

ADDENDUM TO ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

**POPE, JOHNSON AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES
STATE OF ARKANSAS**

EFFECTIVE DATES: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

**Johnson County Juvenile Drug Court
Judge Ken Coker, Presiding**

- A. **Type of Program and Description of Operations:** Johnson County Juvenile Drug Court is a voluntary, post-adjudication, multi-phase intervention program designed for delinquent youth involved in the juvenile justice system who have been diagnosed with a substance use disorder and are at increased risk of reoffending. Juvenile Drug Court utilizes evidence-based, developmentally appropriate treatment and supervision measures to assist juveniles and families. Juvenile Drug Court aims to divert juveniles from incarceration and reduce substance use disorders amongst youth while strengthening families through treatment and community supervision efforts. Juvenile Drug Court is available only to juveniles meeting program eligibility requirements. The juvenile must be a resident of Johnson County; must be between fourteen and seventeen years of age, must not have a prior conviction for a serious felony involving violence as defined in § 5-4-501(c)(2); must not have a prior conviction that would require registration as a sex offender; must be identified as moderate-to-high risk, as determined by a validated risk-need assessment; must have a moderate-to-severe substance use disorder, and must be identified as clinically appropriate for the program, as determined by a licensed therapist. Juvenile Drug Court is a minimum of twelve (12) months. Juvenile Drug Court is held every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 11:00 a.m., at the Johnson County Courthouse, 215 West Main Street, Clarksville, AR 72830.
- B. **Statutory Authority:** Johnson County Juvenile Drug Court was established pursuant to the Arkansas Code Annotated § 16-98-301 *et. seq.*
- C. **Certification of Compliance:** Johnson County Juvenile Drug Court operates in compliance with all applicable sentencing laws, including fines, fees, court costs, and probation assessments.

Team members have attended training programs offered by the Administrative Office of the Courts. Johnson County Juvenile Drug Court operates in accordance with best-practice standards.

- D. **Use of Court Resources:** The Johnson County Juvenile Drug Court team is composed of the following members: circuit judge, prosecuting attorney, public defender, juvenile drug court coordinator, juvenile probation officer, school representative, and community-based treatment provider. Team members participate in staffing and review hearings to ensure that all available resources are used promptly to meet juveniles' individual needs. Through the Department of Human Services, Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services, contracted agencies provide treatment services.
- E. **Sources of Funding:** Johnson County Juvenile Drug Court receives funding and support from Johnson County, the Public Defender Commission, the Johnson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and the Administrative Office of the Courts.

APPROVAL

The addendum to the Administrative Plan was unanimously adopted by the circuit judges of the Fifth Judicial Circuit.



Judge Gordon "Mack" McCain, Jr.
Administrative Judge