

MIDD 2 Initiative TX-ADC: Adult Drug Court (ADC)

How does the program advance the adopted MIDD policy goals?

This initiative impacts the adopted MIDD policy goal of “divert individuals with behavioral health needs from costly interventions, such as jail, emergency rooms, and hospitals.”

ADC is a pre-adjudication program that provides eligible defendants the opportunity to receive drug and mental health treatment and access to ancillary support services. When defendants complete the ADC program, their charges are dismissed and they have acquired the skills necessary to live stable, healthy and productive lives.

1. Program Description

◇ A. Service Components/Design (Brief)

ADC provides eligible defendants charged with felony drug and property crimes the opportunity for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, mental health treatment, access to ancillary services, and assistance with acquiring skills necessary for recovery maintenance. After a trial period, defendants can choose to formally opt-in to the program. After opt-in, drug court participants continue under the court's supervision and are required to attend treatment sessions, undergo random urinalysis, and appear before the judge on a regular basis.

If defendants meet the requirements of each of the four phases of the ADC program, they graduate from the program and the charges are dismissed. If defendants fail to make progress, they are terminated from the program and sentenced on their original charge. While this is a minimum 12-month program, the average graduate requires 18 months to complete the program.

◇ B. Goals

ADC goals include:

- Reduce substance use and related criminal activity
- Enhance community safety
- Reduce reliance on incarceration and criminal justice resources for non-violent felony offenses
- Provide resources and support to assist drug court participants in the acquisition of skills necessary for recovery
- Reward positive life changes while maintaining accountability
- Encourage drug court participants to give back and connect with their communities.

◇ C. Preliminary Performance Measures (based on MIDD 2 Framework)¹⁸⁸

1. How much? Service Capacity Measures

This initiative serves at least 700 unduplicated individuals annually.

2. How Well? Service Quality Measures

- Program graduation rates and positive exits from services

3. Is anyone better off? Individual Outcome Measures

- Reduced substance use
- Increased stability in treatment, employment, or other quality of life measures
- Improved wellness and social relationships
- Reduced unnecessary incarceration

◇ D. Provided by: County

2. Spending Plan

Year	Activity	Amount
2017	Adult Drug Court participant supervision and services continue.	\$4,165,351
2017 Annual Expenditure		\$4,165,351
2018	Adult Drug Court participant supervision and services continue.	\$4,273,649
2018 Annual Expenditure		\$4,273,649
Biennial Expenditure		\$8,439,000

3. Implementation Schedule

◇ A. Procurement and Contracting of Services

King County Department of Judicial Administration (DJA) manages Adult Drug Court. No RFP is needed.

◇ B. Services Start date (s)

Services continued on January 1, 2017.

¹⁸⁸ Throughout 2017, review and refinement of Results-Based Accountability (RBA) performance measures for MIDD 2 initiatives will be conducted whenever applicable, in consultation with providers. Updates to performance measures that may result from this collaborative process will be reported in the next MIDD Annual Report in August 2018.

4. Community Engagement Efforts

DJA manages the design and implementation of the program based on the National Association of Drug Court Professionals Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards. Community stakeholders were not engaged.