

DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT – ACT REENTRY COURT

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

PROGRAM GOALS:

The primary goals of the District of Connecticut ACT (Achievement/Commitment/Trust) Reentry Court (“Reentry Court”) are:

- To support through a collaborative, team-based approach the successful reentry into society of participants who are serving federal criminal sentences by means of helping participants to commit themselves to law-abiding behavior and by means of supporting participants in their efforts to develop and maintain stable living conditions, employment, and self-sufficiency;
- To reduce recidivism and help make society safer from crime; and
- To reduce costs for the criminal justice system in terms of investigation, prosecution, and incarceration.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS OF PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:

All participating agencies agree to the basic operating procedures set forth in the Reentry Court Policy Manual (attached) and to assist in the design and ongoing development and administration of the Reentry Court.

All participating agencies agree to make their best efforts to enlist and retain the support of community service providers who will be essential to expanding opportunities for participants in the Reentry Court.

Each participating agency agrees to respect other agencies’ roles and responsibilities within the Reentry Court’s collaborative team process for engaging each participant in its program. The following sets forth the agencies’ understanding of each other’s principal roles with respect to the Reentry Court:

U.S. District Court

Provide Judicial Officers to oversee Reentry Court team meetings, to conduct Reentry Court sessions with participants, and to encourage collaboration among all participating agencies.

Participate in the design and continued development of Reentry Court process and outcome evaluations.

Participate in the development and review of operational standards and policies for the Reentry Court in conjunction with other participating agencies.

U.S. Attorney's Office

Provide at least one representative to attend all Reentry Court meetings and sessions and to participate as a full team member.

Participate in the development and review of operational standards and policies for the Reentry Court in conjunction with other participating agencies.

Federal Public Defender

Provide at least one representative to attend all Reentry Court meetings and sessions and to participate as a full team member.

Provide information on the nature and purpose of the Reentry Court to potential participants and help ensure the protection of the rights of participants.

Participate in the development and review of operational standards and policies for the Reentry Court in conjunction with other participating agencies.

U.S. Probation Office

Identify and select participants for the Reentry Court in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Reentry Court's Policy Manual.

Provide probation officers to actively supervise Reentry Court participants and to regularly report on participant progress to the Reentry Court team.

Participate in the design and development of operational standards and policies for the Reentry Court in conjunction with other participating agencies.

Maintain records for purposes of tracking all participants' progress and for overall measurement and evaluation of the Reentry Court's activities.

U.S. Marshal's Office

Provide personnel support to ensure the integrity and security of the operation of the Reentry Court meetings.

Facilitate any Reentry Court sanctions that may involve taking a participant into custody.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed by their duly authorized officers.

By: /s/ Janet C. Hall Date 9/30/2016
Janet C. Hall
Chief Judge

By: /s/ Edward Scott Chinn Date 9/30/2016
Edward Scott Chinn
Chief U.S. Probation Officer

By: /s/ Deirdre M. Daly Date 9/29/2016
Deirdre M. Daly
U.S. Attorney

By: /s/ Terence S. Ward Date 9/28/2016
Terence S. Ward
Federal Public Defender

By: /s/ Brian Taylor Date 10/3/2016
Brian Taylor
Acting U.S. Marshal