

Saginaw Recovery Court Questions & Answers

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Frequently Asked Questions*

The following questions were developed to encourage discussion. Some were addressed during today's presentation, while others may be useful as you consider whether Saginaw Recovery Court is appropriate for a client.

Questions for Discussion

- Who is the ideal candidate for Saginaw Recovery Court?
- Who is generally not a good candidate?
- What offenses are legally eligible?
- Can a defendant with a prior violent conviction be considered?
- How important is a client's motivation to change?
- What role does the COMPAS assessment play?
- How long does the program usually last?
- What happens if a participant relapses?
- What happens if a participant fails to comply with program requirements?
- How are therapeutic responses different from traditional sanctions?
- How often do participants appear in court?
- What role do treatment providers play?
- What role does the defense attorney play after a client enters Recovery Court?
- Can a participant voluntarily leave the program?
- What incentives are used to recognize progress?
- How is Saginaw Recovery Court funded?
- What does successful graduation represent?
- How can I refer a client for consideration?

Thank you for partnering with Saginaw Recovery Court