

# CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS

## ADULT DRUG COURT AND VETERANS COURT

THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

**PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS**

*Innovative Justice and Reform  
Proven to Change Lives, Unify Families,  
and Enrich Communities*

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ADULT DRUG COURT

RE-ENTRY COURT

VETERANS COURT

# Adult Drug Court Participant Eligibility Criteria

- **Must be a resident of Prince George's County**
- **Must be at least 18 years of age**
- **History of substance use verified by assessment team**
- **History of mental health diagnoses will be reviewed on a case by case basis**
- **Offenders convicted of crimes of violence as defined in MD Code, Public Safety, § 5-101(c) are not be eligible except for number (3) assault in the first or second degree, and (4) burglary in the first, second, or third degree which will be reviewed on a case by case basis.**
- **Recent domestic violence and child abuse must be reviewed on a case by case**
- **No outstanding warrants**
- **Violations of Probation cases must be approved by the assigned Judge**

# Adult Drug Court Referral Process

- ▶ Referrals can be received from Attorney & SAO
- ▶ Referrals can be emailed, scanned or faxed to Christina Buck
- ▶ Fax: 301-952-4550
- ▶ E-mail: [cmbuck@co.pg.md.us](mailto:cmbuck@co.pg.md.us)
- ▶ Questions... call 301-952-3606
- ▶ Final decision regarding eligibility is made by the Problem Solving Court ASA.

# Adult Drug Court Program Overview

## *Adult Drug Court is a Four Phase Program Model*

- **Program capacity:120**
- **Random Drug Testing at least 2x per week**
- **Adhere to nightly curfew based on Phase**
- **Attend court hearings at least every 30 days**
- **Enter and complete an outpatient substance use program**
- **Meet with case manager each month as directed**
- **Enroll in General Education Degree program or provide proof of high school diploma or G.E.D.**
- **Provide proof of attendance for weekly support group meetings**
- **Seek employment or enroll in educational program/job training program and provide monthly verification**
- **Complete phase journals**

# Adult Drug Court Graduation Requirements

- **Successfully progressed through all phases**
- **Provide proof of high school diploma or G.E.D**
- **Provide proof of continued employment for at least 90 days prior to graduation**
- **Completed graduation questionnaire and attend exit interview with entire team**
- **Have an updated background check completed with no new offense history or outstanding warrants**
- **File check completed by Program Coordinator and the Assistance State's Attorney**

# Veterans Court Participant Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a resident of Prince George's County
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- History of substance use, mental health diagnoses or co-occurring verified by assessment team
- Offenders convicted of crimes of violence as defined in MD Code, Public Safety, § 5-101(c) are not be eligible except for number (3) assault in the first or second degree, and (4) burglary in the first, second, or third degree which will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- Recent domestic violence and child abuse must be reviewed on a case by case
- No outstanding warrants
- Violations of Probation cases must be approved by the assigned Judge

# Veterans Court Referral Process

- ▶ Referrals can be received from Attorney & SAO
- ▶ Referrals can be emailed, scanned or faxed to Jennifer Reese
- ▶ Fax: 301-952-5329
- ▶ E-mail: [jnreese@co.pg.md.us](mailto:jnreese@co.pg.md.us)
- ▶ Questions... call 240-507-7362
- ▶ Final decision regarding eligibility is made by the Problem Solving Court ASA.

# Veterans Court Program Overview

- ▶ Capacity = 50 clients
- ▶ 4 phases
- ▶ Frequent and random drug testing
- ▶ Bi-Weekly review hearings for Phase 1 and 2. Monthly review hearings for Phase 3 and 4.
- ▶ Group & Individual Counseling as required by Treatment Provider
- ▶ Participants must attend mandated courses as required (i.e. Anger Management, Individual Counseling, Family Counseling, Post-Traumatic Stress Therapy) by Veterans Team



# Veterans Court Phase Outlines

*Veterans Court is a Four Phase Program Model*

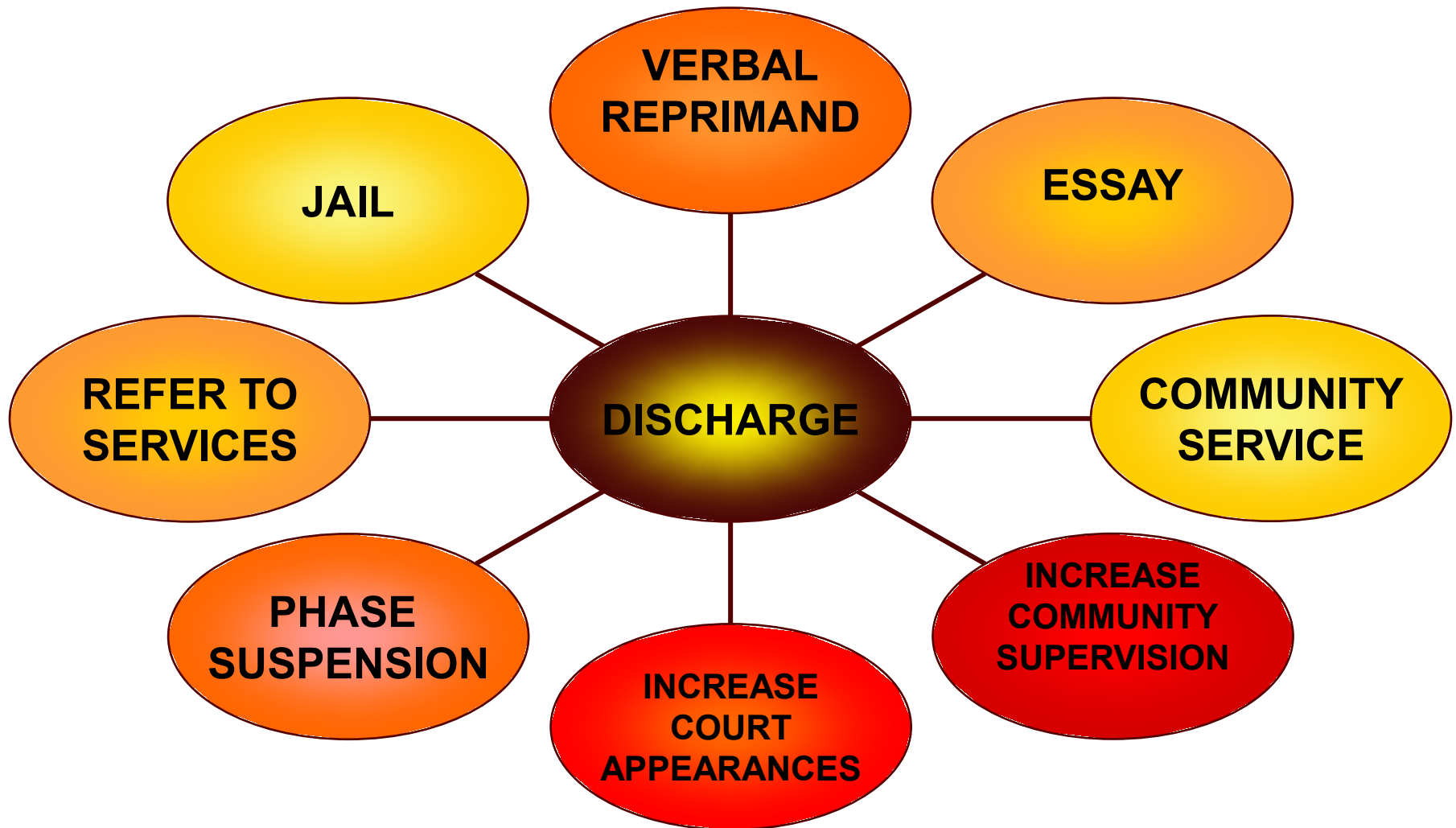
**Phase 1: 30 days, Phase 2: 60 days, Phase 3: 90 days, Phase 4: 180 days**  
**Case Manager to Client Ratio 1:25 /Program Capacity 50**  
**Length of Program: Minimum of 12 months & Up to 5 years**

- **Random Drug Testing at least 2x per week**
- **Attend court hearings at least every 30 days**
- **Enter and complete a substance abuse or mental health program**
- **Meet with case manager each month as directed**
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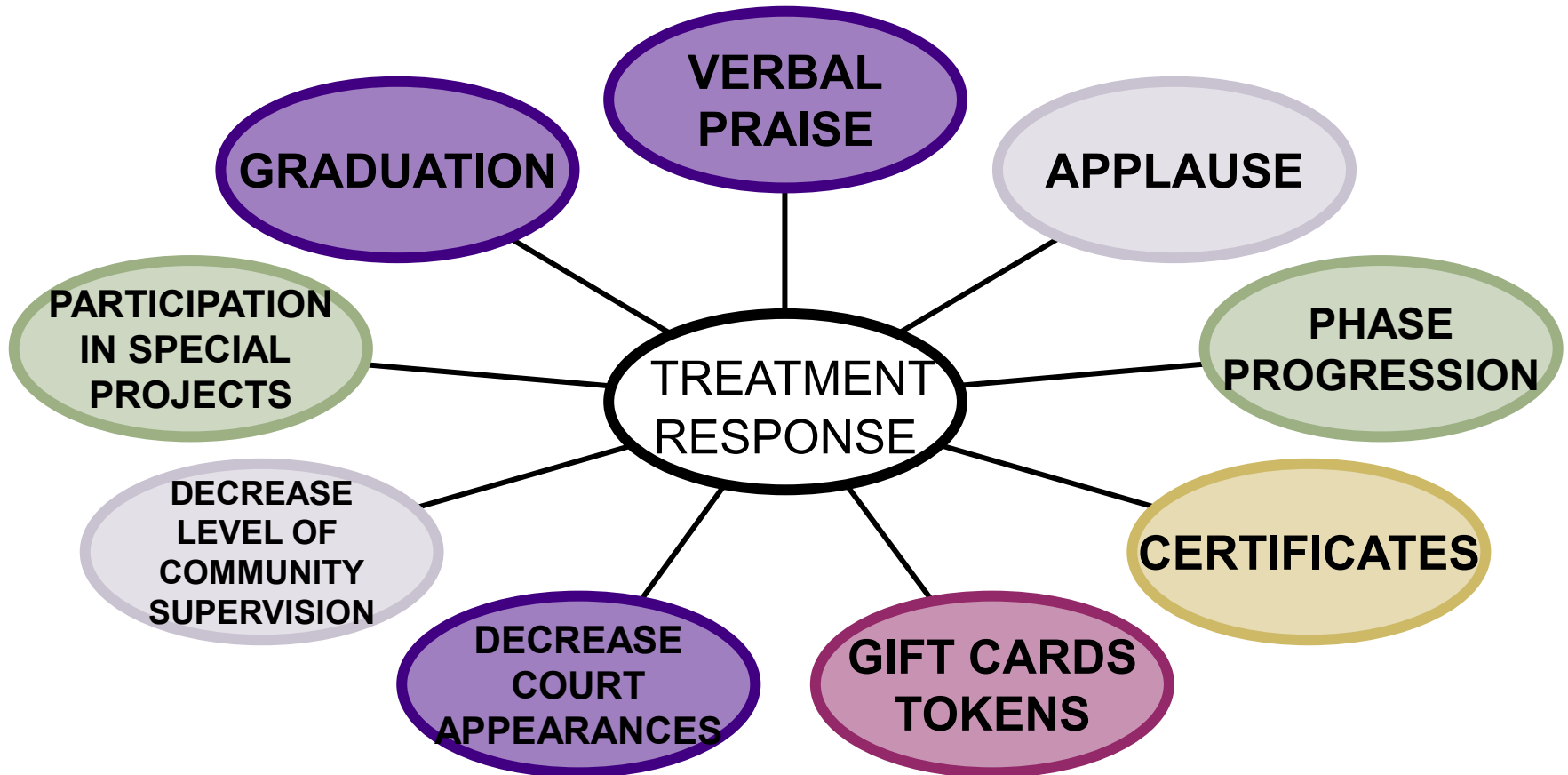
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# SANCTIONS



# INCENTIVES



# PARTNERSHIPS

- Prince George's County Health Department
- Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office
- Prince George's County Office of the Public Defender
- Prince George's County Department of Corrections
- Prince George's County Office of the Sherriff
- Prince George's County Police Department
- Prince George's County Department of Social Services
- Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
- Prince George's County Office of the County Executive
- Veterans Affairs Administration
- Re-Entry Roundtable for Prince George's County
- Public and Private Residential Facilities
- Department of Juvenile Services
- Prince George's County Public Schools



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