



PATHWAYS TO RECOVERY

AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION

A JOINT INITIATIVE BETWEEN THE LANCASTER COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND SECONDCHANCE PA



INFORMATION TO PARTICIPANTS

When you have been charged with committing a crime related to a drug or alcohol addiction, the Pathways to Recovery Drug and Alcohol Diversion Program may be an alternative to going to court. If you are eligible and choose to participate in the Diversion Program, there are several conditions, such as meeting with a Certified Recovery Specialist and developing a plan of care, submitting to random drug testing and community service that you must complete. If you successfully complete all conditions, the charges against you will be dropped.

The Diversion Program is a joint initiative with the Lancaster County District Attorney's Office and SecondChance PA.

We hope that you take advantage of this opportunity to participate in the Diversion Program to put you on a path of recovery so that you can have a hopeful, successful life.

If you have any concerns about whether to participate in the program or not, please contact an attorney.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

1. Review and sign the program Agreement Form. Note that the Program Agreement Form lists several conditions* that must be completed.
2. Call the Second Chance PA program, **within 72 hours**, to schedule an intake with a Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS).
 - a. Call SecondChance PA at 717-287-8027
 - b. A program fee of \$100 is due at your intake appointment with your CRS.
3. The CRS will assist you in developing your recovery plan.
4. You have 6 months to complete the program.
5. If you don't complete the program, your case will be forwarded to the Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas for prosecution. **You must** appear for your formal arraignment, or a warrant will be issued for your arrest.

Eligible Offenses

You are eligible for the Diversion Program if you have been charged with any of the following offenses:

- Possession of a controlled substance or possession of drug paraphernalia
- Summary or Misdemeanor theft crimes related to a drug or alcohol addiction
- Underage Drinking or Public Intoxication

Criminal History

This Diversion Program is generally available to those with a minor prior record (PRS of 2 or less) *and* who have no prior conviction for a Personal Injury Crime as defined by Title 18 P.S. §11.103 or a weapon related crime under Chapter 61 in the last *ten* years, *and* who have never been convicted of a Crime of Violence as defined by Title 42 Pa. C.S. §9714.

Conditions and Program Costs

The Diversion Program requires that you complete certain conditions. This includes:

- Meet with a Certified Recovery Specialist from the SecondChance PA program to complete an initial screening and schedule a comprehensive need and level of care assessment and follow all level of care recommendations.
- Must sign and maintain active consents and authorizations to all drug diversion entities, treatment providers, and all related community support.
- Pay a mandatory program fee of \$100.00 upon entry.
- Complete Compass Mark Skills for Life Program **if** required (\$125.00 minus a \$50.00 scholarship from DTF).
- Pass 3 random urine drug and/or alcohol tests.
- Complete 8 hours of Community Service with a non-profit organization.
- Pay any restitution within 6 months, if owed.

*To participate in the Pathways to Recovery Diversion Program you must waive your preliminary hearing. The MDJ will have you sign a preliminary hearing waiver form at your scheduled preliminary hearing.