Homeless Court

Bringing the law to the streets, the court to the homeless service agencies, and justice for all.

What is Homeless Court? What kinds of cases do you assist with?

- Individuals with San Diego County misdemeanors, traffic/trolley infractions, or City of San Diego parking citations can work with and complete requirements with an Approved Homeless Court Provider to have their cases resolved upon HCP Graduation.
    - Exceptions: Sex cases. DV cases. Felony cases. Open DUI's.
    - Every Provider's requirements are different based on the needs of the clients and their program. The list of approved providers is here: http://bit.ly/sdhcp
- Homeless Court occurs once per month, at local Homeless Service Providers in the community.
- Family Law Facilitator, Child Support Services, and Legal Aid Society are also present at HCP Counseling sessions on-site to assist with family/child support, and civil legal issues.

What if the Client has an open warrant? Will they be arrested?

- No. No one is ever arrested in Homeless Court. Clients should consider HCP a safe place.

Who are the Approved Homeless Court Providers? What is required?

- The list of Approved Homeless Court Providers is here: http://bit.ly/sdhcp
- Every Provider is different based on the needs of the clients and their programs.
- The Homeless Court Program Website is here: http://www.homelesscourtprogram.org

Can the Client get referred by the Court directly?

- No, if the case is active/open, the court may continue the case a maximum of 180 days for the client to participate with the HCP Provider and be referred to HCP.
- If clients have not graduated HCP by the continuance date, they must go back to court.

Can Homeless Court get my license back with the DMV or get my car out of the tow yard?

- If the DMV hold on the license is an FTA or AllianceOne debt from the court, HCP Graduation will clear the DMV Hold.
- We can assist with getting a release from the yard once the client has started participating, but cannot pay towing fees. Contact us to discuss.

What are the first steps to start working with Homeless Court?

1. If the Client isn't already working with an Approved HCP Provider, they should first go to http://bit.ly/sdhcp and choose a program that will meet their needs (housing/safe parking/drug rehab/mental health/case management/etc.). Self-referral is possible from a not-yet-approved provider. Contact us for details.
2. Contact that Provider and work with them to complete their requirements for HCP Referral.

Can the Client contact the Homeless Court Program to ask questions?

- Yes, it is preferred that clients contact us by email: sandiego@homelesscourtprogram.org, or by text: 619.717.6101.
- If Client contacting by phone, they should understand this is a voicemail number ONLY – we will return calls usually within 3 days.