



# Franklin County Municipal Court

## Specialized Dockets *Offering a pathway to change*

Specialized Dockets help justice-involved military veterans, those with mental health diagnoses or drug addiction (opiate or non-opiate) and those who have been sexually exploited.

**The programs are an innovative and compassionate approach to reshaping lives and promoting recovery.**

**CATCH COURT**  
COLUMBUS

*Creating autonomy through collaborative healing for human trafficking victims*

**L.I.N.C.**  
LEARNING TO IDENTIFY AND NAVIGATE CHANGE

*Assisting with mental health and co-occurring diagnoses*

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**Military & Veterans Services**

*Serving military and veteran service members*

**h.a.r.t.**  
Helping Achieve Recovery Together

*Helping those with an opiate addiction*

**RC**  
Rising to the Challenge at Recovery Court

*Addressing the needs of those with a primary dependence on non-opiate addiction*

### **Participants in the Specialized Dockets programs receive benefits including:**

- Taking part in the most successful intervention available to help overcome barriers in life.
- Receiving a chance for recovery.
- Potentially avoiding lengthy jail sentences.
- Programming that provides a holistic and individualized approach to overcoming underlying issues.
- The possibility of charges being vacated or dismissed upon program completion, making it easier to seek jobs and housing.
- Involvement with programs that have a history of saving lives.
- Connection to peer recovery supporters.

### **Individualized services and supports include:**

- connection to a wide range of social services in the community, such as housing and transportation, and support within the justice system.
- behavioral health programming, such as mental health and substance use treatment, and peer support.
- resources and support to becoming financially stable including linkage to employment and education.

### **Program requirements can vary, but typically include:**

- active participation in programming for approximately two years.
- a referral by a defense attorney, prosecutor, or judge.
- a new criminal charge in the Franklin County courts.
- weekly meetings with the specialized docket judge and regular engagement with docket staff including probation and docket coordinators.
- randomized drug testing.

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## Hear from program graduates:

*"I have my kids back, a full-time job, a place of my own to live and continued recovery."*

*"Today I can say I value myself."*

*"These are some very caring people, I expected them to treat me like a criminal. They didn't."*

*"Helping others helps keep me accountable. I don't want to leave the people in my life. I want to make them proud."*

*"I still have to fight everyday for the things that I want. I'm so thankful that they saw something inside of me when I didn't, because I love my life today."*

*"I have a job, a better relationship with my parents and am in school."*

*"I've allowed myself to be loved and now I'm able to love others."*

### INTERPRETERS



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