

HOPE

GALVESTON COUNTY DRUG COURT

What is Hope?

Hope is bright shining light which keeps darkness at bay.

Hope is the gentle cold breeze on a hot summer day.

Hope is to remain positive when going gets tough.

Hope is seeking more when others think you had enough.

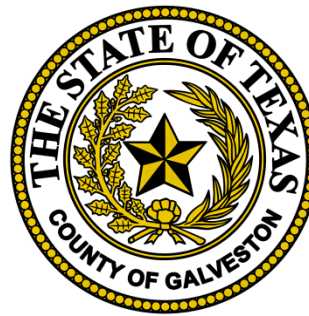
Hope is dreaming of tomorrow.

Hope is simmering under sorrow.

Hope is sparkles from tears in our eyes.

Hope is a beautiful thing and beautiful things never die.

*Excerpted from a poem by
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*The mission of the
Galveston County Drug Court Program,
HOPE,
is to reduce recidivism, improve public
safety, reduce costs associated with
incarceration and re-arrest, and
allow the substance abusing
offender to return as a
productive and successful
member of the family,
workforce, and
community
overall.*



WHAT IS DRUG COURT?

HOPE Drug Court is a special program within the Galveston County Criminal Justice System. It is a court-supervised treatment program for participants with non-violent criminal charges who also have a drug or alcohol addiction. The program is voluntary and is the personal choice of participants. The Drug Court Team is present to guide and assist, but the final responsibility lays with the participants who must be motivated to make the necessary changes and commitments to drug-free lives.

HOPE PROGRAM PHASES

A Journey to Success

The HOPE Drug Court Program is a three-phase program with each phase consisting of specific treatment goals, activities, and requirements that must be met before advancement to the next phase.

Phase I - Assessment, Orientation, and Stabilization

This is the most intensive phase of the HOPE Drug Court Program. Participants' treatment plans may include inpatient or outpatient programs.

Phase II - Treatment and Education

The counseling in this phase will focus on sober living. In addition, participants will begin to actively address issues related to personal family, medical, vocational, and housing needs.

Phase III - Education and Transition

The main focus of this phase is relapse prevention, maintaining abstinence, mentoring, and daily living skills. Participants will receive supportive services that aid in continued success in the community as sober, productive, and responsible citizens.

PARTICIPANTS ASK

How Can I Participate in the HOPE Program?

Following arrests or violations of probation, participants can be offered opportunities to participate in the Drug Court Program or remain in the traditional criminal court for prosecution on pending charges or Motions to Revoke Probation.

How Long Will I be in the HOPE Program?

The amount of time spent in the HOPE Program is determined by individual progress but is no less than 12 months and no longer than 18 months.

Failure or dismissal from the HOPE Program may result in participants being sentenced to jail and revocation of supervision.

What's in it for Me?

The HOPE Program gives participants the opportunity to:

- Set and Obtain Goals
- Develop Job Skills
- Rebuild Family and Community Ties
- Live Drug- and Crime-Free Lives

HOPE offers chances to move forward in lives. The many people who make up the Drug Court Team want to help in participants' success. That assistance is there for the taking.

