State: **GEORGIA**
Website to verify approved schools – www.dds.ga.gov

**Contact Persons:**

DUI Offender Program(s)

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Or
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Is the contact person for DUI reciprocal agreement program information (interstate transfers) the same as the DUI Offender Program Contact Person listed on page one? If not, please indicate the contact’s name, address and phone number:

Contact Center
866-754-3687

Is the address where offenders mail paperwork for license reinstatement the same as the Driver License Revocation and Suspension Program Contact Person’s address listed on page one? If not, please indicate the address:

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NHTSA Representative
I. DUI Offender Program Mandate

A. Under what authority does your state's DUI Offender Program operate?
   - O.C.G.A. 40-5-83 - The Driver Improvement Act
   - O.C.G.A. 40-5-58 – Habitual Violator
   - O.C.G.A. 42-8-111 – Court Ordered Ignition Interlock Devices

B. Who exercises this authority?
   1. Court Administrator
   2. Law Enforcement
   3. Human Services (MHSA)
   4. Transportation
   5. Driver License
   6. Probation
   7. Other

Multiple Offender Program:

II. DUI Offender Program Management

A. Who typically administers the DUI Offender Program at the local level?

An offender attends the Risk Reduction Program for every DUI Offense.

Risk Reduction Program:

Risk Reduction Programs are privately owned, but are certified and regulated by the Regulatory Compliance Division of the Georgia Department of Driver
Services. A mixture of for-profit and non-profit organizations.

Multiple Offender Program:

B. What services (education, detoxification, treatment, etc.) are typically provided by the DUI provider? What statewide curriculum do you use?

The Risk Reduction Program uses the “Prime for Life” curriculum by Prevention Research Institute, Inc. This is a twenty-hour (20) therapeutic education curriculum. It focuses on lifestyle risk reduction approaches developed at the Prevention Research Institute. Curriculum is designed to change the actual drinking and drug use behavior of the individual. DUI Programs are typically referred to as DUI Risk Reduction Programs or DUI Schools.

Multiple Offender Program:

C. What is the typical length of services offered by the DUI provider?

1) Length of juvenile/youth curriculum: No response.
2) Length of first offender curriculum: The Intervention Component of the Risk Reduction Program is 20 hours in length.
3) Length of Multiple Offender curriculum:
4) Evaluation/Assessment: The Risk Reduction Program’s NEEDS assessment takes approximately 30 minutes to complete.
5) The Multiple Offender programs:
6) Other services: Depends on what other services are needed.

D. Approximate cost per client, please list.

1) Education for 1st offender? Intervention Component - $ 205.00
2) Education for Multiple Offenders? Established on a case by case basis.
3) Evaluation/Assessment: The Risk Reduction Program’s NEEDS assessment is $75 and the Multiple Offender Program Evaluation must be at least $75 (it is usually $125 to $150).
4) Fees to state office that provides oversight: A $15 rebate fee, per student, is paid from the $75.00 Assessment fee.

E. How are quality services assured? Please describe briefly.

Risk Reduction Program:

The Risk Reduction Program, Department of Driver Services, has a full time staff of program analysts to monitor and regulate programs and program instructors for compliance with the rules and regulations and operations guidelines.
Multiple Offender Program:

1. Credentialing
   (a) Who is responsible for credentialing/certifying DUI Programs?
       Regulatory Compliance Division of the Georgia Department of Driver Services
   (b) Who is responsible for credentialing DUI program staff?
       Regulatory Compliance Division of the Georgia Department of Driver Services

Multiple Offender Program:

2. Standards of Program Operation
   (a) Who sets and monitors standards?
       Regulatory Compliance Division of the Georgia Department of Driver Services
   (b) If there are not any standards, what guidelines are generally followed?
       N/A.

3. Training of Direct Service Providers (i.e. instructors and evaluators)
   (a) How are training needs assessed for those individuals dealing with DUI clients?

Risk Reduction Program:

1. A qualified instructor applicant is required to complete a 40+ hour training course, which includes a skill building session. The skill building session culminates in a successful exhibition of training ability before the PRI staff before state certification is granted. Instructors that fail to matriculate through the skill building session are required to work intensively with Master Instructors in attempt to achieve certification. Instructors are required to document 40-hours of continuing education every four years.
2. The Department of Driver Services provides New Director Training as needed for new programs. Owners/Directors are required by the rules to document 40-hours of continuing education every four years.

Multiple Offender Program:

(b) What types of training are offered?

Risk Reduction Program:

Two Continuing Education (In-Service) Training Sessions are held each year. Additionally, new Director training is held intermittently throughout the year along with Staff Development courses, Enhancement Training, Assessment and Curriculum Refresher Courses, Group Facilitation, and Various Substance Abuse workshops.

Multiple Offender Program:

(c) Who conducts training?

Risk Reduction Program:
Prevention Research Institute, Inc., ADE, Inc., and Department of Driver Services staff members.

Multiple Offender Program:

4. Do you publish periodic or annual reports?

DUI and Drug Conviction Statistics and DUI, Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program Statistics.

F. How is the DUI Offender Program supported?

State: 20 Percent Federal: ___ Percent
Client Fees: 80 Percent Other: ___ Percent

1. Is this support adequate?
Risk Reduction: No Response
Multiple Offender Program:
G. List any studies that have been completed within the past five years on your program's effectiveness.

Risk Reduction: Study information is available at www.askpri.org, under the “How do we know it works” section.

Multiple Offender Program:

III. DUI Offender Management

A. Are there any criteria for clients entering the program?

Risk Reduction Program: Arrest or conviction for DUI, underage possession of alcohol, boating under the influence or drug possession as indicated under O.C.G.A. 40-5. Court referral for other offenses.

Multiple Offender Program:

B. Are there any incentives for entering the program?

Risk Reduction Program: Program is mandatory for reinstatement of driver license.

Multiple Offender Program:

C. Is there any use of presentence screening?

No.

D. Are clients assessed or evaluated for alcohol and drug problems and/or other indications of public safety risk?

Risk Reduction Program: Yes, the NEEDS Assessment

Multiple Offender Program:

E. Does your evaluation process consist of:

*Face-to-face interview*: The Risk Reduction Program does not

Multiple Offender Program

*Objective Tests*: The Risk Reduction Program uses the NEEDS Assessment, ADE, Inc.
The Multiple Offender Program

Specific Paperwork:

Risk Reduction Program: No, Offenders must be assessed in the Georgia Program. The NEEDS Assessment is the uniform assessment instrument and it has been specialized for the Georgia DUI Program. The results are utilized in the classroom as part of an activity in the curriculum.

Multiple Offender Program:

F. Do you have criteria for referral to treatment? If so, what are the criteria?

G. Briefly describe any case management* procedures used while the client is in your program.

is to ensure appropriate planning and treatment assignments.

H. Is a completion determination made?

Yes, for both the first offender and multiples.

I. Who makes the determination?

Risk Reduction Program: The certified instructor who taught the class.

Multiple Offender Program:

J. What criteria is used for determining completion status?

Risk Reduction Program: Attend, participate and pass a written exam with a score of 70% or more and abide by the rules of the program.

Multiple Offender Program:

K. What are the benefits of a successful completion?

Reinstatement of driver's license after suspension for both first and multiple offenders.

L. What are the consequences of an unsuccessful completion?

Driver's license cannot be reinstated until program has been completed.
Multiple Offender Program:

M. What kind of client records are kept?

Risk Reduction Program: Assessment results, contracts, test results and all pertinent information on the clients (i.e. full name, address, phone number, driver's license number, social security number and certificate of completion number for 5 calendar years).

Multiple Offender Program:

N. What are the treatment program selection criteria for the client? How is a treatment provider chosen by the client?

Multiple Offender Program:

O. What is the focus of treatment provided?

Multiple Offender Program:

P. Are individualized treatment plans required? If yes, please define.

Multiple Offender Program:

Q. How are treatment agencies licensed and by whom?

Multiple Offender Program:

R. Does the DUI system require programs to use only licensed providers?

Multiple Offender Program

S. What are the treatment requirements?

Multiple Offender Program

T. What are your state's referral rates to treatment for first time offenders as made by the DUI programs?

Risk Reduction Program: In 2008, the assessments indicated about 70% of participants could benefit from some form of treatment following the Risk Reduction Program.

Multiple Offender Program:
U. What are the lengths of your state’s driver license suspension/revocation for each of the following offenses?

First DUI Offense: One-year suspension. Eligible for early reinstatement with proof of completion of the Risk Reduction Program and payment of reinstatement fees, after 121 days from date of conviction.

Second DUI Offense: One year suspension, eligible for early reinstatement after a 12 month suspension, completion of the Risk Reduction Program, a clinical evaluation, completion of a treatment program, and 6 months with a limited driving permit with an interlock device that is monitored monthly.

Third DUI Offense: Mandatory five year suspension, declared Habitual Violator, after 2 years eligible for limited driving permit

Other Offenses (specify): Fourth conviction DUI. Declared Habitual Violator, can have vehicle seized. Five-year suspension.

Comments: No response provided.

V. Describe any other sanctions imposed on the DUI offender related to vehicle impoundment, monitoring devices and or interlock devices. (Examples of devices are ignition interlock, ankle bracelet with portable tracking, home based random breath video identification system, and remote alcohol testing with voice recognition.)

Use of an ignition interlock device is required after a second or subsequent conviction with in five years.

W. What are your latest numbers that reflect

1) How many individuals were arrested for their first DUI Offense?
2) How many individuals were convicted of their first DUI offense?
3) How many repeat DUI offenders were arrested?
4) How many repeat DUI offenders were convicted?

No response provided.

IV. Out-of-State DUI Offenders

A. What are the DUI program completion requirements (Education and/or Treatment) for licensees of your state who receive a DUI, then move to another state?
An assessment must be taken as well as a DUI Class. Georgia will accept courses as outlined on our attached document entitled “DUI School Guidelines for Georgia violators now living out of state.”

Effective July 1, 2003 HB 447 became law and made specific changes to OCGA 40-5-83:

"...the department shall not accept certificates of completion from any such program, clinic, or course unless said program, clinic or course has been certified by the Department as substantially conforming, with respect to course content, with the standards and requirements promulgated by the Department.. Certificates of completion from an out of state program clinic, or course not so certified by the Department may be accepted only for the purpose of permitting persons who are not residents of the State of Georgia to reinstate nonresident operating privileges."

In order for us to meet the requirements specified by this law states may be contacted in the future for information concerning DUI Intervention program protocol.

*First DUI Offense*: See information above.

*Second DUI Offense*: Two or greater offenses may be classified as “multiple” offenses. The Multiple Offender Program is not affected by the changes in the law described above however, an educational component, i.e. a DUI School, must be completed prior to the delivery of treatment services.

*Third DUI Offense*: As described above.

*Other offenses (specify)*: As described above.

*Comments*:

B. What are your state’s requirements for individuals who are licensed in another state but receive a DUI in your state?

Georgia will accept another state’s DUI training and courses (as outlined on the attached document) if conducted in a classroom setting and the class is approved by the state in which the training was completed. See the attached document entitled “DUI School Guidelines for Georgia Violators now living out of state”.

Residents of your state: See “A.” above
Non-residents (travelers): They may attend the Georgia Program, or a program in their home state that is accepted by Georgia.

List any special restrictions or comments: Georgia accepts certificates from all on post, military programs for active duty members only.

C. What are your state’s requirements for individuals, who are licensed in another state, receive a DUI in that state, move to your state and want to complete your DUI program?

They first must meet the other state’s requirements to satisfy the DUI conviction and/or reinstatement their driver’s license. Our DUI program may or may not satisfy the out-of-state requirements. If it does, we will allow them to attend our 20 hour DUI program. This scenario is not addressed on our guidelines document since it is another’s state requirement.

D. What are the sanctions for having a DUI conviction outside of your home state?

Must take assessment and 20-hours risk reduction program, plus any requirements outlined by the other state.

V. DUI Countermeasures and States Responsible Authority

A. Briefly describe the other DUI countermeasures and responsible authority in your state. Include public information and education, MADD, enforcement, judicial, legislative, driver licensing and program evaluation.

1. Public information - Governor's Office of Highway Safety (404) 656-6996.

2. Advocacy Groups - MADD, SADD, and Arrive Alive

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