

ADULT MISDEMEANOR DIVERSION PROGRAM



Other JRC Services

- Career and educational navigation
- Case Management
- Community reentry services
- Diversion services
- Evidence-based classes
- Expungement support

Justice Resource Center

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We are a place where people involved with the justice system can access meaningful services to help them on a path to stability and wellness.



A PLACE OF OPPORTUNITY

Why It Matters

Involvement in the criminal justice system can carry lifelong impacts on the health, safety and well-being of individuals, families, and neighborhoods.

Many individuals with justice involvement are also impacted by poverty, trauma, mental illness and/or substance use disorders. We provide services and seamless linkage to community resources.

What is Diversion?

The Adult Misdemeanor Diversion Program (AMDP), offers individuals an opportunity for a voluntary dismissal by the Office of the District Attorney on certain charges.

Program length varies from 3 to 9 months and includes educational classes, volunteer service hours, and restitution (as required).

Participants of the program will have access to Justice Resource Center case managers to connect them with additional community resources such as vocational supports, mental health/substance use treatment, educational, housing, and other supportive services.

Program Requirements

The Adult Misdemeanor Diversion Program provides education and case management while engaging individuals in meaningful activities to deter future criminal justice involvement. Our 3-9 month diversion program entails:

- completion of Collateral Consequences presentation;
- completion of required volunteer hours, and;
- completion of required evidence-based educational classes.

Successful completion of program conditions within the required time may result in voluntary dismissal of criminal charges and avoidance of collateral consequences.

Goal

Our goal is to minimize consequences of current system involvement and deter individuals from future criminal justice involvement by engaging them in evidence-based models to motivate change of high risk behaviors.

Eligibility

Certain Class I, Class II and Class III misdemeanors charged in Buncombe County.

Referrals

Our staff works with the Office of the District Attorney to identify eligible participants.

Enrollment

Please visit the Justice Resource Center, 15th floor of Buncombe County Courthouse to complete program enrollment.

**For more information, call
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