

# FELONY DRUG 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.

## A Peer Support Model

The Felony Drug Diversion program is staffed with North Carolina Certified Peer Support Specialists (NCCPSS) who are people living in stable recovery from mental health and/or substance use.

Through their “lived experience”, our peer support specialists can assist, advocate, encourage, and empower individuals seeking recovery.

## Program Requirements

The Felony Drug Diversion Program provides education and peer support for individuals recovering from substance use disorders and mental health challenges by offering a 6-9 month program that entails:

- completion of Collateral Consequences presentation;
- completion of required volunteer hours;
- completion of required evidence-based educational classes;
- 25 peer sessions and;
- no new criminal charges.

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 in evidence-based models to motivate change of high risk behaviors.

## Eligibility

Certain felony possession of schedule I and II controlled substance offenses 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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