

Belknap County Restorative Justice

Adult Court Diversion Program

Component Description

Below is a list of standard components. Additional components may be added depending on the referral, offense, background of the participant, and any other relevant factors.

1. **Program Fees** >The fee for a felony case is \$500; for a misdemeanor case, it is \$400; Prime for Life Drug and Alcohol education classes are \$275.00. On-line drug education, Stop Lifting and other computer based education course costs are dependent upon the course required. There are no scholarships or grants to help pay for the program but payments can be made in installments if necessary. There is no fee for a juvenile referral.
2. **Restitution** > If there is a restitution amount associated with your case, it must be paid in full prior to completion of the program.
3. **Community Partnership Talk** >This is held on the last Wednesday of every month at the Restorative Justice Office. It is an educational talk with a three person panel discussing addiction and the effects on the individual, family and the community.
4. **Prime for Life Classes**> Participants are presented with research based content on drugs and alcohol and participate in a variety of therapeutic activities to facilitate changes in risk perception and commitment to behavior change.
5. **Life Skills** > Participants may be required to attend up to 3 life skill classes. Topics include parenting, shoplifting, drug and alcohol education, money management, conflict resolution; resume writing, interview skills, etc. Classes may have a cost associated with them.
6. **Community Service** > Depending on employment and education status, felony participants may be required to complete up to 250 hours of community service, while misdemeanor participants may be required to complete up to 100 hours. Those in the Prime for Life or on-line programs may be required to complete up to 25 hours of service.
7. **Employment** > Participants must be employed full-time. The exception to this requirement includes being a full-time student or having a documented disability that prohibits employment. Not having a job does not preclude a candidate from entering the Diversion program; however, the candidate must actively seek employment at the direction of the case manager. (Not a requirement of Prime for Life/ On-line courses)
8. **Education** > Participants without a high school diploma or a general equivalency diploma will be required to work towards obtaining this while participating in the Diversion program. (Not a requirement of Prime for Life/ On-line courses)
9. **Substance Abuse/Drug Testing** > All participants are drug tested regardless of their referral crime. Depending on the crime, drug tests and past chemical use, participants may be required to meet with a licensed alcohol and drug counselor (LADC) for a screening and counseling at an additional cost. All recommendations of the screening will become part of the Diversion contract.
10. **Case Management Meetings** > Participants are required to meet with and stay in touch with their case manager on a regular basis while participating in the program.
11. **Time Requirement** > The length of the felony program ranges between 12 and 18 months but extensions may be permitted if necessary. The length of the misdemeanor program ranges between 6 and 10 months. The Prime for Life/ On-line programs depend on the course.