

PRIDE Court

Dallas County Criminal Court #9

PRIDE (Positive Recovery Intensive Divert Experience) is a one year pre-trial diversion drug rehabilitation program for adults charged with misdemeanor and/or felony prostitution. PRIDE Court started in 2009 in response to the vast number of people charged with prostitution who enter the judicial system with substance abuse issues, mental health issues and severe past trauma. These individuals would accept a few days as punishment and be released back to the streets. This rehabilitative program is offered to those eligible as an alternative to continued incarceration.

PRIDE Court is a voluntary program, and after graduation, the pending case is dismissed. We follow the National Association of Drug Court Professionals' guidelines and have a team consisting of a prosecutor, defense attorney, judge, case manager and counselor. We partner with several community organizations to provide inpatient treatment, transitional housing, permanent housing, employment and education programs, a mentorship program, mental health resources and dental resources to our participants. Our participants appear in court weekly and are sanctioned and rewarded for various behaviors. They also receive weekly individual and group counseling.

- One year pre-trial divert court for people charged with prostitution and the case is dismissed after graduation.
- The participant spends 45 days in an inpatient treatment facility, and then, we connect them with numerous resources for housing, education and treatment.
- The participant appears in court weekly to meet with the team consisting of the judge, prosecutor, defense attorney, case manager and counselor.

PRIDE Court
Positive Recovery Intensive Divert Experience

PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK

Criminal Court #9

Honorable Judge Peggy Hoffman
Public Defender: Christi Caballero
District Attorney: Brittany Dunn
Case Worker: Lorena Villalva
Counselor: Colleen Hamlin

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PRIDE Mission Statement

PRIDE court was established to address the needs of men and women that have substance abuse and/or mental abuse issues and face prostitution charges. These individuals typically spend their time in jail and are released back onto the street to fend for themselves. This program is designed to intervene when the person enters jail and help them make life altering changes in their everyday life. The goal is for them to live clean and independent lives. The program helps them achieve this by giving them inpatient drug treatment, transitional and permanent housing, counseling, and important life skills. PRIDE Court goals are as follows:

- Promote self sufficiency by addressing substance abuse, medical and mental health issues through appropriate services
- Reduce the number of medical, mental and drug related deaths in relation to the prostitution offender.
- Integrate substance abuse, medical and mental /health treatment with participant accountability through continued judicial monitoring.
- Promote abstinence from illicit and illegal drugs as well as prostitution.
- Enable the participant to become a productive member of society through education and community resources.
- Provide counseling to address past trauma related issues.

Intake/Referral Process

To qualify, a potential participant must meet the following criteria:

- Have an unadjudicated (pre-plea) misdemeanor or state jail felony prostitution charge.
- Have an unadjudicated misdemeanor possession of marijuana charge accompanied by a prior prostitution conviction in the past 3 years.
- Must have a drug/alcohol problem as determined by the drug screening tool
- Must score at least 75 out of 100 on the Willingness to Change tool.
- Must want to make a change in their life.

Disqualifying circumstances include but are not limited to the following:

- Violent charges in their history, i.e. robbery, assault, harassment, murder, etc.
- Denial of using drugs/alcohol
- Not willing to spend 45 days inpatient drug treatment
- Already on probation currently (may consider on case by case basis)
- Have a pending unrelated felony charge

How we get our clients:

A potential participant is arrested and tagged in AIS (Adult Information System) if charged with a misdemeanor/state jail prostitution charge. The PRIDE case manager will review the list each morning and send qualifying participants to the DA for a complete background check. The client must meet the previously discussed criteria. The DA will decide if the client is legally appropriate for the PRIDE court.

Any qualifying potential client names will be sent to the Case Manager and then be brought down on the jail chain by the court coordinator the following morning for a screening in CCC#9.

The screening includes substance abuse, mental health, and willingness to change and will be conducted by the counselor and case manager. A decision will be made at that point as to whether the client will be accepted. Disqualifying events would be if the person does not use drugs or alcohol, if the client is unwilling to participate, or the client scores less than 75 out of 100 on the Willingness to Change screening tool.

If they qualify, the Public Defender will speak to the potential participant and have them sign a PR Bond and the conditions of bond.

Once the paperwork is complete, the court clerks will process the PR Bond and place a hold for Nexus on AIS. An email is sent to Nexus and they will be released for treatment when a bed becomes available.

Phases of Program

Phase One: Stabilization 0-4 months

- 45 days inpatient treatment at Nexus Treatment Facility
- Enter transitional housing after released from Nexus
- Attend court once a week
- Attend case management once a week with Case Manager
- Attend individual counseling once a week with the in-house counselor
- Attend group counseling once a week
- Submit to weekly/random drug testing
- Attend NA/AA meetings at least 3 times a week and obtain a sponsor
- Become stable on medication
- Get ID and any other documentation needed
- Start Intensive Outpatient treatment (IOP) at treatment facility
- Start Supportive Outpatient treatment (SOP) after graduation from IOP
- Attend NA/AA meetings at least 3 times a week and obtain a sponsor

Phase Two: Treatment 4-9months

- Attend court once a week
- Attend case management once a week with Case Manager
- Attend individual counseling once a week with the in-house counselor
- Attend group counseling once a week
- Submit to weekly/random drug testing
- Attend NA/AA meetings at least 3 times a week and obtain a sponsor
- Begin process for obtaining permanent housing
- Complete IOP and SOP and begin Aftercare
- Attend New Life Opportunities group counseling after graduation from SOP
- Begin education (GED, college or trade school)
- Begin search for employment
- Start working on step work with sponsor
- Enter Mentor program

Phase Three: Graduation Phase 9-12 months

- Attend court once a week
- Attend case management once a week with Case Manager
- Attend individual counseling once a week with the in-house counselor
- Attend group counseling once a week
- Submit to weekly/random drug testing
- Attend NA/AA meetings at least 3 times a week and obtain a sponsor
- Continue process to obtain permanent housing

- Continue education and employment search
- Attend New Life Opportunities group counseling
- Continue step work with sponsor
- Must attend graduation ceremony in order to complete program

** Phases and requirements are subject to change on an individual basis

Rules of Program

- Cease all alcohol and drug related activity
 - Any relapses must be reported to counselor and case manager.
 - Refrain from using any prohibited drug/medication or any medication not prescribed to participant
- Comply with drug and alcohol screenings
 - Any diluted UA may be treated as a positive UA
- Attend all scheduled meetings and appointments, at the time scheduled
 - This includes court, case management meetings, counseling sessions, IOP, SOP and any other scheduled appointments
 - PRIDE Court team will hold weekly discussions regarding participants' behavior and progress
- Treat others with respect
 - This includes everyone--other participants in the program, court workers, etc.
 - Profanity, verbal or physical threats will not be tolerated
 - Information that participants learn about other participants should only be discussed with the PRIDE Court team or during court or counseling sessions
- Dress appropriately for court and treatment sessions and maintain proper decorum
 - See attached dress code
 - Do not chew gum, eat or drink in court or treatment
- Abstain from any romantic relationships or contact with people involved in prostitution or drug use
 - Participants should not have any relationships in which they are using someone for the purpose of gaining money or other material things.
 - Participants should not have any romantic relationships
 - Participants should not have any relationship with an unrelated member of the opposite sex
 - Participants should not have any contact with people involved in prostitution or drug use

PRIDE COURT CONDITIONS OF BOND

1. I will attend 30-45 days of inpatient drug treatment at a treatment facility named by the Court (usually Nexus). I understand that I cannot choose the treatment facility at which I am placed. I will be picked up from jail and taken directly to the facility; in the event that I am not taken directly to the facility, I will contact my case manager and my attorney immediately. If a situation like this occurs during court operating hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), I will present myself in County Criminal Court #9 on the 4th floor of the Frank Crowley Criminal Courts Building. If such a situation occurs outside of court operating hours, I will present myself in County Criminal Court #9 at the earliest opportunity, unless directed otherwise by my case manager or attorney.
2. After successfully completing inpatient treatment, I will live in transitional housing for at least 60 days, unless directed otherwise by the PRIDE Court team. I am not responsible for finding my own transitional housing.
3. Once I am released from inpatient treatment, I agree to attend and successfully complete Intensive Outpatient Treatment (IOP).
4. I agree to report to court (County Criminal Court #9 on the 4th floor of the Frank Crowley Criminal Courts Building) every Thursday at 2:00 p.m.
5. I agree to report to my case manager once a week once I leave inpatient treatment. The appointment date and time is to be arranged with my case manager.
6. I agree to see my counselor once a week for individual sessions and once a week for group sessions. Group sessions take place on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. Individual sessions are arranged weekly with my counselor.
7. I have received a copy of the rules of the program and agree to follow all rules.
8. I understand I may be sanctioned for failure to participate in the program and/or for not following the rules of the program. Some behaviors that may trigger sanctions include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Missing any appointments/being late to appointments (including weekly court dates and counseling sessions)
 - b. Testing positive for drugs/alcohol
 - c. Lying
 - d. Not making NA/AA meetings
 - e. Moving without permission
 - f. Breaking house rules
9. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Writing an essay on a subject as directed by the Judge and/or the PRIDE Court team
 - b. Reporting more often
 - c. Increased drug testing
 - d. Increased length of counseling
 - e. Community service
 - f. Back-phasing (being moved back to an earlier phase in the program)
 - g. Jail time
 - h. Admonishment from Judge

- i. Geographical restrictions (i.e., not being able to leave transitional house for certain periods; being directed to avoid certain areas in the city)
- j. Termination from PRIDE program

Client	Date
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Witness	Date
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Public Defender	Date
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CATS
Release of Information

I, _____DOB_____, give permission to:

CATS/PRIDE COURT Personnel

To release all information obtained from this screening

To: PRIDE Court team, Homeward Bound NLO, NEXUS
for the purpose of determining eligibility into the PRIDE Court.

This consent to release such information can be revoked only by your written request and will expire one year from the date signed below.

Client Signature

Date

Counselor Signature

Date

Witness

Date

Public Defender

Date

PRIDE Court Drug Screening Questionnaire

1. Do you use drugs or alcohol? If so, how much and how often? **Y** **N**

DRUG	HOW MUCH	HOW OFTEN	LAST USE	HOW LONG

2. Have you ever been treated for alcohol or drug problems? **Y** **N**
 a. When and Where?

3. Were you intoxicated at the time of your arrest? **Y** **N**

4. Has anyone ever expressed to you that they are concerned **Y** **N**
 about your drug/alcohol use?

5. Have you ever tried to stop or cut down your use but couldn't? **Y** **N**

Willingness to Change

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Date: _____ Total: _____

On a scale of 1-10, 1 being unwilling and 10 being the most willing, answer the following questions:

1. I want to quit prostituting

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

2. I would like help to turn my life around

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

3. I would like to quit using drugs

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

4. I am willing to report to court and probation once a week

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

5. I am willing to go to inpatient drug treatment for 45 days

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

6. I am willing to participate in the court program for 1 year

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

7. I am willing to abstain from illegal sexual behaviors to focus on myself

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

8. I am willing to attend ongoing counseling for a year

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

9. I am willing to live in transitional housing for minimum of 60 days

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

10. I would like to find stable employment and continue my education

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Mental Health Screening

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| 1. Have you ever been to a psychiatrist, or been to MHMR/Lifenet/Adapt/Metrocare | Y | N |
| If yes, when _____ | | |
| Where? _____ | | |
| 2. Are you currently in any type of mental health treatment? | Y | N |
| If yes where? _____ | | |
| When did you last see your Dr./therapist? _____ | | |
| 3. Were you ever prescribed medication or drugs for psychiatric or emotional problems? | Y | N |
| If yes, list medications _____ | | |
| Are you taking them now? | Y | N |
| 4. Have you ever been hospitalized for psychiatric reasons? | Y | N |
| If yes where? _____ | | |
| When? _____ How long? _____ | | |
| 5. Have you ever made a suicide attempt? | Y | N |
| If yes when? _____ How? _____ | | |
| If no, have you or are you having thoughts about suicide? | Y | N |
| 6. Are you currently having thoughts of killing or hurting someone else? | Y | N |

Answer the following questions about yourself when you are sober and not in jail...

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| 7. Have you ever believed that people were watching you or spying on you? | Y | N |
| <i>Have you had these feelings in the past 30 days?</i> | <i>Y</i> | <i>N</i> |
| 8. Have you believed that people were following you? | Y | N |
| <i>Have you had these feelings in the past 30 days?</i> | <i>Y</i> | <i>N</i> |
| 9. Have you ever felt that other people knew your thoughts or could read your mind? | Y | N |
| <i>Have you had these feelings in the past 30 days?</i> | <i>Y</i> | <i>N</i> |
| 10 Did your thoughts ever get so intense that they sounded almost like a voice or did you ever see or hear things that others could not see or hear | Y | N |
| <i>Has this occurred in the past 30 days?</i> | <i>Y</i> | <i>N</i> |

Possible Schizophrenia Diagnosis	Y	N
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11. Has there been a period of a week or longer in which you felt so restless that you spent much of the time pacing, fidgeting, and unable to sit still? <i>Has this occurred in the past 30 days?</i>	Y Y	N N
12. Has there been a period of at least one week that you had a persistently elevated, expansive, or irritable mood?	Y	N
13. Have you had a period of time in which you had an increase in goal oriented activity? <i>Did this period last at least a week?</i>	Y Y	N N
14. Have you had a period of time in which you participated in excessive involvement in pleasurable activities that have a high potential for painful consequences <i>Did this period last at least a week?</i>	Y Y	N N
Possible Bipolar Diagnosis	Y	N
15. Has there been a period of a week or longer in which your sleep was very different and you either didn't sleep very much at all nearly every day, or slept away much of the day nearly every day? <i>Has this occurred in the past 30 days?</i>	Y Y	N N
16. Have you ever lost your appetite for a period of 2 or more weeks OR have you ever lost or gained as much as 2 pounds a week for several weeks without even trying? <i>Has this occurred in the past 30 days?</i>	Y Y	N N
17. Has there been a period of at least 2 weeks in which you had too little energy nearly every day? <i>Has this occurred in the past 30 days?</i>	Y Y	N N
18. Has there been a few weeks when you felt especially worthless or guilt nearly every day? <i>Have you had these feelings in the past 30 days?</i>	Y Y	N N
19. Has there been a period of time of at least 2 weeks that you cried a lot and didn't know why or what it was about? <i>Have you had these feeling in the past 30 days?</i>	Y Y	N N
Possible Depression Diagnosis	Y	N

INCENTIVES AND SANCTIONS

Incentives:

- Phase acceleration
- Case dismissed at the completion of program
- Bus passes
- Praise from Judge
- Less frequent UA's
- Less court appearances
- Certificates of achievement
- Gift cards
- Graduation
- Gift Bags
- Point system
- Toiletry gift bags
- Clothes closet

Sanctions:

- Writing essays
- Increased drug testing
- Increased frequency of court appearances
- Increased length of treatment/counseling
- Community service
- Admonishment from Judge
- Electronic monitoring
- Geographical restrictions
- Back phasing
- Add time to program
- Jail time
- Termination from PRIDE program

INCENTIVE POINT SYSTEM

Rules

-Each week you will receive one point if you meet all the requirements for the week. This means that you did not miss any appointments, were not late for any appointments, you did not relapse, you made all sponsor contacts, and went to all required meetings (IOP/SOP/NA/AA).

- Once a participant accumulates 6 points, there will be a reward and you will start over on the points.

Memorandum of Understanding

The Use of Information Against a Potential Prostitution Defendant in Furtherance of Prosecution

The Prostitution Pre-Trial Diversion efforts and all of the initiatives associated with it, has been successful in providing those affected by prostitution with an alternative to prosecution. Due to the help of all parties involved, women have been given the opportunity to change their lives for the better, and become productive members of society, contributing positively to the neighborhoods, schools, and businesses of Dallas County. This result is only possible through the exemplary amount and quality of resources provided.

In order to maintain and even increase the amount of resources and access to them, it is imperative that those who could be diverted from the criminal justice system, answer completely and truthfully when being assessed/screened for mental/physical health, drug use, environment issues. It is, after all, the ultimate goal of everyone involved, to effect positive change through facilitating and providing those affected by prostitution, the help that they need and deserve, whether they are a potential defendant or not. Therefore, the Dallas County District Attorney's Office stipulates to the following:

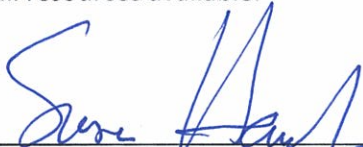
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grounds for a Motion to Adjudicate or Motion to Revoke; or as grounds for an allegation of a violation of conditions of bond in any pending case.

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7/16/15
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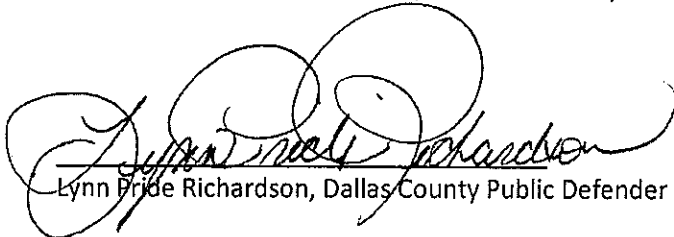
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