

**ADDENDUM
TO
ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN
12th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**SEBASTIAN COUNTY ADULT DRUG COURT
MISDEMEANOR TRACK
JUDGE AMY GRIMES, PRESIDING**

The Sebastian County Circuit Court has established an adult drug court program with a misdemeanor track. Pursuant to A.C.A. §16-98-303 (d)(3)(B), the administrative plan for the judicial circuit may designate a district court judge to administer the program. Accordingly, Judge Amy Grimes will serve as the presiding judge for the misdemeanor drug court program.

A. Type of Program and Description of Operations:

Sebastian County Adult Drug Court, District Court Track, is a voluntary, six-month, pre-adjudication, multi-phase intervention program designed to address the needs of criminal defendants with substance use disorders. Adult Drug Court is available only to defendants meeting program eligibility requirements. The defendant must be an adult resident of Sebastian County; must not have a pending charge for a violent felony or a previous conviction for a violent felony; must not have a previous conviction that would require registration as a sex offender; must be identified as low-risk/low-need, as determined by a validated risk-need assessment; and must have a low-to-moderate substance use disorder. The program utilizes a pre-adjudication process and is available to defendants with misdemeanor offenses. An eligible defendant must a voluntary application for admission into the program. If the defendant meets eligibility criteria and agrees to comply with the terms of the program, he/she must plead guilty to the pending offense, sentencing is then deferred, and the defendant is transferred to the program. Plea and transfer occur with full consent of the defendant, prosecuting attorney, defense attorney, and the presiding judge. Sebastian County Misdemeanor Adult Drug Court conducts court proceedings bi-monthly on Friday at 9:00 at the Sebastian County Courthouse in Fort Smith, Arkansas, 901 B Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.

B. Statutory Authority:

Sebastian County Adult Drug Court is authorized pursuant to A.C.A. §16-98-301 through §16-98-307.

C. Certification of Compliance:

Sebastian County Adult 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. Sebastian County Adult Drug Court was implemented and operates in accordance with best-practice standards.

D. Use of Court Resources:

The Sebastian County Adult Drug Court, Misdemeanor Track, team includes (1) District Court Judge, (1) Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, (1) Deputy Public Defender, (1) Court Coordinator, (1) Treatment Provider, (1) Probation Officer, and (1) Law Enforcement Representative, and (1) Peer Recovery Specialist. All Adult Drug Court team members meet bi-monthly for staffing and court review hearings.

E. Sources of Funding:

Sources of Funding: Sebastian County Adult Drug Court receives funding and support from Sebastian County, the Public Defender Commission, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and federal and state grant opportunities as they arise and become available. There are sufficient resources for the operation of the program, as required by A.C.A. §16-98-305.

The addendum to the Administrative Plan was adopted by a majority of the circuit judges of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit and by a majority of the district judges of the Sixth Judicial District.



Judge Stephen Tabor
Administrative Circuit Judge
12th Judicial Circuit



Judge Amy Grimes
Presiding District Judge
6th Judicial District