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## What can a person expect if accepted into the FWC?

The FWC is an 18-24 month program that requires commitment, strength, honesty and persistence. Once a defendant has successfully opted-into the court program he or she will be expected to:

- Engage in intensive outpatient substance abuse treatment with a treatment provider.
- Attend recovery/support group meetings.
- Appear regularly before the FWC judge for compliance/status hearings.
- Complete a minimum of 32 hours a week of work, school, and/or approved community work service.
- Undergo regular alcohol and other drug testing.
- Maintain sobriety.
- Maintain safe and sober housing.
- Attend MRT (Moral Reconciliation Therapy).
- Follow through with mental health services (if recommended).
- Pay for the MRT course, some drug testing, and related program costs.
- Take a medicine that stops cravings for alcohol (if deemed necessary and medically appropriate.)

## Fairbanks Wellness Court status hearings are open to the public.

Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.  
Courtroom 202 or 203  
Rabinowitz Courthouse  
101 Lacey Street  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

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Alaska Therapeutic Courts

# Fairbanks Wellness Court

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Fairbanks Wellness Court is to enhance public safety, reduce recidivism and rehabilitate chemically dependent offenders through a program of intensive judicial supervision, substance abuse treatment, close monitoring and case management.

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## What is Fairbanks Wellness Court?

The Fairbanks Wellness Court (FWC) is a voluntary jail diversion program that offers intensive substance abuse treatment and community supervision to support felony DUI Defendants who want to overcome serious problems with (or addiction to) alcohol and other substances.

## What makes the FWC different from regular court?

Defendants that opt-in to the FWC work with a team. It's known as a multi-disciplinary team (MDT) because it's made up of a group of professionals that typically would have differing viewpoints about the defendant's case. As a member of the MDT, these individuals step out of their traditional roles to collaborate in the best interest of the participant while keeping safety to the community a top priority.

Members of the MDT may include:

- the designated judge
- a district attorney representative
- defense counsel
- a probation officer (PO)
- a public defender agency representative
- the FWC project coordinator
- treatment provider

## Who is eligible?

An individual is eligible to apply to the FWC if:

- he/she is currently charged with a felony DUI or Refusal.
- he/she is currently charged with a misdemeanor DUI or Refusal that is attached to a non-violent class C felony.
- he/she is 18 years old or older.
- the situs of the alleged crime was within the Fourth Judicial District of the State of Alaska.
- his/her date of offense was 4 months or less from the date the FWC application was submitted.

## An individual is not eligible to apply to the FWC if:

- he/she is currently charged with an unclassified felony, a class A felony, an offense under AS 11.41.130, or an offense under AS 11.41.410 - .470, or he/she is currently charged with violating probation for one of those offenses.
- he/she has an outstanding felony warrant and detainer from another state.
- his/her date of offense was more than 4 months prior to the date the FWC application was submitted.

## What are the benefits of participating in the FWC?

Benefits of completing the FWC program are achieving sobriety and avoiding incarceration. Graduates receive a reduced sentence minimizing jail time and fines on their current case.

## How do defendants apply for the FWC program?

If a defendant is interested in participating in the FWC, he/she should work with their attorney to determine if they meet the eligibility criteria.

The defendant's attorney must submit an application to the FWC project coordinator who will provide the attorney with all the necessary application information.

Each application is reviewed on a case by case basis.

## Entry into the FWC program is not automatic.