

**Court
Monitored**

Drug Treatment Program

KINGS COUNTY

Have you been charged with a crime related to your drug addiction?

The Court Monitored Drug Treatment Program may help you change your life.

Who qualifies for this program?

You qualify for this drug treatment program if you

- › have been charged with a crime committed in Kings County
- › have a drug addiction that is connected to the crime
- › take responsibility for the crime you have committed
- › live in Kings County
- › are 18 years or older

How do I get into the program?

You can refer yourself. Your lawyer, your doctor, the police, or others can refer you. To get into the program, you must accept responsibility for the crime. You must agree to get treatment for your drug addiction. Nova Scotia Legal Aid may provide a lawyer for you.

How does it work?

- Step 1:** You are referred to the program or self-identify.
- Step 2:** You complete an application with your lawyer.
- Step 3:** Your application is reviewed by a Crown attorney.
- Step 4:** You complete an addiction screening process with the program coordinator.
- Step 5:** Your lawyer attends a pre-court meeting to review your suitability for the program.
- Step 6:** If accepted, you meet with your lawyer to review the information and sign the consent form.
- Step 7:** You go before the court to enter a guilty plea.
- Step 8:** You begin a treatment program.

You continue to attend court regularly until you successfully complete the program. You take part in group treatment, individual counselling, and random drug testing each week. You will also be accessing community supports.

What if I want to stop the program?

You can leave the program at any time. During the first 60 days, you can withdraw your guilty plea and go back into regular court.

What happens to my charges?

Nothing will change with your charges. If you complete the program successfully, your sentence could be reduced. This depends on your case, how you do during the program, and the recommendation from the program team to the judge.

For more information or to get an application, contact: **Kentville Justice Centre 902-679-6070**

