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## What makes the FWC different from regular court?

Participants in the FWC work with a team of professionals who step out of their traditional roles to collaborate. Their goal is to protect public safety while supporting the participant's progress through the court towards long-term recovery.

Members of the team include FWC judges, state prosecutor, defense attorney, treatment provider, case manager/probation officer, law enforcement officer, and project coordinator.

## Fairbanks Wellness Court status hearings are open to the public.

These are generally held on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. in Courtroom 203, 202 or 201 in the Rabinowitz Courthouse, 101 Lacey Street in Fairbanks.

## For more information, please contact:

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## The FWC is a cooperative effort between:

Alaska Court System  
Alaska Department of Law  
Alaska Public Defender Agency  
Contract treatment provider(s)  
Fairbanks Police Department  
Alaska Department of Health & Social Services  
Community members

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Alaska Therapeutic Courts

# Fairbanks Wellness Court

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Fairbanks Wellness Court is to enhance public safety, reduce recidivism and rehabilitate chemically dependent offenders through a program of intensive judicial supervision, substance abuse treatment, close monitoring and case management.

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## What is Fairbanks Wellness Court?

The Fairbanks Wellness Court (FWC) helps felony defendants who want to overcome serious addiction. The FWC is a voluntary jail diversion program which offers intensive substance abuse treatment and community supervision to support participants' abstinence and recovery.

## What are the benefits of participating in the FWC?

- Reduced jail time and fines
- Possible dismissal of certain charges
- Swift access to substance abuse assessments and treatment
- Assistance with housing and job search
- Safer roads and communities
- Eligibility for limited license

## Who is eligible?

An individual is eligible to be considered for the FWC if the individual is:

- Currently charged with a felony DUI or Refusal, or
- Currently charged with a felony drug or drug-related charge, or
- Currently charged with a misdemeanor DUI or Refusal that is attached to a non-violent class C felony
- Assessed as needing intensive outpatient substance abuse treatment
- 18 years old or older
- Applying 4 months or less from the date of offense

## An individual is *not* eligible to apply if:

- He/she is currently charged with an unclassified felony, a class A felony, an offense under AS 11.41.130, or he/she is currently charged with violating probation for one of those offenses.
- he/she has an outstanding felony warrant and detainer from another state.

## How do defendants apply for the FWC program?

*Admission into FWC is not automatic*, but is based on state prosecutor approval and treatment assessment. A defendant interested in participating in FWC should have his/her attorney contact the FWC Project Coordinator to request an application.

## How does FWC work?

The FWC is an 18-24 month program requiring commitment, strength, honesty and persistence. Participants are expected to:

- Attend intensive outpatient substance abuse treatment and other services as recommended
- Attend recovery/support groups
- Appear regularly before the FWC judge for status hearings
- Complete 32 hours of work, school, or volunteer work per week
- Undergo regular alcohol and other drug testing
- Maintain sobriety
- Maintain safe and sober housing
- Pay for program fees
- Attend meetings with their PO