Implementing Due Process in your Accountability Court Program

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Learning Objective #1:

• The importance & Role of Due Process in Accountability Courts

What and How (substance and procedure/methodology)

Case Law Review & Updates

- For more details see digital handout
- Boykin Rights
- Amendment Rights (5th & 14th specifically)
- GA Constitution article #1



Roles: Darcy always says, "There's no 'l' in team."



Objective #2:

- Following (Drug Court) Best Practice Standards Section IVenhancing defendants rights to advance notice and the opportunity to be heard
 - Advance notice (3 days is probation standard for minimum)
 - Opportunity to be heard (but not creating a way to incriminate)
 - Right to representation

Rights: Attorney's can be cool and helpful



Objective #3:

- Learning how to implement a process in your individual program(s)
 - Notice
 - Representation
 - Calendaring
 - Incentivizing Honesty
 - Documentation
 - Combining rights with standards
 - Community focus

Implementation: I promise, you can do it.



IN THE STATE COURT OF COBB COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA



STATE OF GEORGIA

VS

CASE NO. 05-DUI-01

JOE SCHMOE,

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have notified the defendant by phone on May 22nd that their Sanction Hearing will be held on <u>Thursday</u>, June 1, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in <u>Courtroom 3C</u>.

This the 1st day of June 2024.

DARCY KAMAU COBB COUNTY DUI COURT

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I hereby acknowledge service that the sanction <u>will be no more than 24 hours of Confinement</u> in the Cobb ADC for testing positive for alcohol (4th positive) on or about May 20th, 2024.

This the ______day of ______, 2024.

DEFENDANT

I hereby waive three days notice of said hearing. ____X___

I hereby request three days notice of said hearing.

This the _____day of _____, 2024.

DEFENDANT



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DEFENDANT'S RIGHT TO AN ATTORNEY

I understand that I am entitled to legal representation at said hearing:

- 1) I hereby choose to represent myself and decline representation.
- I hereby choose to be represented by a circuit defender, should I financially qualify.
- 3) I hereby choose to hire my own attorney.

This the 1st day of June, 2024.

DEFENDANT

More learning!

 First, get team buy in for implementation (This is important!)

Onboard new team members

Don't forget to pass on institutional knowledge if you move on



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