



## **EAU CLAIRE COUNTY OWI Early Intervention Program**

To find out more information about the  
Eau Claire County OWI Program

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## Program Description:

This program was created to provide participants with more comprehensive dispositions that include programming, random testing, and incarceration. Eligible individuals will receive an offer to participate in this program during their scheduled **pretrial conference** at the District Attorney's Office. If this offer is accepted, the participant will be ordered to begin the program on the day of the **plea hearing**. At that time, participants will plead guilty to the OWI offense and will be sentenced to the full District guidelines. A portion of this jail sentence will be stayed pending completion of the program.

## Pending compliance with the program:

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:

- Jail: **5 days with time stayed (after first 48 hours with no Huber release, jail time can be done on electronic monitoring, if approved)**
- Community Service 25 hours
- Fine + Costs
- DL Revocation: 12 months + 5 days
- Ignition Interlocks Device: 12 months

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense:

- Jail: **14 days with time stayed (after first 48 hours with no Huber release, jail time can be done on electronic monitoring, if approved)**
- Community Service 50 hours
- Fine + Costs
- DL Revocation: 25 months + 15 days
- Ignition Interlock Device: 18 months

## Eligible Participants:

- Individuals charged with an OWI 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Misdemeanor offense
- Only individuals receiving charges in Eau Claire County
- Each case is examined and participation in the program is at the discretion of the District Attorney's Office

## Program Incentives:

- Early access to interventions/programming
- Comprehensive assessments
- Reduced monetary penalty
- Potential to reduce incarceration time

## Program Purposes:

- Enhance public safety by providing appropriate assessments and treatment programs designed to reduce recidivism
- Provide early access to interventions

**\*\*\*Eligibility for the program is determined by the District Attorney's office during a pretrial conference. If an agreement has been reached and there is an offer to include the OWI program, the participant MUST meet with the program coordinator to enroll in the program at least 10 days prior to the plea hearing.**

## Program Requirements:

- Participants must receive an AODA assessment and comply with all findings, which could include education classes, or outpatient treatment
- Participants must complete the required number of Community Service hours prior to their final Court date
- Individuals must participate in random alcohol and drug testing at the Community Transition Center throughout the entire length of the program
- Participants must pay all fines/ or must be making monthly payments with an established payment plan

## Successful Completion of the Program:

- Individuals will be given a final/return Court date. If, at that time, they have completed all the requirements of the OWI program, and have had no violations or new charges, the imposed and stayed jail time will be waived.
- Appearance is not mandatory at the final/return Court date if all requirements have been met

## Unsuccessful Completion of the Program:

- If termination occurs, the stayed sentence will be lifted and the remaining jail time will be served. Termination can occur at an **order to show cause hearing** or at the final/return Court date

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