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## **About the 2025 Program Guide**

The 2025 Program Guide is published by the Probation Services Department of Montgomery County Common Pleas Court, General Division, of Montgomery County, Ohio. The guide includes information on programs, services, and resources offered within the Probation Services Department. Divided into sections on Group Programs for Clients, Informational Programs for Clients, Specialized Dockets, and Staff Resources, each entry details the goal, criteria for participation, objectives, schedule, and contact information for its respective activity. The 2025 Program Guide is published on an annual basis on [www.montcourt.oh.gov](http://www.montcourt.oh.gov). Please contact the Probation Services Department at (937) 225-4714 with any questions regarding the guide or its contents.

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# **Group Programs for Clients**

## **Advanced Breaking the Cycle (men only)**

Advanced Breaking the Cycle is a Cognitive – Behavioral Intervention for Intimate Partner Violence. This series is designed for those involved with the criminal justice system who have a recent pattern of Intimate Partner Violence and are at moderate to high risk for recidivism. The use of the terms risk, risky, and high risk in this program refers to a person's propensity to recidivate in general or more specially their likelihood to engage in violence or aggression in a relationship. The curriculum was developed to help correctional agencies implement evidence-based practices, improve public safety and reduce recidivism for individuals engaged in Intimate Partner Violence. It includes activities for cognitive, social and emotional skills development.

### **Goal:**

To provide clients with evidence-based practices to reflect upon themselves to make changes within their thoughts, attitudes, and beliefs.

### **Criteria for Participation:**

Primary eligibility will be male misdemeanor & felony offenders convicted of Domestic Violence or related charges against significant others (wife, girlfriend, or ex-wife, ex-girlfriend). Clients should be High or Very High ORAS risk level, repeat domestic violence offenders or related offense offenders.

### **Objectives:**

1. To reduce aggression and violence.
2. Promote Cognitive Restructuring, Skills Training, Problem Solving and Motivational Engagement.

### **Schedule:**

There is one (1) 26-week class, meeting twice weekly, for a total of 52 sessions.

***Daytime Sessions:*** Held at the Reibold Building, 117 S. Main Street – 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
**Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

### **Contact:**

Connie Houston, Supervisor, (937) 224-1574

James Maupins, Intensive Probation Officer, (937) 496-6820

Austyn Weglage, Intensive Probation Officer, (937) 496-3189

Referrals should be arranged through James Maupins or Austyn Weglage.

**NOTE:** Upon completion appropriate dosage hours will be applied.

# Breaking the Cycle

Breaking the Cycle (formerly known as Stop the Violence) is founded on the belief that domestic violence and/or domestic violence-related offenses are crimes where the perpetrator is responsible and should be held accountable for his behavior. Because those who batter choose violence, they can also choose to break the cycle and eliminate coercive and controlling tactics in their relationships with partners.

## **Goal:**

To educate and provide clients with alternatives to abusive behavior.

## **Criteria for Participation:**

Primary eligibility will be male misdemeanor & felony offenders convicted of Domestic Violence or related charges against significant others (wife, girlfriend, or ex-wife, ex-girlfriend). Participants should be either Low or Moderate ORAS risk level.

## **Objectives:**

1. To educate men about sex role attitudes, power and control in relationships, and empathy for the victim.
2. To offer men a variety of opportunities to learn alternatives to violence; such as, the time out method, relaxation techniques, and non-intimidating assertiveness training.

## **Schedule:**

There are two (2) 9-week ongoing Workshops, they are offered as follows:

**Daytime Sessions:** Held at the Reibold Building, 117 S. Main Street - 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, at the following times:

**Fridays: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

**Evening Sessions:** Held at the Reibold Building, 117 S. Main Street- 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, at the following times:

**Mondays: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Daytime Sessions:** Held at the **Montgomery County Jail**, 330 W. Second Street, at the following time:

**Thursdays: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Contact:**

Alvin Stokes, Probation Coordinator, (937) 224-3928

James Maupins, Intensive Probation Officer, (937) 496-6820

Austyn Weglage, Intensive Probation Officer, (937) 496-3189

Referrals should be arranged through James Maupins or Austyn Weglage.

**NOTE:** Upon completion appropriate dosage hours will be applied.



# Community Service Work

## Goal:

Coordinate placement of offenders with a non-profit organization or a governmental agency for the purpose of restorative justice.

## Criteria:

Community Service Orientation is open to all clients who have Community Service Work to complete as a sanction, or in lieu of fines and costs.

## Objectives:

1. To have all clients with community service obligations complete Community Service Work,
2. Orientation to be scheduled in OCSS within 30 days of being placed on supervision.
3. To review the purposes and principles of community service work with all clients.
4. To obtain applications, liability waivers and other necessary information from clients prior to their assignment.
5. To assign all clients to appropriate placement organizations within 24 hours.
6. To have all clients contact their assigned placement organizations within 24 hours after receiving their placement.
7. To report the attendance of each Community Service Work Orientation to management staff within 24 hours.

## Schedule:

Every Monday, except holidays, from **1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, at the Reibold Building 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, 117 S. Main Street. (**Note: Instruct clients to arrive at 12:45 pm**)

If a client is unable to attend orientation, they must contact Donny Anderson to schedule an individual orientation.

## Contact:

Donny Anderson, Probation Coordinator, (937) 225-6014

**NOTE:** Please advise Donny Anderson prior to CSW Orientation if client is a sex offender (present/past) or if the client has animal related charges (present/past). Additionally, if a client is performing Community Service Work in lieu of financial obligations, please notify Donny.



# **Making Better Choices**

## **Goal:**

To educate the client on how their theft has an impact on them financially, socially, and legally. To discuss the socially irresponsible behavior of the individual charged with a theft related offense by identifying risk factors associated with that theft.

## **Criteria for Participation:**

Any client with a theft related offense. Low ORAS level clients will only be required to attend the initial class. Clients of moderate or higher ORAS level will be required to complete a Carey guide assignment(s) as part of the class.

## **Objective:**

Bring awareness to clients on the facts of the law, and on their responsibility to prevent future criminal behavior.

## **Schedule:**

The following sessions will be from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Reibold Building, 117 S. Main Street - 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, classes will be held on Tuesdays.

## **Males**

January 7, 2025

May 6, 2025

September 9, 2025

## **Females**

March 4, 2025

July 8, 2025

November 4, 2025

## **Contact:**

Cherie White, Probation Coordinator, (937) 224-3944

**Clients may be scheduled directly to the OCSS calendar for Cherie White, Probation Coordinator.**

**NOTE:** Upon completion appropriate dosage hours will be applied.

# **New Client Orientation**

## **Goal:**

All clients will attend New Client Orientation within 30 days of being granted supervision. This will give the client a better understanding of the terms and conditions of supervision.

## **Criteria:**

All clients placed on supervision. Exclusions to this are:

- Clients granted Monitored Time
- Clients granted Inter or Intrastate Supervision
- Clients granted supervision and assigned to Linda Shipley or Cindy Riley
- Clients in jail, ordered to serve a sentence, complete residential treatment or a CBCF
- Clients already on supervision for another case

## **Objectives:**

1. To have all clients complete one (1) New Client Orientation within 30 days of being placed on supervision.
2. To strengthen communication between probation staff and clients.
3. To encourage positive outcomes in program completion.

## **Schedule:**

New Client Orientation will be held in the Reibold Building, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, 117 S. Main Street from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the following Thursdays.

January 9, 2025

February 13, 2025

March 13, 2025

April 10, 2025

May 8, 2025

June 12, 2025

July 10, 2025

August 14, 2025

September 11, 2025

October 9, 2025

November 13, 2025

December 11, 2025

## **Contact:**

Tony Duff, Probation Officer, (937) 224-1570

Kelley Wills, Intensive Probation Officer, (937) 496-6740

# **Positive Perspectives (formerly Anger Management)**

## **Goal:**

To provide clients with tools to address issues with anger and associated feelings.

## **Criteria for Participation:**

Clients should have low/moderate or higher ORAS level, who have been identified and/or exhibited a need to learn conflict resolution skills, and committed to attending once a week for six (6) weeks.

## **Objectives:**

1. To learn to manage anger.
2. To develop and strengthen skills for self-control over thoughts and feelings.
3. To develop a pro-social anger response plan.

## **Schedule:**

This is a 6-week open program, offered as follows:

**Males:                      Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m., Group Room #2**

**Females:                    Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Group Room #1**  
**Friday, 12:00pm-1:30pm, Jail**

## **Contact:**

Alvin Stokes, Probation Coordinator, (937) 224-3928  
Cherie White, Probation Coordinator, (937) 224-3944

Female referrals are to be made to Cherie White, Probation Coordinator

Male referrals are to be made to Alvin Stokes, Probation Coordinator

**NOTE:** Upon completion appropriate dosage hours will be applied.



# **Women Empowering Women for Success (women only)**

## **Goal:**

To empower women for success through personal and professional development, self-care, problem solving skills, decision making, and interpersonal relationships.

## **Criteria for Participation:**

Clients should have a low or moderate ORAS level, and committed to attending once a week for four (4) weeks, two (2) hours per session. Clients will be required to complete all homework assignments. This is an interactive program that will require participation from everyone.

## **Objectives:**

1. To conduct group exercises that focus on decision making and problem-solving skills.
2. To reinforce trust through self-disclosure.
3. To develop effective communication skills.
4. To develop insight on self-awareness and accountability
5. Will utilize relevant Carey Guides.

## **Schedule:**

Daytime sessions are held on Thursdays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Reibold Building 10<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
117 S. Main Street, on the following dates:

**Session I:** February 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2025

**Session II:** June 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2025

**Session IV:** October 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2025

## **Contact:**

Serida Lowery, Intensive Probation Officer, (937) 496-3188

Holly Vadnais, Intensive Probation Officer, (937) 225-4809

Referrals are to be made to Tina Friess, Administrative Coordinator.

**NOTE:** Upon completion appropriate dosage hours will be applied.

# **Informational Programs for Clients**

# **Impact Panel - Drug Impact Panel/Driving Under the Influence**

## **Goal:**

To educate individuals impacted by drug addiction about the potential consequences of continued use and how their actions have impacted the victim by utilizing the principles of restorative justice.

## **Criteria for Participation:**

The Drug Impact Panel is geared for the individual who has been convicted of a drug offense. This panel is also designed for those who continue to abuse illegal or prescription drugs or other mood-altering substances. The panel is also designed for the client who is susceptible to drinking excessively or driving under the influence of mood-altering substances.

The DUI Impact Panel is geared for the client who has been convicted of a DUI offense.

## **Presenters:**

Presenters will include members of the community: Rachel Babich, Program Director of Ohio-MADD:

Recovery Works Healing Center, LLC; Families of Addicts (FOA); and a former client.

## **Objectives:**

1. To educate individuals on how their usage impacts themselves, their families, victims, and the community.
2. To promote recovery and sobriety.
3. To strengthen communication between resources and to encourage treatment.

## **Schedule:**

Impact Panels are conducted at the Reibold Building - 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, 117 S. Main Street, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., on the following dates:

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Drug Impact/Driving Under the Influence | February 3, 2025 |
| Drug Impact/Driving Under the Influence | June 2, 2025     |
| Drug Impact/Driving Under the Influence | October 6, 2025  |

**Clients may be scheduled directly to the OCSS calendar for Cherie White, Probation Coordinator.**

# Impact Panel – Victims of Violence

## **Criteria for Participation (Victims of Violence):**

The Victims of Violence Impact Panel is geared toward the client who has been convicted of a violent offense or who has violent tendencies. This panel is designed to bring awareness of the true realities' violence can create for a family and/or the community. Low ORAS level clients will only be required to attend the initial class.

## **Objectives:**

1. To give victims a voice in the Criminal Justice System, in accordance with the principals of Restorative Justice.
2. To influence an offenders' behavior through direct contact with crime victims.
3. To facilitate learning how clients' actions affects victims and the community.

## **Contact:**

Kaylin Ely, Victim Advocate – Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office, Victim Witness Division, (937) 225-5623

## **Impact Panel Schedule:**

Impact Panels are conducted at the Reibold Building - 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, 117 S. Main Street, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., on the following dates:

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Victims of Violence | March 3, 2025    |
| Victims of Violence | July 7, 2025     |
| Victims of Violence | November 3, 2025 |

**Clients may be scheduled directly to the OCSS calendar for Cherie White, Probation Coordinator.**

# **Specialized Dockets**

# **Kushinda Court**

Judge Gerald Parker, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor – Courtroom #3

## **Goal:**

To educate the clients on self, family, and community.

## **Criteria for Participation:**

The target population is African American men ages 18-29 years old. This program will use the Habilitation, Empowerment, Accountability, Therapy (HEAT) curriculum – an 9-month course. Eligible clients are those of moderate or higher ORAS level.

## **Objective:**

1. To educate and promote accountability.
2. To support young African American men.
3. To strengthen communication and to encourage positive outcomes in program completion.
4. To assist in decision making and problem-solving.

## **Schedule:**

Kushinda Court is held biweekly on Thursdays at 1:30pm at the Courthouse located at 41 N. Perry Street. Please arrive and be seated in the Courtroom by 1:25 p.m.

## **Contact:**

Karla Arnold, Supervisor, (937) 225-4288

Lafayette Christian, Intensive Probation Officer, (937) 496-6519

## **Late Night Make-Up Sessions**

Sessions will be held at the Reibold Building located at 14 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 pm on the following dates:

January 6, 2025

January 27, 2025

February 10, 2025

February 24, 2025

March 10, 2025

March, 24, 2025

April 7, 2025

April 21, 2025

May 12, 2025

June 9, 2025

June 23,2025

July 14, 2025

July 28, 2025

August 11, 2025

August 25, 2025

September 8, 2025

September 22, 2025

October 27, 2025

November 17, 2025

# **Men's Achievement Recovery Court (MARC)**

Judge Steven K. Dankof, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor – Courtroom # 4

## **Goal:**

The Men's Achievement Recovery Court (M.A.R.C.) is designed to reduce crime by changing client's drug using behavior. It is a highly structured program, lasting 6 months to 5 years, and encourages sobriety through weekly Court appearances, intensive supervision by the Criminal Justice Services Department, urine testing, and involvement in treatment.

## **Criteria for Participation:**

Open to male clients who are granted Intervention in Lieu of Conviction or Community Control with a moderate or higher ORAS level.

## **Objective:**

Upon completing the Men's Achievement Recovery Court (M.A.R.C.), participants will be drug and alcohol free for 6 consecutive months, have no new felony offenses, be employed or enrolled in school, have fulfilled their financial obligation, and completed special conditions ordered by the Court.

## **Schedule:**

Men's Achievement Recovery Court is held weekly on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. at the Courthouse located at 41 N. Perry Street. Please arrive and be seated in the Courtroom by 3:25 p.m.

## **Contact:**

Karla Arnold, Supervisor, (937) 225-4288

Ryan Addison, Intensive Probation Officer, (937) 496-3026

Lynn Mirovsky, Intensive Probation Officer, (937) 496-7431

**NOTE:** Following completion of docket for drug related offenses, the court holds its OVI Track docket. The OVI track within the Men's Achievement Recovery Court targets participants who have been convicted of an alcohol-related offense or OVI and have scored high in the risk and need of the DUI Risk and Needs Triage (RANT) tool.

# **Mental Health Court**

Honorable Timothy N. O'Connell, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor - Courtroom #11

## **Goal:**

Access to and compliance with treatment, establish stability, accountability for actions, and continued mental health.

## **Criteria:**

All clients will be required to enter a guilty plea prior to entering Mental Health Court. Clients eligible for judicial release may also be considered for admission. Clients must be residents of Montgomery County, Ohio, who have been charged with one or more felonies.

## **Clinical Criteria:**

Qualifying Diagnosis:

To be admitted to Mental Health Court, clients must have been diagnosed with a severe mental illness, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder (bipolar or depressive), Bipolar Disorder, Major Depressive Disorder, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Panic Disorder, or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, as diagnosed by a licensed provider and as described in the most current edition of the DSM (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders).

A history of serious or repetitive violence, including domestic violence convictions where physical harm or weapons were involved, will likely exclude a client from Mental Health Court. Such determination will be left to the discretion of the Mental Health Court Judge.

## **Objective:**

Connect clients with mental health treatment options through area agencies and provide an encouraging and supportive atmosphere to enable clients to gain stability and self-sufficiency. To maintain a recidivism rate of less than 30% within the six-month period following graduation from Mental Health Court.

## **Schedule:**

Mental Health Court will be held at the Montgomery County Common Pleas Court Building, 41 North Perry Street, Judge Timothy N. O'Connell Courtroom # 11, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor @ 2:30 p.m. on Thursday.

## **Contact:**

Karla Arnold, Supervisor, (937) 225-4288

Linda Shipley, Intensive Probation Officer (937) 225-4304

# **Recovery IS Empowering Court (RISE)**

Honorable Mary Wiseman, 4rd Floor – Courtroom # 12

## **Goal:**

The Recovery IS Empowering Court is designed to reduce crime by changing offender's drug using behavior. It is a highly structured program, lasting 6 months to 5 years, and encourages sobriety through weekly Court appearances, intensive supervision by the Criminal Justice Services Department, urine testing, and involvement in treatment.

## **Criteria for Participation:**

Clients are female offenders with substance abuse issues and a moderate or high ORAS level.

## **Objective:**

Upon completing the Recovery IS Empowering Court, participants will be drug and alcohol free for six (6) consecutive months, be employed or enrolled in school, have fulfilled their financial obligation, and completed special conditions ordered by the Court.

## **Schedule:**

Recovery IS Empowering Court will be held at the Montgomery County Common Pleas Court Building, 41 North Perry Street, Judge Mary Wiseman Courtroom @ 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

## **Contact:**

Karla Arnold, Supervisor, (937) 225-4288

Molly Drake, Intensive Probation Officer, (937) 225-4583

Melissa Parton, Intensive Probation Officer, (937) 496-6823

Alicia Williams, Intensive Probation Officer (937) 496-6845

**NOTE:** Following completion of docket for drug related offenses, the court holds its OVI Track docket. The OVI track within the Recovery IS Empowering Court targets participants who have been convicted of an alcohol-related offense or OVI and have scored high in the risk and need of the DUI Risk and Needs Triage (RANT) tool.

# **Veteran's Court**

Honorable Dennis J. Adkins, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor – Courtroom # 1

## **Goal:**

To assist veterans who are involved in the criminal justice system in addressing the issues that led to their involvement with the Court.

## **Criteria:**

1. Any client placed on Community Control or Intervention in Lieu of Conviction in the Montgomery County Common Pleas Court.
2. Veterans who have received an Honorable or General (Under Honorable Conditions) discharge from the United States Military Services, and drug/alcohol use, PTSD, traumatic brain injury, or other physical/mental conditions was a significant factor in the commission of their offense.

## **Objective:**

To ensure compliance with Court imposed sanctions and to facilitate placement into a variety of services at the Dayton VA Medical Center and within the community.

## **Schedule:**

Veteran's Court will be held at the Montgomery County Common Pleas Court Building, 41 North Perry Street, Judge Dennis Adkins Courtroom # 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor @ 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

## **Contact:**

Karla Arnold, Supervisor (937) 225-4288

Thomas Blatter, Intensive Probation Officer, (937) 225-4363

# **Staff Resources**

# **Booster Sessions**

Booster Sessions are short group sessions designed to improve employee skills.

## **Goal:**

To provide employees with up-to-date information on different workflow areas within the Court.

## **Objectives:**

1. To enhance skills and offer additional opportunities to apply what employees have learned.
2. To reinforce information or skills about other department's or employee's duties.
3. To encourage collaboration through the sharing of information.

## **Schedule:**

January 31, 2025 – Probation Services

February 28, 2025 – Investigative Services

March 28, 2025 – PreTrial Services

April 25, 2025 – Probation Services

May 30, 2025 – Investigative Services

June 27, 2025 – PreTrial Services

August 29, 2025 – Probation Services

September 26, 2025 – Investigative Services

October 31, 2025 – PreTrial Services

## **Contact:**

Terra Bechtol, Manager (937) 496-3192

## **Carey Guides (Cognitive Intervention)**

These tools are designed for use by clients—with the assistance of their probation officer—to understand and address risk factors, triggers, and other conditions that are essential to their success. There are 33 Carey Guides addressing a number of different criminogenic needs.

### **Goal:**

To educate the client on understanding their behavior and to be taught skills for making positive changes.

### **Criteria for Participation:**

1. Any client, male or female, with moderate or higher ORAS.
2. Any client needing to build skills to address risk factors, triggers, and other behaviors.

### **Objective:**

To utilize evidence-based practices helping clients to understand the personal and environmental factors for their behavior and to learn skills that are essential to their success.

### **Schedule:**

At any time during a client's period of supervision. Done directly by the supervising Probation Officer or a Probation Coordinator.