

Program Goals

To diverting low risk/low needs first-time drug offenders to a court-supervised program that will enhance public safety, reduce crime, hold offenders accountable, and increase sobriety among drug offenders.

The First Offender Drug Program is designed to be minimalistic:

- Defendants will receive minimum supervision.
- There are no progressive sanctions.
- Any violation of program conditions or failure to meet all requirements will result in termination.
- Termination from First Offender Drug Program means that the defendant's case will proceed to formal sentencing based upon the original plea.

Program Cost

(All fees are to be paid in full before the plea)

Felony \$550

- Urinalysis 2 x per month
- 2 hair tests
- Education Class

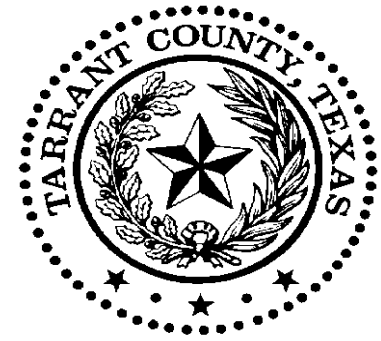
Misdemeanor \$350

- Urinalysis 2 x per month
- Education Class

Term

Felony 180-day program
Misdemeanor 90-day program

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First Offender Drug Program – Overview

- Offers non-violent offenders an opportunity to address and correct a mistake.
- Participants require minimal supervision.
- Participants will be required to enter a plea of guilty and the judge will accept the plea and postpone sentencing pending completion of the program.
- Consists of both a misdemeanor and a felony track. Both tracks will require random drug testing, checking in with a case manager, hair testing and a drug education or life skills class.
- Upon successful completion of the program, the participant is allowed to withdraw his or her plea and the Criminal District Attorney's office will dismiss the case. If the participant fails to successfully complete the program, the case will proceed to sentencing based upon original plea.
- **CASE ELIGIBLE FOR EXPUNCTION IF DISMISSED**

CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

The following offenses may be eligible*:

1. Possession Controlled Substance of less than 1G-PG 1,2
2. Possession Controlled Substance 1-4G-PG 1,2
3. Possession Controlled Substance of less than 28G PG 3,4
4. Possession Controlled Substance of less than 2 OZ-PG 2-A
5. Possession Controlled Substance 2- 4 OZ PG 2-A
6. Possession of Marihuana of less than 2 OZ.
7. Possession of Marihuana 2-4 OZ
8. Possession of Controlled Substance of less than 1G-PG 1,2 (in a Drug-Free Zone)
9. Possession of Controlled Substance of less than 28 grams-PG 3,4 (in a Drug-Free Zone)
10. Possession of Marihuana of less than 2 OZ (in a Drug-Free Zone)
11. Possession of Marihuana 2-4 OZ (in a Drug-Free Zone)
12. Possession of Marihuana 4 OZ-5 LB (if amount is ½ LB or less)
13. Possession of Controlled Substance 4-400G PG 2 (if THC and 3 or fewer edibles)
14. Attempt of any above listed offense

* More eligible offenses listed in FODP packet

An applicant will not be eligible for this program if he or she has any of the following:

1. Any conviction for any offense greater than a Class C misdemeanor
2. Previously been placed on probation or deferred adjudication for any offense greater than a Class C misdemeanor
3. Previously participated in any type of diversion program as an adult
4. Previously adjudicated for any offense greater than a Class C misdemeanor as a juvenile
5. Any pending cases for non-drug offenses or any pending cases for drug offense not committed on same offense date

* Initial approval of application is conditional. If applicant is deemed ineligible prior to plea, then the applicant's approval may be withdrawn. Direct or circumstantial evidence of drug dealing will make applicant ineligible.