



“If you can’t fly, then run. If you can’t run, then walk. If you can’t walk, then crawl. But whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward.”

-Martin Luther King Jr.



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LYNCHBURG ADULT
RECOVERY COURT



LYNCHBURG CIRCUIT COURT

What is Adult Recovery Court?

- Virginia Recovery Courts were formally established in 2004 with the passing of the Drug Treatment Court Act.
- It is an alternative to sentencing for adult offenders that are diagnosed with a substance use disorder.
- The specialized court docket within Virginia's existing court system provides judicial monitoring of individuals in the voluntary program.
- The program provides comprehensive substance use treatment, intensive supervision, and supportive services.
- The 5-phase program takes participants approximately 9-18 months to complete.
- Defendants are referred by their attorney, the Commonwealth, or the Court and required to plead guilty with the opportunity to have the charge dismissed upon successful completion of the program.
- While in Recovery Court, participants are required to be employed (if able) in order to pay their court costs and fines.

What Do Recovery Courts Do?

The goals of Virginia's Recovery Courts are:

1. Reduce substance use among participants.
2. Reduce recidivism.
3. Reduce drug-related court workloads.
4. Increase personal, familial, and societal accountability among offenders.
5. Promote effective planning and use of resources among the criminal justice system and community agencies.

How Does Recovery Court Work?

- Integration of supervision, treatment, and peer support provided.
- Collaboration between courts system, treatment services and community.
- Immediate sanctions enforced for noncompliance.
- Encouraging incentives offered for rehabilitated behaviors and milestones.
- Focused supervision provided by probation.
- Judicial supervision provided by court.
- Continuing care and support given post graduation.



Recovery Court & Community Impact

- Recovery Courts allow participants to receive access to mental health and substance use disorder treatment that otherwise might not be available in jail.
- On average, Virginia's Recovery Courts save over \$19,000 per person as opposed to traditional case processing.
- Recovery Courts reduce prison costs by decreasing the inmate population, thus preventing costly overpopulation in the jail system.
- Recidivism rates of Recovery Court participants is far lower than that of those who are sentenced regularly (probation, jail/prison).

Do Recovery Courts Work?

- Research shows that the Recovery Court model is an effective method to improve treatment adherence & promote recovery by utilizing evidence based treatment models.
- "Recovery Courts are the single most successful intervention in our nation's history for leading people living with substance use and mental health disorders out of the justice system and into lives of recovery and stability." - The National Association of Recovery Court Professionals.
- THE LARC is supported by a Federal Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration grant awarded in September of 2024.
- Since inception, 27 individuals have graduated from the program.
- Recovery Court teams engage in ongoing training and collaboration to stay up to date with developments and trends relevant to participant success.
- Since 2017, the program has maintained an extremely low rate of recidivism.

