NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF STATE IMPAIRED DRIVING PROGRAMS
QUESTIONNAIRE

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*DUI programs are affiliated with the IDRC in each county – use the website to call the county you need!

Is the contact person for DUI reciprocal agreement program information (interstate transfers) the same as the DUI offender Program Contact Person listed above? If not, please indicate the contact’s name, address and phone number.

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I. DUI Offender Program Mandate

A. Under what authority does your state’s DUI offender Program operate?

B. Who exercises this authority?
   1. Court Administrator ☑
   2. Law Enforcement ☑
II. DUI Offender Program Management

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

➢ Intoxicated Driver Resource Centers (IDRCs) under county authority in each of the 21 counties in New Jersey.

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

➢ Inpatient, aftercare, outpatient groups and individual intensive outpatient, detox, entire spectrum of mental health services.

The New Jersey Intoxicated Driving Program in conjunction with The Change Companies developed a joint-copyrighted Intoxicated Driver Resource Center Education Program Client Workbook, including a facilitator’s manual.

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

1) Length of Juvenile/Youth Curriculum Education 12 hour course
2) Length of 1st offender curriculum: 12 – 48 hour IDRC course.
3) Length of 2nd offender curriculum: 12 – 48 hour IDRC course.
4) Length of multiple offender (3 or more DUI convictions) curriculum: 12 hour course plus a minimum of 16 weeks - maximum one year.
5) Does your state require classroom education for multiples? Yes
6) Other services: Referral to affiliated treatment provider.

D. Approximate cost per client, please list.

1) Education for a 1st offender: $230; 2nd offender; $280 (48 hr. program)
2) Education for a multiple offender? Either $230 or $280 (court stipulation)
3) Evaluation/Assessment: varies
4) Fees to state office that provides oversight: $100
E. How are quality services assured? Please describe briefly. Monitoring by county IDRC and State Program (IDP)

The county programs are governed by regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services and enforced by the Intoxicated Driving Program.

1. Credentialing
   (a) Who is responsible for credentialing/certifying DUI Programs?

      ➢ The Intoxicated Driving Program approves each county-based IDRC.

   (b) Who is responsible for credentialing DUI program staff?

      ➢ New Jersey Office of the Attorney General, Division of Community Affairs, State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners, Alcohol and Drug Committee

2. Standards of Program Operation
   (a) Who sets and monitors standards?

      ➢ The Department of Human Services, Intoxicated Driving Program. (N.J.A.C. 162 et seq.)

   (b) If there are not any standards, what guidelines are generally followed?

      ➢ not applicable.

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

      ➢ County Intoxicated Driver Resource Centers Directors determine needs of counselors and instructors. State and county authorities provide training as needed.

   (b) What types of training are offered?

      ➢ Practical and classroom training for all Licensed and Certified
alcoholism & drug counselors working as providers or in treatment agencies

(c) Who conducts training?

➢ Classroom training is conducted by 15 providers under the auspices of the New Jersey Council on Alcoholism and Drug with a grant from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Addiction Services, Prevention Unit. These providers include NCADD county units, private providers, Rutgers University, Center of Alcohol Studies, Rowan University, Center for Addiction Studies, UMDNJ Institute for Chemical Dependency.

5. Do you publish periodic or annual reports?
➢ Yes, an Annual IDRC Statistical Summary Report, which is available online at http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/das

F. How is the DUI Offender Program supported?

State: 0 Percent Federal: 0 Percent
Client Fees: 100 Percent Other: ___

1. Is this support adequate?

Yes

G. List any studies that have been completed within the past five years on your program’s effectiveness.

III. DUI Offender Management

A. Are there any criteria for clients to enter the program?

➢ Operating a motor vehicle or vessel under the influence, refusing a breath test, underage DUI offender or an independent report from a court or Motor Vehicle authority indicating alcohol during the operation of a motor vehicle.

B. Are there any incentives for entering program?

➢ No, all offenders must attend and complete assigned program or suffer possible two days in jail and indefinite license suspension.
C. Is there any use of pre-sentence screening?
   - No. However, offenders entering appropriate, verified treatment prior to IDRC detention may be given credit for time in treatment during the IDRC’s client screening process.

D. Are clients assessed or evaluated for alcohol and drug problems and/or other indications of public safety risk?
   - Yes. The statewide screening tool is the RIASI

E. Does your evaluation process consist of:
   - *Face to face interview:* Yes
   - *Objective Tests:* Yes. Intoxicated Driver Program Questionnaire.
   - *Specific Paperwork:* Yes, a description of the events immediately preceding the relevant arrest. Pre and post test.

F. Do you have criteria for referral to treatment? If so, what is the criteria?
   - Yes, See below (N.J.A.C., Chapter 162, 4.2):
     1) The purpose of Intoxicated Driver Resource Center Screening is to identify clients who need a structured intervention for their alcohol or drug use.
     2) A referral to treatment or for further evaluation shall take into consideration the following facts as relevant to a client’s need for treatment or further evaluation:
        a) The client is a repeat offender.
        b) A blood alcohol concentration of .15 or higher, as evidenced by the client’s arrest record if he or she pled guilty, or if convicted at trial with a blood alcohol concentration of .15 or higher. Blood alcohol concentration shall only be used to refer where other supporting information exists that indicates a need for treatment.
        c) A counselor’s evaluation of answers on the evaluation instrument, based on the definition of alcohol or drug abuser.
        d) Any prior outpatient or inpatient treatment for alcohol or drug
e) Any prior self help group attendance for an alcohol or drug abuse problem.

f) Driving record. There must be a clear independent reason for a treatment referral other than the driving record; however, a driving record that includes motor vehicle or boat accidents, reckless or careless driving, or persistent moving or other motor vehicle violations shall be considered in making a treatment referral, and shall be mentioned on any client valuation documents.

g) Counselor and observations. All counselor observations and data used to determine treatment appropriateness shall be documented. They may include symptoms of alcohol or drug abuse including voluntary admission by the client that an alcohol or drug problem exists. A counselor’s evaluation based on documented observations and data that a client is an alcohol or drug abuser (as defined herein) is sufficient to refer a client to treatment.

h) Outside information. The intoxicated Driver Resource Center/Intoxicated Driving Program staff may receive information from outside sources such as a client’s family, treatment facilities, counselors or physicians. Such information may be utilized if the source of the information is disclosed to the client and he or she is given the opportunity to review and comment on the information.

i) Age. The age of an offender may be considered as a factor, but only in addiction to other criteria listed in this subsection indicating the appropriateness of a referral to treatment.

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

- The IDRC receives reports regarding intake, treatment planning, contracts, session progress, monthly progress reports, self-help group attendance cards, evaluation, and additional assessments and monitoring for multiple offenders.

- *Case management is defined here as an administrative function to ensure the coordination of client services to address needs, and the continuity of care with other community services. The ultimate goal is to ensure appropriate planning and treatment referrals.

H. Is a completion determination made?
➢ Yes.

I. Who makes the determination?

➢ The IDRC Director, upon notice from treating agency.

J. What criteria are used for determining completion status?

➢ Adherence to treatment contract: sobriety, life-style changes, and behavioral changes.

K. What are the benefits of a successful completion?

➢ Full restoration of driving privileges in the State of New Jersey.

L. What are the consequences of an unsuccessful completion?

➢ Indefinite license suspension.
➢ Possible two-day jail sentence.

M. What kind of client records are kept?

➢ Complete evaluation and treatment records. Evaluation, driver history, test score, interview results, recommendation and phone logs.

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

By law, each county is required to establish a network of treatment providers. Generally, counties use location and range of services provided as inclusion criteria. All IDRC network providers must:

➢ Agree to adhere to State regulations; provide staff licensure and certifications and experience;
➢ Publish fee schedules, adhere to professional ethical and care standards of State and Federal law; and
➢ Furnish a written description of treatment syllabus and treatment philosophy;
➢ And secure professional and commercial liability insurance.

O. What is the focus of treatment provided?

➢ Individualized - provide basis for continuous support in treatment.

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

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Yes. Based on severity of problem and individual needs of the client.

Q. How are treatment agencies licensed and by whom?

➢ Out-patient: Affiliated by annual agreement with IDRCs, approved by IDP. Treatment must be provided or supervised by a licensed counselor. Agency license is provided by the Division of Addiction Services, Department of Human Services. Clinician Licensure is by the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General, Division of Consumer Affairs, State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners, Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee or comparable licensed agency out-of-state.

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

➢ Licensure is required of all programs providing ASAM level 11 (Intensive Outpatient) or higher. Unlicensed programs can provide ASAM level 0.5 (Education and Early Intervention), and ASAM Level 1, (Outpatient services)

➢ IDRCs affiliate only with providers who meet the above standards.

S. What are the treatment requirements?

1) Is it required for first offenders and multiples – 40% of first offenders 100% multiple offenders
2) Statutory minimums 16 weeks
3) Other minimums: multiple offenders 1 year
4) Typical number of hours? Depends on level of care
5) Length of time to provide hours? Depends on level and success of care
6) Cost of treatment: Varies

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

➢ 20% of clients referred for further assessment are first time offenders.
➢ An additional 6% were referred directly to self help if they were actively participating at the time of the evaluation.

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

1) First DUI Offense: 3 months - one year.
2) Second DUI Offense: two years.
3) Third DUI Offense: 10 years
4) Other Offenses (specify): Refusal, same as DUI, Underage DUI Offenders-30 days to 90 days.
Comments:

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.)

➢ Ignition interlocks may be imposed by the court of conviction upon completion of the offender’s license suspension period. An offender’s vehicle may be impounded for 12 hours after or arrest or until the police believe the offender will not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs if he operates a motor vehicle.

W. What are your latest numbers that reflect:

We don’t track this data. Arrest figures are through the court. Both 1st time & Multiple Offenders are scheduled to 12 hour classes. We don’t have a way to break that number down.

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?

All offenders must meet the educational requirements of their state. In addition, all offenders must schedule and participate in a comprehensive drug and alcohol assessment conducted by a clinician/counselor licensed or certified in that state. Compliance is met upon treatment completion as reported by clinician.

• If treatment is required, length of stay must be a minimum of sixteen (16) weeks, one session per week. Each session shall be a minimum of one hour.
• Individuals with three or more offenses must participate in a treatment program with a minimum of sixteen weeks length of stay.

If a counselor decides not to refer a client to treatment, then additional information is required to substantiate the non-referral. In all cases, the clinician/counselor must submit the appropriate documentation to support the above to the state of New Jersey. Documentation in the form of a formal discharge summary using American Society of Addiction Medicine criteria

Other offenses (specify):

Comments: An out-of-state resident residing with one hour’s drive of an IDRC in New Jersey must satisfy the requirements within 90 days, in New Jersey. Those
living beyond one hour’s drive to the nearest IDRC in New Jersey may participate in a comparable out-of-state DUI program within 90 days.

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

Residents of your state: Same as licensed resident.

Non-residents (travelers): See IV. Court does not seize license, but will notify Division of Motor Vehicles, which, in turn notifies home state. Same requirements as in A.

List any special restrictions or comments: Must meet state requirements for evaluation, treatment and follow-up.

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?

Attend 12-hour evaluation and education program. Satisfy 16-week - a one year treatment requirement as appropriate. $100 administrative fee plus cost for out-of-state program if living beyond 1 hour drive of an IDRC.

D. What are the sanctions for having a DUI conviction outside of your home state? With some exceptions, the same as if offense occurred in New Jersey.

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. Division of Highway Traffic Safety: administers Federal highway safety funds and the New Jersey Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund ($100 surcharge paid by every person convicted of DUI in New Jersey) which supports State and Municipal Police countermeasures such as DUI patrols and roadblocks. “Cops and Shops” (with the Alcoholic Beverage Commission)--a program to prevent underage purchase of alcoholic beverages. Project Graduation--alcohol free high school graduation parties; College Task force--peer education and program to prevent substance abuse;
2. Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and the New Jersey Prevention Network (NJPN Affiliates: substance abuse education and prevention programming at the local levels.

3. MADD: court monitoring, victim impact panels, and legislative initiatives.