



**Ozaukee County
TAD Program
E-Z Read Guide for New Participants**

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Welcome to the Ozaukee County TAD Program

The Ozaukee County TAD Program (OCTP) provides supervision, accountability and access to treatment services to program participants in Ozaukee County through direct case management of diversions and deferred Prosecutions (DPA's), and referral to appropriate sources.

Description

The program serves non-violent offenders with substance abuse and/or co-occurring mental health problems through either pre-charging diversion or deferred prosecution. Through pre-charging diversion, individuals who successfully participate in case management and treatment services avoid having charges filed for their arresting offense. Through deferred prosecution, individuals enter a plea, judgment is deferred, and cases are held open for a period of time under the condition that program requirements are completed. Successful completion results in a dismissal or reduction of charges. Substance abuse assessment and treatment services are referred as needed.

Diversions and Deferred Prosecutions

The Primary responsibility and area of accountability is the compliance with all of the terms of your Diversion or DPA. Your case manager is here to help implement a case plan that provides support and aid in achieving that goal.

Your Case Plan and Responsibilities

It is essential that you participate and cooperate with your treatment plan and goals, including attendance at all treatment sessions, support groups, and other appointments/referrals, and adhere to all other rules and regulations imposed by TAD Coordinator.

Confidentiality

You will sign a release of information, and agree that information that would otherwise be confidential relating to your compliance with the treatment program will be discussed with appropriate personnel

Incentives and Sanctions

You will be given incentives for compliant behavior, such as praise, promotion to the next phase, decreased testing and supervision. Sanctions are given for non-compliant behavior, such as written warnings (3 or more may result in termination), demotion to a previous phase, increased drug screens, essays, in-house written assignments, or termination.

Staffing

The TAD coordinator/case manager meets weekly with the Executive Director to staff cases. In the event of the need for a high level sanction; the TAD coordinator, the Executive Director of Starting Point, the participant, their counsel, and the District Attorney may staff cases that may result in termination of agreements.

Discharge

Your discharge from the OCTP Program will occur upon successful compliance with the terms of your deferred prosecution (DPA) or diversion agreement; as well as adherence to the TAD program requirements (AODA assessment) per the TAD coordinator.

Violence or Threats

If you demonstrate violence or inappropriate conduct towards the TAD staff, community corrections staff, treatment providers or any other member of the community you will be immediately terminated

Termination from OCTP

You will face staffing/termination if you:

- Have a positive Drug Screen
- Pick up a new arrest
- Violate your deferred prosecution (DPA) or diversion agreement
- Continued missed, diluted and/or positive drug tests;
- Falsified urine drug screens or court documents;
- Violence or threat of violence directed at anyone
- Three or more warnings for non-compliance with TAD requirements

Social environment

It is recommended that you not associate with any person who is in violation of the law, under court supervision or any convicted felon who is not currently in the program. What is recommended is prosocial or recovery oriented social support.

Accountability and travel

You will keep the TAD Coordinator and treatment providers, informed of your current address and phone number at all times, and will abide by the travel rule, which is not to leave the state without prior permission from the TAD Coordinator.

Financial and Legal

You are responsible for paying your treatment provider for all services rendered. Also, you are required to support your dependent children and abide by any court order for child support, or any other legal obligations such as restitution.

Phases of OCTP

OCTP is a minimum of a 6-month program, but not more than 12 months, divided into three phases. You must successfully complete each phase before transitioning to the next phase.

12 step meetings or optional community based support are suggested/required

Twelve step meetings include Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Cocaine Anonymous, Heroin Anonymous, SMART Recovery, or faith based church groups may be required (if you are assessed as chemically dependent). You may obtain information from your case manager or therapist regarding meeting times and location.

Community service hours may be required:

You may be referred to a local site to perform community service volunteer hours in accordance with the phase of programming you are in. Sites will be chosen by you and the TAD coordinator.

Employment

You will work with the TAD coordinator to find employment in an acceptable, full-time job or educational program. A job must be consistent with all aspects of the individual's recovery, or the job must be changed. Final determination of "acceptable job" rests with the TAD Program. The only exception to employment is documented, verifiable disability that prevents employment.

Submitting to Drug Tests:

OCTP participants must submit to random drug testing as ordered by the TAD Coordinator. Positive, missed and diluted drug screen results will result in termination from the program. Failure to report for drug testing or diluted drops will be treated as a positive screen. If you are caught tampering with or falsifying a drug screen you will be terminated.

Mood Altering and Controlled Substances

The Ozaukee County TAD Program is an abstinence based program. This means no use of any alcohol and/or any illicit drugs (i.e. marijuana, methamphetamine, ecstasy, crack, hallucinogens, etc). Narcotic medications are forbidden unless the prescription policy listed later in this document is strictly followed.

Over The Counter Medications (OTCM)

Any over the counter (OTC) medications which contain ephedrine (i.e. weight loss medication pseudoephedrine, Sudafed), alcohol (i.e. cough syrup) Benadryl compounds/ diphenhydramine (i.e. Unisom, Benadryl, Tylenol PM) and medications containing DXM may affect your drug screen and your recovery.

Prescription Medication

Always follow the advice of your mental health provider, primary care physician or psychiatrist who prescribes medication to you. Non narcotic/non addictive prescription medications to treat mental health problems such as depression and anxiety are allowed.

Controlled Substance/Narcotic Prescription Drug Policy

- Tell the doctor you are in a drug rehabilitation program;
- If the doctor feels it is medically necessary to prescribe you a narcotic drug, you will need to have the doctor write the OCTP a letter.
- Sign a release for the OCTP staff to communicate with your doctor about the prescription. You will need to give your TAD coordinator your physician's name and telephone number.
- Be advised that your doctor will be contacted to verify the authenticity of the document that you submit.
- If you test positive for drugs and claim it is because you took a prescription drug, the OCTP will not accept your excuse unless you are in compliance with the OCTP prescription medication policy.

Friends and Associates

Living a clean and sober life means avoiding friends who abuse drugs and alcohol and the places where they hang out. If you continue to hang out with people who are using and/or involved with illegal drugs/ alcohol it could cause you to be terminated from the TAD Program.

Honesty

Above all you must be honest with staff. The Ozaukee County TAD Program rewards “honesty.” You must admit to a violation at the earliest possible time without any attempt to evade responsibility for the violation. The treatment team will take this into consideration when deciding on a suitable sanction.

Dress Code

Participants are to dress appropriately for your court appearances and for any meeting they may have with TAD staff. If you are not, the staff will address the matter. You are expected to wear clothes that would be suitable for an interview.

Conclusion

The goal of the Ozaukee County TAD Program is to help you achieve a life free of crime and dependence on mind altering substances. The DA, TAD Coordinator, treatment providers and community liaisons are here to assist you, ***but the final responsibility is yours***. To succeed, you must be motivated to commit to a drug free/ crime free life style and work toward full integration into the community as a productive member of society. We look forward to assisting you with this journey.

