



# Gila River Indian Community Court

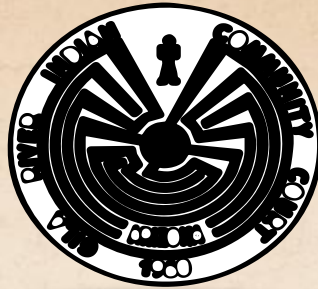
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Juvenile Drug Court

“Sap Hihim Hekth A’Alga”

*Our Children Walking On a Good Path*

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# Mission

Helping our children walk on a good path for an alcohol and drug free life, by providing cultural identity, guidance and resources.

# Vision

It is our vision to improve the quality of life for our children, by reducing alcohol and drug abuse, which will create positive family and community environments.



# GRIC Juvenile Drug Court Benefits

- A Probation Officer will be assigned to monitor, encourage and assist the juvenile as he or she goes through the Drug Court process
- The juvenile will quickly be linked to an appropriate treatment program and any other services they may need
- The juvenile will be linked to educational services (school and/or GED)
- The juvenile may receive incentives/rewards for maintaining compliance.
- The juvenile will receive support to help with maintaining sobriety
- The juvenile can participate in support groups with other peers to address common issues
- The juvenile will get support and assistance if a higher level of care is required



# ADMISSION CRITERIA



- ❖ Juvenile receives a clinical assessment for substance abuse
- ❖ Juvenile is between 12-17 years of age
- ❖ Juvenile has been arrested for a drug or alcohol related offense
- ❖ Juvenile has not been convicted of or admitted to any violent or sexual offenses.
- ❖ Juvenile must be willing to participate in the Treatment Plan and all Court ordered services.
- ❖ Juvenile must be willing to be completely honest in all communications with the Court.
- ❖ Juvenile and parent(s) must agree to sign the Participation Agreement and abide by the conditions set therein.

# PROGRAM RULES



Juvenile must comply with all program requirements

- **Attend all required drug treatment sessions**

Outpatient individual/group counseling, educational sessions, random drug & alcohol testing, etc. Test refusals = dirty test

- **Be on time.**

If you are late to any scheduled event, you may not be allowed to attend and will be considered non-compliant.

- **Do not make threats towards other participants/staff or behave in a violent or disruptive manner.**

1. Violent or inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and will be reported to the Court . This may result in immediate termination from the GRIC Juvenile Drug Court Program

# PROGRAM RULES (continued)

- **Do not possess drugs, alcohol, or weapons**  
These items are prohibited at all times.
- **Dress appropriately for Court and treatment sessions**
  - ◆ You will be expected to present yourself with a respectable appearance. For example, clothing must not be physically revealing. Also, clothing that displays gangs, drugs, alcohol or tobacco is prohibited.
- **Display appropriate behavior during Court proceedings**  
Any disruptions during court will be viewed as disrespect towards the court and a participant will be subject to sanctions.



# Four-Level Therapeutic Program

1. Level I - CHOICE - minimum of four (4) weeks to complete
2. Level II - CHALLENGE minimum of eight (8) weeks
3. Level III - CHANGE minimum of eight (8) weeks
4. Level IV - MAINTENANCE - minimum of six(6) weeks

Aftercare/Peer Mentoring – Juveniles are encouraged to maintain their sobriety by remaining active with their counseling sessions and offering peer mentorship.

Length of time to complete GRIC Juvenile Drug Court Program is approximately six (6) months, but could take as long as twelve (12) months, depending on each juveniles compliance and progress.





# Level I – Choice

This Level encourages and supports your *choice* to work toward a drug free life and establish a foundation of abstinence. Minimum of four (4) weeks to complete.

## Level I Goals

- Detoxification and abstinence
- Placement in community-based treatment
- Acquisition of entitlements/health care
- Evaluation for additional needs or service
- Identification of community supports
- Goal setting for social skills development
- Goal setting for education and life skills
- Improved interaction with family & friends

## Requirements to advance

- Juvenile MUST successfully complete:
- Four (4) Review Hearings
  - Four (4) Coordinator contacts
  - Twelve (12) Probation Officer contacts
  - Eight (8) Drug/alcohol tests
  - Attend school/GED regularly
  - Eight (8) hours of Community Service
  - Eight (8) hours of Wellness activity
  - Eight (8) hours of counseling sessions
  - Complete Level I Promotion Packet



# Level II – Challenge

This Level *challenges* participants to confront underlying issues surrounding their addiction and its impact on their life. It helps them rise to the *challenge* of recovery . Minimum of eight (8) weeks .

## Level II Goals

- Continued abstinence and development of recovery tools
- Significant progress toward attaining treatment goals
- Continued and improved interaction with family and friends
- Participation and progress toward goal achievement in educational, vocational, and life skills plans
- Identification of additional needs/services
- Development of sound social skill practices and strategies

## Requirements to advance

Juvenile MUST successfully complete:

- Eight (8) Review Hearings
- Eight (8) Coordinator contacts
- Sixteen (16) Probation Officer contacts
- Sixteen (16) drug and alcohol tests
- Attend school regularly
- Eight (8) hours of Community Service
- Eight (8) hours of Wellness activities
- Sixteen (16) hours of counseling
- Level II Graduation Packet



# Level III – Change

This Level promotes continued *change* within you towards self-sufficiency, while reconnecting with the community at large. Minimum of eight (8) weeks.

## Level III Goals

- Internalization of recovery tools
- Continued development of daily coping skills
- Stable educational and familial arrangements
- Preparation, in all respects, for continued drug-free living

## Requirements to advance

- Juvenile MUST successfully complete:
- Eight (8) Review Hearings
- Eight (8) Coordinator contacts
- Sixteen (16) Probation Officer contacts
- Eight (8) Drug and alcohol tests
- Attend school regularly
- Eight (8) hours of Community Service
- Eight (8) hours of Wellness activities
- Eight (8) hours of Counseling sessions
- Complete Level III Promotion Packet



# Level IV – Graduation/Maintaining Abstinence

This Level focuses on graduating from the GRIC Juvenile Drug Court, promoting and *maintaining* long-term abstinence, and becoming a responsible, productive member of the community. Minimum of six (6) weeks.

## Goals for this Level

- Increase family & community support systems
- Engage in activities that build harmony, support, and unity among family and friends
- Gain confidence, expertise, and effectiveness in managing discipline issues
- Strengthen educational and life skills while exploring links to future careers and lifestyles
- Encouraged to continue counseling sessions
- Drug Court Staff will monitor juvenile for up to 3 months after graduation
- Graduates can serve as peer mentors

## Requirements to advance

- Juvenile MUST successfully complete:
- Bi-weekly Review Hearings
- Bi-weekly Coordinator contacts
- Weekly Probation Officer contacts
- Bi-weekly random drug tests
- Attend school regularly
- Four (4) hours of Community Service
- Four (4) hours of Wellness activities
- Minimum of one (1) weekly counseling session (group/individual)
- Complete Graduation Packet



# ACHIEVEMENTS AND INCENTIVES

If juvenile does well in treatment and obeys all Court orders (achievements), the juvenile may be given incentives

## What is an incentive?

- An incentive is an acknowledgment by the Court that they have reached a treatment milestone or have been compliant in the program
- Incentives can be a simple applause in Court or tangible rewards.

## Why are incentives given?

- It is a way to acknowledge individual achievements and progress
- Receiving incentives builds self-esteem and helps a participant set the stage for continued progress



# ACHIEVEMENTS AND INCENTIVES (cont'd)

## **Are the incentives the same for everyone?**

- There are several possible incentives that can be granted for each particular achievement or milestone
- Since every case is a little bit different, the Staffing Team decides which incentive is most appropriate for each case
- In some situations, the Staffing Team may grant more than one reward
- Also, all incentives are subject to the rules of the phase level of the program that each participant is subject to



# SANCTIONS

## What is a Sanction?

- A “sanction” is a response to an infraction
- The seriousness of the infraction determines the severity of the sanction imposed. As infractions accumulate, the sanctions can become harsher
- Sanctions are “graduated”

## How many infractions and sanctions can a participant get before being terminated from the GRIC Juvenile Drug Court?

- This is determined on an individual basis
- There is some room for behavioral mistakes and adjustments, however, a participant will not get unlimited chances to change their behavior and succeed in the program
- When a participant is consistently non-compliant, they risk being terminated from the GRIC Juvenile Drug Court

# Programs and Services

- Field Supervision
- Drug & Alcohol Testing: Urinalysis ♦ Breathalyzer ♦ Oral Swab
- Referral Services
- Behavioral Health Services – Counseling (Individual / Group)  
♦ Cultural Sessions ♦ In-Patient Treatment (if needed)
- Tribal Social Services Assistance
- Community Service Projects
- Wellness Activities
- Education Group
- Incentives





# \*DRUG COURT STAFF

- Honorable Jay Pedro, Drug Court Judge
- Norma Nahsonhoya, JDC Coordinator
- Nellie Miguel, Drug Court Clerk
- Christina Jones, JDC Probation Officer
- Zeke Rodriguez, JDC Probation Officer

\*Court Operations and Compliance

# \* ADVISORY PANEL

- ❖ Judge – Honorable Jay Pedro
- ❖ Tribal Court – Appellate Judge, Jackie Zillioux
- ❖ Drug Court Coordinator – Norma Nahsonhoya
- ❖ Office of the Prosecutor– Sunshine Whitehair
- ❖ Defense Services Office – Cecilia Vaca
- ❖ Law Enforcement (Police) – Officer Clifton Smith
- ❖ Behavioral Health Services – Wade Brandimore
- ❖ Education Department – Christopher Smith
- ❖ Community-At-Large Member – Vacant
- ❖ Probations Department – Robert Hernandez

\*Policy and Procedure

# \*STAFFING TEAM

- Judge – Honorable Jay Pedro
- Coordinator – Norma Nahsonhoya
- Probation Officers – Christina Jones and Zeke Rodriquez
- Office of the Prosecutor – Sunshine Whitehair
- Defense Services Office – Kristie Repucci
- Law Enforcement (Police) – Officer Ester Poolaw
- Behavioral Health Services – Wade Brandimore, Shelly Dexter, Josh Ulrich
- Education Department – Christopher Smith
- Tribal Social Service – Joanne Perry

\*Conducts case assessment and collaboration, imposes sanctions and incentives, determines acceptance of new participants into Program

Questions???



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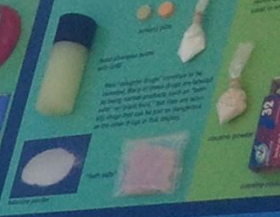


# DRUG IDENTIFICATION

## Inhalants



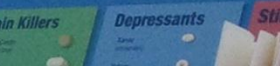
## Club Drugs



## Methamphetamine



## Prescription Drugs



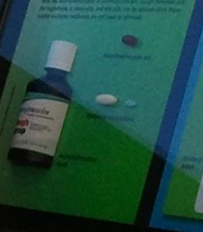
## Pain Killers



## Depressants



## Over-the-Counter Drugs



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ONLY BY PEOPLE

