
**The Anchorage CINA
Therapeutic Court is a
cooperative effort of the
following agencies:**

- Alaska Court System
- Alaska Department of Law
- Alaska Office of Public Advocacy
- Alaska Public Defender Agency
- Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP)
- Akeela, Inc.
- Alaska Department of Health and Social Services - Office of Children's Services
- Alaska Department of Health and Social Services - Division of Behavioral Health

Alaska Therapeutic Courts

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Mission of the Court

The mission of the CINA Therapeutic Court (CTC) is to accelerate permanency in child welfare cases by providing enhanced court oversight for parents or custodians in need of recovery services. The CTC operates as a parallel court for participants with an ongoing CINA case.

How are Cases Referred?

When the court has openings, a CINA case involving substance use will be automatically scheduled on the CINA Therapeutic Court calendar. Cases involving allegations of sex abuse, and certain cases involving criminal conduct or investigations will not be referred. The CINA Therapeutic Court Team gathers information about the case and makes a final eligibility decision about two weeks after the first therapeutic court hearing. Prospective participants should consult with counsel regarding eligibility and opt-out.

Eligible participants must:

- Have an open CINA case
- Have an Order for Temporary Custody or Supervision with a goal of reunification
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be able to attend court in person (some exceptions may apply)
- Be willing to acknowledge a need for recovery services
- Be assessed for intensive outpatient or outpatient treatment

Program Overview

- Participation in the CINA Therapeutic Court requires honesty and a commitment to recovery.
- Participants are expected to follow all treatment and program requirements.
- Treatment and court requirements will be complementary to, and part of, the overall case plan that the Office of Children’s Services develops with the participant and family members.
- The therapeutic court program lasts approximately nine to twelve months and may end prior to completion of the ongoing CINA case.
- A parent or custodian may opt-out of the CINA Therapeutic Court at any time.

Participant Responsibilities

- Obtain a substance abuse assessment at Akeela Inc.
- Follow the recommended treatment plan and attend treatment at Akeela, Inc.
- Attend drug and alcohol testing
- Work with the Office of Children’s Services case worker to develop a case plan for the participant and family members
- Attend community support groups or be involved in other recovery activities as recommended
- Attend court regularly – court appearances decrease with progress in the program
- Accept the imposition of a judicial sanction if not following the treatment plan or court requirements

Participant Benefits

- Participants are supported in recovery by the CINA Therapeutic Court Team, including the CINA Therapeutic Court Judge.
- Participants have regular communication with counsel and the assigned Office of Children’s Services case worker.
- Participants receive incentives for successful participation and progress.
- Participants can quickly document progress in recovery which will inform decisions in the CINA case regarding safety, family contact, and when children can be returned home.

CTC Court Hearings

The CINA Therapeutic Court takes place on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. in the Nesbett courthouse, 825 W 4th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska. The courtroom will depend on the judge presiding over the court.

The CINA Therapeutic Court Judges are:

The Honorable Andrew Guidi

The Honorable Erin Marston

Court date: _____

Courtroom: _____

Attorney: _____