

A PRODIGAL'S PATH

Court Referral Information Packet

A Long-Term Residential Therapeutic Community
Alternative Sentencing Program

Little Rock, Arkansas

Prepared for: Judges, Attorneys, Probation Officers & Court Personnel
State of Arkansas — Circuit, District, and Drug Courts

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

What A Prodigal's Path Is

A Prodigal's Path is a long-term residential Therapeutic Community program based in Little Rock, Arkansas. We serve as a structured, court-compatible alternative to incarceration for qualifying individuals whose primary drivers of criminal behavior are addiction, substance dependency, or the behavioral patterns associated with chronic incarceration.

Our program is modeled after The Other Side Academy (Salt Lake City, UT) — one of the most extensively documented Therapeutic Community programs in the United States, with published graduate outcomes of 70% drug-free, 88% crime-free, and 100% employed at the time of program completion.

Program Type	Long-Term Residential Therapeutic Community
Program Length	Two (2) Years — Multi-Phase
Cost to Participant	Free — no charge to accepted residents
Government Funding	None accepted
Legal Status	501(c)(3) Nonprofit — EIN: 41-4504530
Location	Little Rock, Arkansas
Participants	Adult men and women (18+)
Court Reporting	Available — progress reports, drug test results, incident reports

ELIGIBILITY

Who Qualifies for the Program

Candidates Best Suited for A Prodigal's Path:

- Adults 18 years of age or older
- Individuals whose offenses are primarily driven by addiction or substance use
- Those with histories of repeated incarceration who have not responded to shorter-term interventions
- Individuals who express a sincere desire to change and are willing to commit to the full two-year program
- Both men and women are accepted

Who May Not Be Appropriate:

- Individuals who require active clinical psychiatric treatment or ongoing medication management beyond basic primary care
- Those who are unwilling to abide by the program's structure, community rules, and accountability requirements
- Individuals whose offense history poses a safety risk to the residential community

We encourage referrals for borderline cases. We will conduct an individual assessment and communicate our determination to the referring court or attorney promptly.

ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING

How Court-Ordered Participation Works

A Prodigal's Path can serve as a court-ordered alternative to incarceration for qualifying individuals. Participation may be structured as a condition of probation, a suspended sentence contingent on completion, or as a diversion option at the court's discretion.

- The court retains full sentencing authority throughout the participant's time in the program
- Participants are fully informed that program failure or departure will result in immediate notification to the court
- We coordinate directly with probation officers to ensure all court-ordered conditions are honored
- Program participation does not preclude the court from imposing consequences for program failure or new offenses
- We welcome pre-sentencing conversations with judges and attorneys before a sentencing decision is made

COURT REPORTING

What the Court Can Expect from Us

We are committed to being a reliable, transparent, and responsive partner to every court that refers participants to us. All reports are provided in writing and can be formatted to meet the requirements of the referring jurisdiction.

Intake Confirmation	Written confirmation provided to the court upon a participant's acceptance and entry into the program.
Progress Reports	Provided at intervals coordinated with the court — typically every 30, 60, or 90 days. Includes participation, conduct, drug testing results, and staff assessment.
Phase Advancement Reports	Notification when a participant advances to a new program phase.
Incident Reports	Prompt notification in the event of any significant disciplinary action, rule violation, or safety concern.
Drug Test Results	All positive drug test results reported to the court immediately. We do not minimize substance violations.
Departure Notification	Immediate notification if a participant leaves or is removed from the program for any reason.
Completion Report	A formal summary upon successful two-year program completion.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The Two-Year Program — Phase by Phase

A Prodigal's Path is a two-year residential program organized into three phases. Progression is based on demonstrated behavioral growth, not simply time served. Courts ordering participation should plan for a full 24-month commitment.

Phase One — Entry (Months 1–6)

Orientation, assessment, and initial community integration. Residents learn the expectations and culture of the program. Focus on honesty, personal accountability, and beginning to confront the behaviors that led to incarceration.

Phase Two — Growth (Months 6–18)

Full participation in community life, work assignments, accountability meetings, classes, and mentorship. Residents begin taking on responsibility for newer members. Vocational training and life skills development intensify.

Phase Three — Transition (Months 18–24)

Re-entry preparation, employment planning, family reconnection, and aftercare. Residents develop a concrete plan for life after graduation. Completion is marked by demonstrated readiness, not a calendar date.

Daily Structure:

- Early morning wake-up, morning meeting, and community responsibilities
- Work assignments throughout the day — facility maintenance, vocational training, or community operations
- Structured classes covering financial literacy, communication, parenting, and life skills
- Evening accountability sessions — the cornerstone of the Therapeutic Community model
- Faith and reflection time each evening
- Lights out — a disciplined schedule from morning to night

DRUG TESTING & ACCOUNTABILITY

How We Maintain Standards

Drug Testing

- All residents are subject to random and scheduled drug testing throughout the two-year program
- All testing results are documented and included in court reporting
- A positive drug test is a serious program violation handled through our progressive accountability process
- The court will be notified of any positive test results or substance-related violations promptly
- We do not hide or minimize substance violations. If a participant uses, the court will know.

Community Accountability

- Daily community meetings where residents address behaviors and attitudes openly
- Peer-led accountability sessions facilitated by senior residents and program leadership
- Progressive consequences for violations — from verbal correction to phase regression to removal
- Program leadership maintains authority to remove any participant who poses a risk to the community
- All significant disciplinary actions are documented and included in court reports

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

What Graduates Leave With

Sustained Sobriety	Residents maintain sobriety throughout the two-year program and leave with the community and skills to maintain it.
Employment Readiness	Vocational training and real work assignments throughout the program produce genuinely employable graduates.
Personal Responsibility	The ability to honestly assess their own behavior, make amends, and take ownership of their choices.
Healthy Relationships	Restored or improved family relationships and communication skills developed through two years of community living.
Community Contribution	Many graduates return to mentor current residents — becoming part of the solution rather than the problem.
Reduced Recidivism	The Therapeutic Community model has decades of documented outcomes showing significantly lower recidivism compared to incarceration alone.

70%
Drug Free

88%
Crime Free

100%
Employed

Outcomes from The Other Side Academy — the established program A Prodigal's Path is modeled after. We are committed to publishing our own outcome data as the program grows.

CONTACT & NEXT STEPS

Reaching Out to A Prodigal's Path

We welcome conversations with judges, attorneys, probation officers, and court personnel at any stage. We respond to court inquiries within one business day and are available to appear or provide written testimony in proceedings involving current or former participants when requested.

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*"We are not a 30-day program. We are a life-change program. We accept that responsibility
— and we take it seriously."*

— Kevin Willis, Founder, A Prodigal's Path