



## EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STEP COURT PROGRAM

*Presiding:* Hearing Master Pickard  
Courtroom 1, Las Vegas Family Court

*Hearing Date/Time:* Thursdays 2:30 p.m.  
601 North Pecos, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

***Purpose:***

The STEP Court program is a diversion program for youth involved in the juvenile justice system who have a substance use issue. Programming includes substance abuse treatment, individual and family counseling, recreational therapy, and mentoring services.

***Programs Includes:***

- Regular random drug testing (urine tests)
- Intensive outpatient treatment including individual/group substance abuse counseling
- Mental health and co-occurring counseling, as recommended by counselor
- Inpatient treatment, if needed
- Collaborative case management
- Weekly attendance at community support group meetings
- Electronic monitoring
- Community Supervision
- Regular court status check reviews

***Eligibility:***

- Age: 14-17 years (date of admission)
- Probation Status: Formal Probation
- Prior Substance Abuse Treatment/ DSM V Substance Use Disorder
- Sex offenses, gang affiliation, history of drug sales and violent offenses staffed on case-by-case basis.

***Cost:*** Treatment and testing fees are paid by insurance and supplemented by the Court. Ancillary services, missed appointments, or sanctions may require additional fees to be paid by participant.

***Length:*** First STEPs Program: 90 days<sup>1</sup>  
STEP Program: 6-9 months<sup>2</sup>  
Transitional STEP Program: 90 days<sup>3</sup>

***Provider:*** Odyssey House Treatment: 2810 W. Charleston #70, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102  
Contact: Edward Kovacs, Director (702) 209-3402

***Referrals:*** Referrals are made by Probation, Public Defender's Office or Odyssey House.

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<sup>1</sup> The STEP Court ESA Program is designed as a 90-day program but may be longer depending on the participant's compliance. A youth who does not successfully complete the ESA 90-day program may be escalated to the STEP Court Traditional Program.

<sup>2</sup> The STEP Court Traditional Program is designed as a 6-9 month program but may be longer depending on compliance. A youth who does not successfully participate in outpatient services may be clinically referred to in-patient services.

<sup>3</sup> The STEP Court Transitional Program is designed as a 90 day programs but may be longer depending on the participant's compliance.