

## KEY PROGRAM COMPONENTS INCLUDE

- Early identification of potential participants
- Non-adversarial approach
- Integrated gender & culturally responsive continuum of treatment services
- Access to job readiness, literacy, GED and skill based training services
- Frequent drug testing
- Ongoing judicial interaction with participants
- Program monitoring and evaluation
- Biannual graduation ceremonies

## CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

Honorable  
Timothy C. Evans  
Chief Judge

Honorable  
Paul P. Biebel, Jr.  
Presiding Judge  
Criminal Division

Honorable  
Charles P. Burns  
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## WOMEN'S REHABILITATION ALTERNATIVE PROBATION (WRAP) PROGRAM

## DRUG TREATMENT COURT

## CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY



## WHAT IS WRAP COURT?

The Cook County Rehabilitation Alternative Probation (RAP) drug treatment court was established in 1998 pursuant to a grant award to the Criminal Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County from the Federal Office of Justice Programs.

In 2001, women participants were separated into the WRAP (Women's Rehabilitation Alternative Probation) Program. Women defendants found acceptable are given the opportunity to voluntarily participate in a highly structured, closely monitored gender responsive treatment based probation which begins with a period of 120 days in the Cook County Department of Corrections Sheriff's Women's Justice Programs which includes residential treatment and Sheriff's Furlough with a panoply of substance abuse, mental and physical health care, counseling and supportive services. Pregnant women are sent to the off-site MOM'S program for comprehensive care

## IS WRAP COURT WORKING?

Over 90 percent of defendants found acceptable for WRAP have entered treatment. Over 90 percent of those women have completed jail-based treatment. Over 30 percent more participants have successfully completed their probation since the implementation of the gender specific WRAP program.

*"The first few weeks I was here I was really shy. But as time went on, I started gradually opening up through my group and individual counseling, while learning about relapse prevention, coping skills, parenting, criminal thinking, drug education and aftercare planning. I was also referred to a Safety and Empowerment program".*

*D.I., Fall 2009 Graduate*

## WHO GOES TO WRAP COURT?

Assistant State's Attorneys in bond court screen defendants who are currently serving a sentence of probation and have been arrested for possession of controlled substance for WRAP eligibility. A petition for violation of probation is filed and new charges are dismissed. The violation of probation charge is then transferred to WRAP court where a urinalysis is conducted and a Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC) evaluation is ordered. Within ten days, an assessment report is filed and acceptable defendants are resentenced to 2 years WRAP probation and placed into treatment.

*"It felt like a heavy blanket of isolation, darkness and hopelessness was lifted off of me. This tremendous feeling of relief came over me. It felt like something I had been waiting for was finally here."*

*I.C., Spring 2001 Graduate*

## WRAP COURT TEAM

Every WRAP case is supervised by the drug court team which consists of the judge, a state's attorney, a public defender or private attorney, and representatives from probation, corrections, treatment, and TASC. The team meets bi-weekly on new cases and on Fridays in an open court group format to review the progress of active participants.

A graduated system of sanctions and rewards is employed by the drug court team to assist substance abusing offenders to break the cycle of their addiction and their involvement in the criminal justice for comprehensive care

## WRAP CONDITIONS

- **Client Contact with Court**
- **Completion of Required Treatment**
- **Frequent Court Appearances**
- **Weekly Probation Reports**
- **Urinalysis (drug testing)**
- **Community Service**
- **Housing, Training, Employment & Education Referrals**