

**NORTH COUNTY
SAN DIEGO**

Homeless Court

November 2023

ELIGIBLE CRITERIA

- Be a participant in a Homeless Court Provider Program and meet the provider program's requirements for referral.
- Homeless or at risk of homelessness
 - unstable housing, residential program, shelter, hotel, couch surfing, living in a vehicle, loss of job or experiencing financial hardship
- Any condition or circumstance that contributes to homelessness. Possible examples:
 - Economic hardship
 - Mental health issue
 - Physical disability
 - Substance abuse



OFFENSE ELIGIBILITY

Type of case: Both active and further proceeding cases

- Have proof of at least one eligible case
 - Physical Citation
 - Court docket
 - Alliance One letter
 - DMV printout
- **Further Proceedings**
 - Client has already plead guilty
 - Owes term or condition of probation such as fines
- **Active case**
 - No plea has been entered
- Offense occurred in San Diego County
- Misdemeanor offenses and/or infractions. Some examples include:
 - Trespass
 - Illegal lodging
 - Traffic tickets
 - Sprinter/Trolley tickets
 - Public intoxication, jay walking, moving violations tickets
 - Other citations and misdemeanor matters

Cases Ineligible for Homeless Court

- Cases outside of San Diego County
- Some parking violations
- Toll Roads Citations
- Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Cases
- Prop 36 Cases
- Civil Cases
- Juvenile Cases
- Juvenile Dependency Fees
- All felony cases and probation related costs
- All federal cases
- Impound or DMV fees

Benefits of Homeless Court

Tickets: Fines are cleared and most cases are dismissed

Return of the driver's license:
Can impact employment, housing, and legal issues

Misdemeanors: All fines and fees are cleared.

Open misdemeanor cases can be reduced or dismissed through negotiation

Clearing wage garnishments/ tax return interception that are due to court fines

Expungement Preparation: Fines from the past and present are cleared, even after probation is over.

The judge in homeless court will often terminate probation so the participant can seek an expungement.

Child Support Assistance:

Participants are able to meet with child support representative to discuss case.

Sign up Process

1. The provider submits the client information from a gmail (Google) account by submission deadline in order to have the cases addressed on the following month's calendar.
2. Also, it requires at least one case (misdemeanor or ticket) number. These case numbers can be found on correspondence from the court, Alliance One or DMV.
3. This submission also requires that a program letter be uploaded at the time the name is submitted.
4. Names can be submitted whenever they are ready rather than submitting them all at once.

Program Letters: The prosecutors involved with Homeless Court are asking us to provide more information about the client and their progress in each program letter. The contents of the letter outlining client's progress influences the prosecutor's/judge's decision.

Letter Format: The suggested format includes one paragraph about the program description/services, and the rest of the letter about the client. The client's effort, progress and accomplishments are the reason the relief is being given, whether it be dismissal of cases and/or clearing of fines. Please include a few paragraphs that are specifically about the client.

Possible areas of progress to mention:

Include other letters from additional programs if applicable, e.g., when client completes a program and then transitions to your program

Goals the client may have as far as employment, education etc.

Efforts to obtain a license, housing or find employment

Reconnection or reconciliation with family

Strides in obtaining child visitation/custody

Completion of a resume

Involvement in veteran's groups/treatment/outreach

Receipt of a bus/transit pass (especially when there are trolley/licensing violations)

Volunteer work

Caring for an elderly/ill relative or friend

AA/NA involvement

Progress as a sponsor/sponsee

Serving on Resident Council in program

Parenting classes

Anti-theft classes

Domestic Violence Classes

Anger management classes

Proactive steps to address medical issues

Proactive steps to address mental health issues

Academic Training

GED efforts

Involvement in DUI/OHS classes

Efforts to overcome difficult obstacles in their life



Solutions for Change

[REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern:

[REDACTED] is currently a resident at Solutions for Change which is a 700-day program serving homeless families with children. [REDACTED] and her [REDACTED] entered our Intake and Access Center (shelter) on 10/08/2019 and advanced to our Solutions for Change Transitional Apartments on 12/27/2019. Before entering our program, she endured an overall length of homelessness of 10 years in her lifetime for four years most recently. [REDACTED] now consistently pays rent and bills on time and has been diligent in providing receipts to case management.

[REDACTED] continually shows active participation in her program. She completed the following programming and classes: 380 hours of employment related training, three 12 step meetings per week, 32 hour of Servant Leadership, 12 hours of Anger Management, 20 hours of Parenting Education, 10 hours of Codependency Education, and 10 hours of Financial Literacy. [REDACTED] utilizes tools learned from these classes which increased her job skills, interviewing skills, communication skills, stress management skills, parenting skills, and recovery skills. All of which she can practice in her future. She models outstanding resident behavior within our community and inspires other residents with her personal story. [REDACTED] has been completing three 12 step meetings per week.

The primary reason of [REDACTED] homelessness is due to a 8 year long history of drugs and alcohol addiction which also resulted in two DUIs. Before entering our program, she completed an inpatient substance abuse treatment facility called CRASH Short term in San Diego. [REDACTED] continues to demonstrate her dedication to her recovery by Twelve step meetings. [REDACTED] obtained a sponsor since 02/22/2019 and completed all 12 steps thus far with this sponsor.

[REDACTED] is furthering her education by practicing for her GED. [REDACTED] works 20 hours per week as an Empowerment Aid at Solutions for Change. She consistently exhibits how she can balance employment, education, and family life with her two children. Please consider assisting [REDACTED] in her goals to create a healthy home and lifestyle for her family. If you have any questions, please contact me at the phone number below.

Sincerely,

Lilia Cantero
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Adult Rehabilitation Center

1335 Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101

November 14, 2018

To: The Honorable Judge Providing

Re: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED]

Your Honor, [REDACTED] entered the San Diego Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) for chemically dependent men and women on **March 20, 2018**. He made a commitment to fully participate in all aspects of the program for a minimum of **180 days**. Having met all program requirements for **Phase I** (6-month Residential-Treatment), [REDACTED] completed **Phase I** on **September 19, 2018**. [REDACTED] then had the opportunity to apply for **Phase II** (Re-Entry/Job Search) and was accepted. Shortly after entering **Phase II**, [REDACTED] was able to obtain employment and move into **Phase III**. Currently [REDACTED] is living in our men's residence in **Phase III** which is our Live-In/Work-Out phase. [REDACTED] will remain in **Phase III** until such time as he is able to transition to **Phase IV** which is our Transitional Living/Bridge Housing phase of our program.

While residing here at the San Diego ARC, [REDACTED] has been participating in the following classes and recovery-oriented activities. He has displayed a sincere desire to excel in recovery and life skills. (Classes are listed along with the number of classes attended):

<u>27</u>	Individual Counseling Sessions	<u>8</u>	Anger Management Classes
<u>26</u>	Group Counseling Sessions	<u>12</u>	Beginner 12-Step Study Classes
<u>96</u>	Outside AA/NA Meetings	<u>8</u>	Intermediate 12-Step Study Classes
<u>78</u>	In-House AA/NA Meetings	<u>26</u>	Bible Study Classes
<u>26</u>	Chemical Dependency Classes		
<u>12</u>	Relapse Prevention Classes		

[REDACTED] has been an active participant in this program and [REDACTED] has worked very diligently on his recovery. [REDACTED] has gained a deeper understanding of his addiction and the negative impact on his life. [REDACTED] has set an excellent example to others as he has participated in The Salvation Army program. He has an AA sponsor, a home group, and is working the twelve steps of AA. [REDACTED] was recognized by his WTA supervisor for having an excellent work ethic. When asked about his experience here at the San Diego Adult Rehabilitation Center [REDACTED] stated "my time with the Salvation Army has been a life-changing experience. It has made it possible for me to live a clean and sober life. It has also helped me to be physically and spiritually fit. With guidance from the Salvation Army I have been able to secure gainful employment of my choosing."

It has been my experience that [REDACTED] is very sincere in his desire to change his life which is evidenced by his great progress. It has been a pleasure to see him move forward in his life. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (619) 239-4037 ext. 326.

Respectfully,


Manuel J. Bedard, CADC-II
Program Secretary

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
 CENTRAL DIVISION, CENTRAL COURTHOUSE, 1100 UNION ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92101
 NORTH COUNTY DIVISION, 325 S. MELROSE DR., VISTA, CA 92081

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By: **Y. Pooler, Deputy**

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

v.

DEFENDANT:

STIPULATION & ORDER FOR DISMISSAL AND/OR
SATISFACTION OF FINES (Pen. Code §1385)

CASE NUMBER(S):
(See below)

The above defendant appearing pursuant to PC977, the parties stipulate to resolving the cases as indicated below due to the defendant's participation in Homeless Court.

FP Fines/Fees Satisfied
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FP Fines/Fees Satisfied
FP Fines/Fees Satisfied
FP Fines/Fees Satisfied
AC Dismiss
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DMV HOLD

Warrant

CA

Catherine Oberholtzer
Catherine Oberholtzer (Oct 26, 2020 09:29 PDT)

Catherine Oberholtzer
Deputy District Attorney

Angela L. Law
Angela L. Law (Oct 27, 2020 09:12 PDT)

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Deputy City Attorney

Terri Peters

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Deputy Public Defender

The court finds from the records on file in this case, and from the foregoing petition, that the petitioner is eligible for the following requested relief based on petitioner's participation in a designated Homeless Court Program. In accordance with the terms of their Homeless Court participation:

1. The court **GRANTS** the petition for resolution of the above cases as listed unless indicated in other orders below.
2. The court **SETS ASIDE** the balance of all civil assessments, fines and fees, **RECALLS** warrants, **REINSTATES/CONTINUES** probation, and **ISSUES** abstracts to DMV on the appropriate cases.
3. The court **VACATES** future dates in the above listed actions.
4. Unless otherwise stated all other terms and conditions of probation **REMAIN** as previously ordered.
5. _____

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: 11-4-20
Judge of the Superior Court

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New Provider Application Process

North County San Diego Homeless Court Program

Homeless Service Provider

Statement of Services

Agency Mission Statement:

Describe the importance of collaboration between your agency and the HCP:

What criteria do clients meet in your program to be eligible for the HCP:

Checklist off Services offered by your agency:

- **Assessment/Orientation**
- **Life Skills**
- **Education (literacy, training, skill development, high school/college/technical)**
- **Counseling (individual, group, family/parenting, anger management, PTSD, therapy)**
- **Substance Abuse (AA/NA, Chemical Dependency, Relapse Prevention)**
- **Medical (physical/mental health)**
- **Government benefits (SSI, GR, VA, etc.)**
- **Housing**
- **Employment**

- **Total number of activities:**

Comments:

North County Lifeline, Inc- Communities In Action Program (CinA)

Agency Description:

North County Lifeline (NCLL) has been a leader in social service programs for the community since 1969 when the agency started as a drop-in center for youth, and our mission is to build self-reliance among youth, individuals and families through problem solving, skill-building and accessible community-based services.

Services offered by CinA:

- Referrals to Community Resources & Benefits Application Assistance
- Stabilization supports (such as clothing, emergency food, emergency utility assistance and hygiene packs) to assist those experiencing a crisis or who are vulnerable to an imminent crisis situation
- Workforce Development support (resume building; interviewing skills; job search assistance; guidance on obtaining promotions)
- Financial Skills Classes
- Access to Free Tax Assistance to benefit from the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit
- Education and cognitive development services with an inter-generational approach to foster life-enhancing growth for families.
- Resident Leadership Academy: A program to develop leadership skills and engage community residents

Target Population:

Is composed of low to very low income individuals experiencing multiple barriers to employment and housing. These barriers include homelessness or the risk of becoming homeless, and frequent or extended periods of unemployment.

Requirements for CinA clients to participate in the Homeless Court Program:

Communities in Action refers clients who demonstrate engaged and consistent participation in the program's case management services. Engaged and consistent participation includes the following:

1. Attendance of case management visits for at least 30 days upon enrollment on the date and time scheduled. A maximum of 1 rescheduled visit, 1 no-show visit, and 1 late arrival (less than 15 minutes) are allowed. A late arrival 15 minutes or over may be counted as a no-show.

2. Client creates at least 3 case management goals and demonstrates follow-up on all 3 goals, applying to housing, creating online job search accounts, etc.
3. Must attend a minimum of one workshop (Financial or ECDS)
4. Referrals: clients must follow up on all referrals provided by program that align with their case management goals within 1 week of referrals being provided. For example, if client and Case Manager identify obtaining employment as a goal, client must follow up on all referrals to career centers, job leads, employment coaching, or relevant vocational training.
5. Client must show proof to Case Manager of follow through on referrals, for example, business cards or flyers from career centers/potential employers.
6. Once goals are met, client must show proof to Case Manager such as a pay stub, a lease agreement, or other supporting documents.

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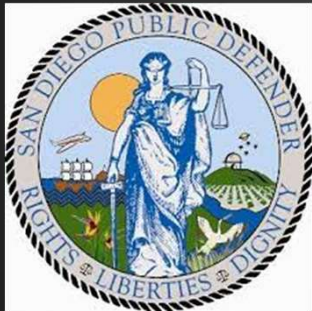
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HOMELESS COURT VS. POP-UP EVENTS

- Homeless Court clears all eligible fines and cases based upon program progress
- Local Pop-up events clear only those specific cases presenting an immediate barrier to progress – the goal at this event is connecting them to services and a program

CONTACTS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about whether a case can be heard you should contact the Homeless Court Team for clarification:



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QR Code to access all San Diego County homeless court providers

