



Gambling Treatment Diversion Court

Gambling Treatment Diversion Court (GTDC) is a court supervised comprehensive outpatient treatment program for defendants in the criminal justice system with a gambling use disorder. Treatment includes individual and group counseling focused on problem gambling, substance abuse and mental health counseling, wellness education, peer support, and drug and alcohol testing. Additional services include residential treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, criminal behavior cognitive processing treatment, and couple and/or family therapy.

Eligibility: NRS 458A.210 Eligibility for assignment to program of treatment (GTDC). Subject to the provisions of NRS 458A.200 to 458A.260, inclusive, a person with an addictive disorder related to gambling who has been convicted of a crime and who committed the crime in furtherance or as a result of problem gambling is eligible to elect to be assigned by the court to a program for the treatment of problem gambling before he or she is sentenced unless:

1. The crime is:
 - a. A crime against the person punishable as a felony or gross misdemeanor as provided in chapter 200 of NRS;
 - b. A crime against a child as defined in NRS 179D.0357;
 - c. A sexual offense as defined in NRS 179D.097; or
 - d. An act which constitutes domestic violence as set forth in NRS 33.018;
2. The person with the disorder has a record of two or more convictions of a crime described in subsection 1 or a similar crime in violation of the laws of another state, or of three or more convictions of any felony;
3. Other criminal proceedings alleging commission of a felony are pending against the person with the disorder;
4. The person with the disorder is on probation or parole, except that the person with the disorder is eligible to make the election if the appropriate probation or parole authority consents to the election or the court finds that the person with the disorder is eligible to make the election after considering any objections made by the appropriate probation or parole authority; or
5. The person with the disorder has previously been assigned by a court to a program for the treatment of problem gambling, except that the person with the disorder is eligible to make the election if the court, in its discretion, finds that the person with the disorder is eligible to make such an election. (Added to NRS by 2009, 1436)

Application Process:

1. Applicant must meet eligibility requirements listed above per NRS 458A.210.
2. Applicant completes an assessment with a Qualified Mental Health Clinician (QMHC) as defined per NRS 458A.057, able to provide a clinical diagnosis for a Gambling Disorder.
3. A letter affidavit (or unsworn declaration) written and signed by the QMHC who completed the assessment is required, along with a diagnosis of a Gambling Disorder.
4. The letter must have the following information in it:
 - a. A statement that the applicant has been assessed and diagnosed with a Gambling Disorder.
 - b. A statement that addresses a nexus between the instant offense and the Gambling Disorder.
 - c. A recommendation by the QMHC on the applicant's appropriateness for GTDC.
 - d. A statement that addresses how the ability to participate in GTDC would benefit the applicant with the treatment recommendations for the applicant to address their Gambling Disorder while in GTDC.
5. Upon completion of the steps above the sentencing court MUST hold a pre-sentencing hearing as mandated by NRS 458A.210, NRS 458A.220, and NRS 458A.230 to determine the applicant's eligibility and suitability for GTDC.
6. In addition, to help facilitate the requirements of NRS 458A.220, the sentencing court must make a finding as to whether any restitution is owed to the victim(s) and, if so, the amount of restitution owed. "Restitution" is defined by NRS 458A.058 to mean "the total amount of money owed to a victim of a crime to compensate the victim for all losses suffered as a result of the crime and any statutory fees and costs associated with the collection of that amount of money."
7. Once the judge in the sentencing court makes the required findings per the NRS statutes and enters a written order with its findings (a model order is available for entry), an application for consideration to participate in GTDC can proceed.
8. The application needs to be fully completed.
9. The QMHC letter and the written findings of the sentencing court are REQUIRED when submitting the application for consideration.
10. Please submit application to: SpecialtyCourts@clarkcountycourts.us

Program Duration: 16 months minimum and a maximum of 36 months.

Presiding Judge: Judge Maria Gall, Department 9

GTDC Court Times: Bi-weekly Wednesdays at 9a, Courtroom 16A (RJC)

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