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.
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.

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.

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.

For more information, call

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