



STAR Program

Striving to Achieve Recovery

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina
Greenville, North Carolina

What is the STAR Program?

- STAR is a voluntary, federal drug treatment court based in Greenville, North Carolina.
- The program lasts approximately 12 to 18 months, depending on the participant's success.
- It is designed for **pretrial**, **presentence**, and **post-conviction** individuals who currently suffer from or have a history of substance abuse and/or addiction.



What will STAR provide your clients?

- Substance abuse treatment and skills to achieve and maintain sobriety
- A support system using incentives and sanctions to promote and target long-term, sustainable, and positive change
- An emphasis on recovery, honesty, and accountability
- A support network with team members and participants
- Possible reduction of supervision term or a reduction in a future sentence
- Other rehabilitative services are offered, although drug treatment is primary



Program Overview

- STAR is divided into four phases:
 - PHASE I—Early Recovery (8 weeks)
 - PHASE II—Primary Treatment (8-12 weeks)
 - PHASE III—Continued Care and Supervision (12-16 weeks)
 - PHASE IV—Commencement (16-20 weeks)
- Court is held two days bi-monthly on Thursdays at 11:00 am
- Treatment is held in Greenville once per week; counseling session for AA/NA meeting is also required once per week



How can I get a client into the STAR Program?

- Things to consider:
 - Must be 18, have EDNC case, have past/current history of substance abuse
 - Employment schedule
 - Whether client has reliable transportation
 - Client's willingness to be in the program
 - Court and treatment are located in Greenville, NC
- Defense counsel may refer client to the STAR team for consideration (also judge, USPO, AFD, USAO, or STAR team member)
- Client will be required to enter into a contract to participate in the STAR Program



QUESTIONS?

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