract) in any juvenile drug court

B3. **PROBATION CASES:**

Youth may be placed in Delinquency Drug Court as a condition of Probation **or** is currently on Probation and requests to modify Probation and:

- youth has not previously participated* (signed contract) in any juvenile drug court **or**;
- youth is not charged with any offense involving a firearm, sale of controlled substance* or sex offense

**charges may be reviewed on a case by case basis*

Youth with mental/behavioral health issues may be eligible