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# Ottawa Drug Treatment Court Program

The **Ottawa Drug Treatment Court (DTCO)** is specifically designed to assist non-violent offenders (18+) experiencing problems with substance use. **Honesty** and **accountability** are cornerstones of the program.

## Eligibility Criteria

- Experiencing **substance use problems**
- Have an outstanding, **non-violent** criminal code charge that is **related to their substance use problems**
- Trafficking charges must be **“street level”** (on scale to maintain their drug habit).
- Approval by the Crown Attorney, Rideauwood Addiction and Family Services (Rideauwood) and DTC Judge

## Eligible Applicants must

- **Voluntarily consent** to participation
- **Accept responsibility for offence** and **enter guilty plea** (sentencing is delayed)
- **Complete a DTC application** with assistance from their lawyer or duty counsel (application packages available through Crown Attorney’s Office)
- Undergo an **assessment by Rideauwood staff** to determine program suitability

## Program Expectations

- Attendance at treatment centre up to **5 days/week for individual/group counselling** delivered by Rideauwood
- ***Case management support*** in meeting basic needs and assistance with job-searches, employment readiness and/or academic upgrading
- **Randomized weekly urine testing**
- **Weekly court attendance** by participants and Rideauwood staff
- Participants **may be discharged** for repeated or very serious issues and **proceed to sentencing in a regular court**
- **Minimum 9 months** commitment
- Completion of the program will result in a **non-custodial sentence (other than jail) at Crown’s discretion**
- Participants must **prepare a reintegration plan** prior to graduation

## FAQs

**Q:** Are participants automatically withdrawn for drug/alcohol use?

**A:** No. DTCO recognizes that participants may struggle with abstinence early in the program. However, DTCO is **abstinence-based** so honesty around use is expected.

**Q:** Are participants automatically withdrawn if they fail to meet program expectations?

**A:** No. The goal is a change of lifestyle that takes time. However, there **may be sanctions imposed** to be determined by the Court Team and DTCO Judge.



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# Ottawa **Early Intervention** Drug Treatment Court Program

The **Ottawa Early Intervention Drug Treatment Court (EIDTC)** is specifically designed to assist non-violent offenders (18+) experiencing problems with substance use at an earlier stage of criminal involvement.

**Honesty** and **accountability** are cornerstones of the program.

## Eligibility Criteria

- Experiencing **substance use problems**
- Have an outstanding, **non-violent** criminal code charge that is **related to their substance use problems**
- Must be in an **early stage of criminal involvement**
- Approval by the Crown Attorney, Rideauwood Addiction and Family Services (Rideauwood) and EIDTC Judge

## Eligible Applicants must

- **Voluntarily consent** to participation
- **Accept responsibility for offence** and **enter guilty plea** (sentencing is delayed)
- **Complete an EIDTC application** with assistance from their lawyer or duty counsel (application packages available through Crown Attorney's Office)
- Undergo an **assessment by Rideauwood staff** to determine program suitability

## Program Expectations

- Attendance at treatment centre up to **3 days/week for individual/group counselling** delivered by Rideauwood
- ***Case management support*** in meeting basic needs and assistance with job-searches, employment readiness and/or academic upgrading
- **Randomized weekly urine testing**
- **Weekly court attendance**
- Participants **may be discharged** for repeated or very serious issues and **proceed to regular sentencing**
- **Minimum 16 weeks** commitment
- Completion of the program will result in charges being **withdrawn, stayed or a non-custodial sentence (other than jail) at Crown's discretion**
- Participants must **prepare a reintegration plan** prior to graduation

## FAQs

**Q:** Are participants automatically withdrawn for drug/alcohol use?

**A:** No. EIDTC recognizes that participants may struggle with abstinence early in the program. However, EIDTC is **abstinence-based** so honesty around use is expected.

**Q:** Are participants automatically withdrawn if they fail to meet program expectations?

**A:** No. The goal is a change of lifestyle that takes time. However, there **may be sanctions imposed** to be determined by the Court Team and EIDTC Judge.