

Sharp County Adult Drug Court
Judge Michelle Huff, Presiding

- A. **Type of Program and Description of Operations:** Sharp County Adult Drug Court is a voluntary, eighteen-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 Sharp County; must not have a pending charge for a violent felony or a prior conviction for a violent felony; must not have a prior conviction that would require registration as a sex offender; must be identified as high-risk/high-need, as determined by a validated risk-need assessment; and must have a moderate-to-severe substance use disorder. An eligible defendant must plead guilty to a pending felony offense, sentencing is then deferred, and the defendant is transferred to the Sharp County Adult Drug Court for treatment and supervision services. Plea and transfer occur with full consent on the record and in writing of the defendant, prosecuting attorney, defense attorney, and the presiding judge. Sharp County Adult Drug Court conducts court proceedings every Thursday at 9:00 AM at the Sharp County Courthouse in Ash Flat, Arkansas; 718 Ash Flat Drive North, Ash Flat, AR 72513
- B. **Statutory Authority:** Sharp County Adult Drug Court is authorized pursuant to A.C.A. §16-98-301-307.
- C. **Certification of Compliance:** Sharp 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. Sharp County Adult Drug Court was implemented and operates in accordance with best-practice standards.
- D. **Use of Court Resources:** The Sharp County Adult Drug Court team includes (1) Circuit Court Judge, (1) Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, (1) Deputy Public Defender, (1) Court Coordinator, (1) Treatment Provider, (1) Probation Officer, and (1) Law Enforcement


Representative. All Adult Drug Court team members meet weekly for staffing and court review hearings.

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

The addendum for the Third Judicial Circuit is submitted for approval on this 31st day of March 2023.

Approved:


Hon. Michelle Huff


Hon. Rob Ratton


Hon. Adam Weeks