

Our Mission is Keeping Our Participants Alive!

OIC Partners

BestSelf Behavior Health
Buffalo Police Department
Buffalo Public Schools
C.O.U.R.T.S. Program
Erie Community College
Erie County Dept. of Health and Mental Health Services
Erie County District Attorney's Office
Erie County Probation and Pre-Trial Services
Erie County Sheriff's Department
HOPE Program
Horizon Human Services
Legal Aid Bureau
Save the Michaels of the World
Sisters of Charity Hospital (Pathways)

Contact Information

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These are **24-Hour hotlines** to call if you are struggling:

**Crisis Services 24-Hour
Addiction Hotline**
716-831-7007

Addict to Addict Peer Recovery
716-836-2726

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Buffalo Opioid Intervention Court



Honorable Craig D. Hannah
Buffalo City Court Judge

The Buffalo Opioid Intervention Court is a judicially supervised Triage Program where participants are linked with Medication Assisted Treatment (M.A.T.) and/or Behavioral Treatment within hours of their arrest. This program gives you tools and knowledge to jump start your path to **Recovery**.



Judge Craig D. Hannah, center, at the Opioid Crisis Intervention Court in Buffalo, N.Y.
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Program Overview

The Buffalo Opioid Intervention Court (OIC) is presided over by the Hon. Craig D. Hannah and a network of professional staff members and agencies committed to helping you stabilize and start changing your life.

Intervention Process

- Divert Participants at Arraignment
- Place in Treatment w/in 24 hrs.
- Hold Criminal Charges in Abeyance
- "Play By Vegas Rules"
- Link with Ancillary Services
- 8 pm Curfew
- Random Drug Testing
- Random "Wellness Checks"

"Once you think that you have this thing beat, that's when it comes back like a monster and hits you like a sledgehammer".
- OIC Participant

- Daily Face-to-Face Contact
- Case Conferences During Treatment

Focus on What's Important

Participating in the OIC requires regular court appearances before the Hon. Craig D. Hannah and the treatment team. You will be required to follow a treatment plan. Treatment begins immediately upon your first appearance in Court. You will be referred to the COURTS Program for an initial screening and evaluation. Treatment plans may consist of Medication Assisted Treatment (M.A.T.), outpatient or inpatient treatment, alcohol/drug and/or mental health treatment, self-help attendance, employment assistance, job readiness programs and schooling.

The entire program will be explained to you at your first appearance. You are required to appear in Court **daily** and depending on your progress, your appearances in Court may later be reduced.

Opioid Court Guidelines

- You are required to report to court **EVERY DAY** (Monday-Friday) between **10-11am** for daily reporting (**6th Floor, Part 12**), as well as counseling each day
- If you have any conflicts (doctor's appointments, court appearances, etc.) that may interfere with daily reporting, **let Brooke know as soon as possible at 716-225-7147 or 716-845-2503**
- You have an **8pm Curfew**. You must call Megan at **716-909-8575** each night including weekends. If you do not reach her, leave a message. Send your location using your smart phone to the call-in number
- If you attend an evening self-help meeting, **call the curfew number before and after your meeting**. Get self-help slip signed and bring to court the next day
- Expect to take fully-observed random and scheduled urine tests (Toxes) throughout the program. It is important to admit any use to the judge **BEFORE** being asked to tox