

ADULT MISDEMEANOR DIVERSION PROGRAM



Other JRC Services

- Career and Educational navigation
- Diversion services
- Evidence-based classes and education
- Volunteer service coordination
- Expunction support
- Public benefits access
- Re-Entry services

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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), administered by RHA Health Services, Inc. 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, mental health/substance abuse treatment, educational, housing, and other supportive services.

Program Requirements

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

- complete Impact of Criminal Justice Involvement presentation
- complete required volunteer hours
- complete required educational classes

Successful completion of program conditions within the required time will 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 and modify risky behaviors.

Eligibility

- Charged in Buncombe County with certain Class I, Class II or Class III misdemeanors
- No convictions in the past 4 years
- No participation in the program in the past 2 years

Referrals

RHA Health Services, Inc. works with the Office of the District Attorney to identify eligible clients.

To find out if you or your client is eligible for the program, please contact the Office of the District Attorney at (828) 259-3410.

**For more information, call
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