



**RISE Mental Health Court**  
Reaching Individual Success Everyday  
Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, General Division  
Honorable Judge Sheryl Munson  
345 S. High Street Courtroom 7B  
Columbus, OH 43215

## **RISE Referral Workflow**

1. Defendant must have a mental health diagnosis that is believed to be a contributing factor to their criminal charges. There may be some diagnoses that may not be a good fit for RISE, this will be determined after the referral is made and the Mental Health Coordinator has had an opportunity to evaluate the defendant, review mental health records and present to the treatment team for determination.
2. The defendant cannot be found incompetent or NGRI.
3. The defendant must plead guilty.
4. The Assigned Judge, Defense Counsel, Defendant, Prosecutor, and Victims must all agree to defendant being referred to the RISE docket.
5. Defense Counsel will print the RISE referral packet found in Criminal Forms (X:) drive and complete the following forms and obtain necessary signatures:
  - Consent and Waiver by Defendant for Referral to RISE Program to be Evaluated for Program Eligibility and Admission
  - Intake Sheet
  - Releases of information for current and past mental health or substance use providers. Please print additional copies as needed if a client has been linked with multiple agencies.
  - Defense Counsel to provide RISE Participation Handbook to defendants so they will have the opportunity to review it before meeting with the RISE Coordinator.
6. Once forms have been completed and signed by appropriate parties' Defense Counsel will place the completed forms in Judge Munson's mail tray located in the hallway behind courtroom 7B so the Mental Health Coordinator can file the entry.
7. Defense Counsel to email any additional supporting documentation that they have to the Coordinator at [Vannessa.Cooper@Fccourts.org](mailto:Vannessa.Cooper@Fccourts.org), this can include any prior mental health or substance abuse treatment records or information regarding defendants criminal history.
8. The Coordinator will contact the defendant to schedule the initial evaluation.
9. Once the Coordinator has met with the defendant the defendants' evaluation and mental health history will be presented at a RISE treatment team meeting for consideration.
10. If the defendant is accepted into the RISE docket the Coordinator will obtain the appropriate signatures from the Assigned Judge, RISE Court Judge, and Administrative Judge.
11. Once the Coordinator confirms that the assigned Judge's sentencing entry has been filed the Coordinator will file the entry to transfer defendant to the RISE docket.
12. If the referral is declined the entry will be completed by the RISE Court Judge and filed.

**IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
CRIMINAL DIVISION**

<b>STATE OF OHIO,</b>	:	Case No. _____
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	:	
<b>Plaintiff</b>	:	
	:	
<b>v.</b>	:	<b>Judge</b> _____
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_____ ,	:	
	:	
<b>Defendant.</b>	:	

**CONSENT AND WAIVER**  
**BY DEFENDANT FOR REFERRAL TO RISE PROGRAM**  
**TO BE EVALUATED FOR PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AND ADMISSION**

By signing my name below, I hereby give my consent to be interviewed by court staff who operate the Franklin County Common Pleas Court’s “Reaching Individual Success Everyday” Program, known as the “RISE Program” for the purpose of determining if I am eligible for admission to the RISE Program. I have received the Program Description of the RISE Program and understand that this is a voluntary program of the court.

I understand that if I am eligible and accepted for admission to the RISE Program:

1. that if I am found guilty or plead guilty to a felony, that I will then be sentenced by my originally assigned judge who will then transfer my case(s) to the RISE Program judge, and
2. for any pending alleged community control violations or in the case of judicial release, my community control supervision will be transferred to the RISE Program judge.

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I understand that if I am accepted to the RISE Program, I will be required to participate in a court-ordered treatment program with conditions of supervision that are established to further my successful participation in the community. I also understand that, at any time before I may be admitted to the RISE Program, I may express my desire to not participate, which will make me ineligible for the RISE Program, leaving my case(s) with the judge to whom they were originally assigned.

I hereby give my consent to be evaluated for eligibility and admission to the RISE Program. I agree to give truthful and accurate answers to the questions I am asked in being evaluated for eligibility and admission to the RISE Program. I understand that only my attorney may receive the information I provide in being evaluated for the RISE Program and that my attorney is subject to confidentiality under the attorney-client privilege in receiving such information. I further understand that the information I give in being evaluated for the RISE Program will not be provided to the State of Ohio and is not subject to discovery by the State of Ohio under the Rules of Criminal Procedure and any other law or rule.

I know of no serious physical health problem that would keep me from completing the RISE Program. I know of no pending charges or detainers from any jurisdiction that would prevent me from entering or completing the RISE Program.

I understand that, if I am eligible and accepted to the RISE Program, I will be supervised by the RISE Program judge in complying with the programming and rules

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of the RISE Program. I further understand that if I am terminated from the RISE Program for any reason after being admitted to the program, final sentencing will be the responsibility of the RISE Program judge and not my originally assigned judge, unless that judge happens to be the RISE Program judge.

I have been informed and understand that evaluation for the RISE Program does not guarantee my eligibility or admission to the RISE Program. I further understand that if I am not determined to be eligible for or am not admitted to the RISE Program, my pending cases or probation violation matters shall remain on the originally assigned judge's docket for final resolution, unless I later become eligible and am admitted as a participant of the RISE Program.

**SIGNED:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Defendant

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

**APPROVED:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Counsel for Defendant

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Counsel for State of Ohio

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Originally Assigned Judge

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

# INTAKE SHEET

## Defendant Information

Full Name of defendant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Maiden

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  Cell  Home

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable) Street City State Zip Code

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

### Case Information

Please check one:  
 PSI Order  Judicial Release  
 Probation w/o PSI (Direct Placement)  Intervention in Lieu of Conviction Granted

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the defendant in custody? Yes No If so, what facility? \_\_\_\_\_ Being released before dispo? Yes No

Date of Plea: \_\_\_\_\_ Disposition date: \_\_\_\_\_

Prosecuting Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_

Defense Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Interpreter needed? Yes No

Plea (Please circle one): Guilty No Contest Guilty by Jury Guilty by Court

Original Charge (s)	Felony degree	Conviction Charges	Charge Degree

Is defendant currently on probation and/or pretrial? Yes No If so, what is the officer's name? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the defendant currently on parole? Yes No If so, what is the officer's name? \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*If the defendant has additional case number(s), then please fill out the attached intake sheet.

# ADDITIONAL INTAKE SHEET

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Plea (Please circle one): Guilty      No Contest      Guilty by Jury      Guilty by Court

Original Charge (s)	Felony degree	Conviction Charges	Charge Degree

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Plea (Please circle one): Guilty      No Contest      Guilty by Jury      Guilty by Court

Original Charge (s)	Felony degree	Conviction Charges	Charge Degree

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Plea (Please circle one): Guilty      No Contest      Guilty by Jury      Guilty by Court

Original Charge (s)	Felony degree	Conviction Charges	Charge Degree

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**AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

**To be completed by the defendant for current and previous mental health and substance use providers.  
Please complete a separate form for each agency.**

**Requesting Party:**

Franklin County Common Pleas Court, General Division  
Vannessa Cooper, RISE Mental Health Court Coordinator  
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PHONE: 614-525-3768 FAX: 614-525-6708

**Items marked with \* are required fields.**

**\*CLIENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*SSN (Last 4 only): XXX-XX-** \_ \_ \_ \_

The undersigned hereby authorizes the following agencies/organizations to **exchange information with** the Franklin County Common Pleas Court and:

**\*Name of Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_ **\* Fax Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Information to be disclosed includes:**

Assessments, diagnosis, prognosis, mental health history, substance abuse history, medical information, drug screen results, treatment plans, discharge planning/summaries, progress in treatment, participation in treatment, presence in treatment

The undersigned understands the requested information may be used in preparation of a court investigation and ongoing monitoring of the above case or any other case that may come before the Court involving the undersigned. The information obtained through this release may be shared by the Court for the purpose of further assessment, treatment planning, and ongoing monitoring. The undersigned has the right to consult with counsel prior to signing this release and has either done so or voluntarily waives the right to do so. The undersigned releases the Franklin County Common Pleas Court and the person or entity releasing information with the Court from any legal liability that may arise from the release of the requested information. This authorization includes records covered by **42 CFR Part 2** and is protected by Federal Confidentiality Rules, prohibiting further disclosure unless expressly permitted by the written consent of the undersigned or as otherwise permitted by 42 CFR Part 2.

This authorization may be revoked in writing at any time, except for information that has been previously released in accordance with this authorization. This authorization will automatically expire upon the undersigned completion or termination from the RISE Specialty Docket.

By signing this release, I voluntarily consent to disclosure for the purpose or need and to the extent or nature indicated above. This information is limited to the person or organization named above and may include HIV or AIDS results. I understand my records are confidential and protected under state regulation, federal regulations (42 CFR, Part 2), and the confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records that further disclosure is prohibited. I also understand that I may not revoke authorization if it is expressly contingent to an order of the Court to which this program is a party in fact, unless otherwise denoted.

\*The undersigned acknowledges that he/she has read this release of information and fully understands the nature of this release. \*

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\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**



# Participant Handbook

FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
GENERAL DIVISION



FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, GENERAL DIVISION

# **RISE MENTAL HEALTH COURT**

REACHING INDIVIDUAL SUCCESS EVERYDAY

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## Welcome to the RISE Mental Health Court

This Handbook has been created to help you succeed in the RISE Mental Health Court Program.

**Congratulations!** You have been accepted into the **RISE Mental Health Court Program**. This program is designed to give you the tools and support that you need to take an active role in your mental health recovery.

**A person's mental illness DOES NOT define them;** but it can lead to instability in a person's life, hospitalization, involvement with law enforcement and the court system, arrests, and jail or prison time. This program is designed to help you avoid all of those things.

You will be given the **tools** you need to succeed in this program, and you will have a **dedicated team of professionals** to support you throughout the process.

We will work **WITH YOU** to stabilize your mental illness, keep you out of the criminal justice system, and help you create a healthy and happy life for yourself.

This **Handbook** is written to explain the goals of The Program so that you will know what you need to do in order to succeed. It should also help answer any questions you may have about the RISE Mental Health Court Program.

This handbook also tells you who is on the **RISE Treatment Team**. The Treatment Team is made up of people who will help and support you as work through The Program.

This is **YOUR HANDBOOK**. Please read it carefully, take notes in it, and keep it in a safe place.

## Program Goals and Objectives

The RISE Mental Health Court is a court-supervised, intensive case management program for people who have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness which has played a part in that person being involved in the criminal justice system. The goal of The Program is to help you develop a strong **mental health recovery plan** which will help you live a stable and law-abiding life.

**If you choose to participate in The Program, you will be required to do the following:**

- **Work with a Treatment Team** that will help you throughout The Program and keep track of your progress.
- **Appear before the RISE Court Judge** at court hearings on a regular basis.
- **Complete the four phases** of The Program.
- Maintain abstinence from drugs and alcohol.

The Program consists of **four phases** which must be **completed successfully prior** to graduation. The RISE Mental Health Court Program typically takes a minimum of **twenty-four (24) months to**

**complete BUT the recovery process is different for everyone** - it is possible The Program could take longer or shorter than twenty-four (24) months.

### INDIVIDUAL SUCCESS:

**Remember: Success is progress in The Program and taking responsibility for your mental health recovery. Sometimes this takes time!**

### The Team: Who is on my Team?

The RISE Court Treatment Team is made up of individuals who will work together to help you achieve success while you are in The Program. They will meet regularly to discuss your progress and they will make recommendations about rewards, incentives, therapeutic adjustments, phase movement, successful completion, and termination. Your Treatment Team will help and support you during your time in The Program and **they are committed to helping you achieve success.**

### INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY:

**Remember: You are the most important person when it comes to your success in The Program. Your Treatment Team is here to help you, but you are the one who must do the work!**

#### **YOUR TEAM includes:**

- You
- The Mental Health Court Judge
- The Mental Health Court Program Coordinator
- Case Manager
- Treatment Providers (counselor, psychiatrist, psychologist, therapist, etc.)
- Probation Officer
- Defense Attorney
- Prosecutor
- Other Providers

Your **success** in your **progress and recovery is directly related to your performance** in The Program, and you will be expected to talk about your progress during each court session.

### Program Eligibility

The Program starts with a referral. Referrals can be made by the originally assigned judge at the request of a probation officer, case manager, attorney, prosecutor, or another concerned individual. Referrals can be made at any time post-conviction—including at sentencing, as a result of a

community control violation, as a condition of Intervention in Lieu of Conviction, or as a condition of judicial release.

After a referral is made, the next step is to find out if you are eligible. You will be screened to make this decision. This is a two-step process:

**Step ONE:** Meet with The Program Coordinator to see if you are legally eligible.

**Step TWO:** Meet with a clinician and/or The Program Coordinator to see if you are clinically eligible.

**Before being accepted into RISE Court, you must meet the clinical and legal criteria. Keep in mind, even if you are found eligible, that does NOT create a right to participate in the RISE Court.**

**IF YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE** for The Program, fail to appear for your assessment, or fail to comply in any way prior to acceptance, **your case will proceed in front of the judge who was originally assigned to your case.**

**Legal Criteria:**

- Individual is at least 18 years of age.
- Individual makes him/herself available for the assessment.
- Individual is charged with an eligible offense: one that is subject to a community control sanction.
- Individual must plead guilty prior to being accepted into the RISE Mental Health Court.
- In cases involving violence, the victim(s)' input will be strongly considered in deciding legal eligibility.

**A Person MAY be INELIGIBLE for the RISE Mental Health Court Program if any of the following apply:**

- Individual is charged with any sex offense or is a sex offender registrant.
- Individual is charged with an offense involving a child victim.
- Individual has a history of serious or repetitive violence.
- Individual is NGRI or Incompetent to Stand Trial.
- Individual has a history of sex offenses, child victim offenses.
- Individual has a history of offenses which were not driven by mental illness.
- Individual poses a significant risk of harm to the RISE Mental Health Court staff and/or other RISE participants.

## Clinical Criteria

**In order to determine your clinical eligibility for The Program, you will be assessed by a properly licensed and trained professional to discuss your current symptoms and your history of treatment.**

Eligible individuals must have a **severe mental illness** as described in the most current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM), and as diagnosed by a licensed mental health professional (psychiatrist, psychologist, licensed professional clinical counselor, licensed independent social worker, or licensed independent marriage and family therapist).

### Other Considerations:

- Participants Mental Health was a factor contributing to the commission of the offense.
- Desire to be clean of all illicit substances.
- Acknowledgement of the need and willingness to take prescribed medication.
- Voluntary agreement to participate in The Program and signature on the Participation Agreement.
- The ability to understand both 1) the requirements of the RISE Program, and 2) the consequences for failing to comply.

You will be required to **sign Releases of Information and/or Exchanges of Information** so that all treatment providers can give information to the diagnosing clinician and the Treatment Team. This applies to any and all physicians/doctors who provide care (or have provided care) to you. These releases also allow all of your care providers and team members to stay updated on your performance (including your attendance, progress, prognosis, and participation) in The Program.

**Once the legal and clinical criteria are met**, the RISE Court Treatment Team will discuss whether you should be placed into The Program, and the RISE Court Judge will make the final decision.

## Getting Started: What do I do now?

**BEFORE ADMISSION:** If you are accepted into The Program, your original judge will be notified, you will appear back in front of that judge, and he/she will make a final decision as to whether you will be moved to the RISE Mental Health Court Docket.

**In order to participate in the RISE Court, you must have entered a guilty plea. If you were referred due to community control violations, you must admit those violations prior to being admitted. You must do this in open court and on the record. After this hearing, you will be given a date to appear before the RISE Court Judge for your admission hearing.**

**ADMISSION HEARING:** At your admission hearing you will:

- Go over the requirements of the RISE Court Docket.
- Complete the required paperwork and sign the Participation Agreement.
- Meet the members of your Treatment Team and share contact information.

- Ask questions if you have them.

### PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Remember: In order to succeed in the RISE Mental Health Program, **you must take responsibility** for your successes and also your mistakes.

## Program Expectations: What are they?

After you are officially accepted into The Program, you will meet with Treatment Team members. They will assign your next court date and explain what is expected of you in The Program and what can happen if you do not follow the rules of The Program.

Your Treatment Team will help you create a **Treatment Plan** that is designed for you and your needs.

While you are in The Program, your Treatment Team will expect you to **understand and follow your Treatment Plan**. Your Treatment Team will follow your progress and discuss your progress with the RISE Court Judge in team meetings which will be held prior to court. **You will regularly appear in court before the RISE Court Judge to talk about your progress.**

To celebrate your progress and successes in RISE Court, you may receive **rewards and/or incentives**. If you are struggling and not complying with the rules of The Program, you may receive **therapeutic adjustments**. Examples of rewards and therapeutic adjustments will be discussed later in this handbook.

The Treatment Team will use the following **to monitor your progress** in The Program:

- Program Phases
- Program Rules
- Incentives and Rewards
- Continuum of Therapeutic adjustments

## Program Phases

The RISE Court Program is divided into **four phases**. You will start in Phase I and, as you progress, you will move through the other three phases. **Before moving to a new phase, you must meet certain requirements, submit an application, and have your application approved.**

### INDIVIDUAL PROGRESS:

Remember: Your progress through each phase is related to your performance in the treatment plan. Your progress is not determined by a pre-set timeline.

## PHASE I

**The Orientation Phase:** During this phase, you will be expected to:

- Be assessed for different needs – mental health, substance use, housing, financial, educational, vocational, and employment.
- Engage in residential programming if deemed necessary.
- Begin a plan for submitting random urine drug screens.
- Help create your Treatment Plan.
- Begin any necessary treatment.
- Maintain prescribed medication compliance.
- Complete a Crisis Intervention Plan.
- Meet with your probation officer.
- Meet with your case manager.
- Appear twice per month before the RISE Court Judge.

**Your needs are unique to you – no two Treatment Plans are the same.** The goal of this phase is to ensure that you understand all parts of The Program. **If you do not understand something, ask a question!**

## PHASE II

**The Treatment Phase:** During this phase, you will be expected to:

- Follow through with your Treatment Plan.
- Attend appointments and comply with case management.
- Maintain prescribed medication compliance.
- Not use illicit drugs or alcohol and submit drug screens.
- Review your Crisis Intervention Plan.
- Appear before the RISE Court Judge at review hearings at least once a month.

During Phase II, you will be connected with numerous services to help you lead a **psychiatrically stable and crime-free life, including: housing, healthcare, benefits, clothing and personal needs, mental health treatment, substance use treatment, and recovery services.**

## PHASE III

**The Community Reintegration Phase:** During this phase, you will be expected to:

- Comply with your Treatment Plan.
- Continue to remain clean of illicit drugs and alcohol.
- Maintain prescribed medication compliance.



- Become financially stable (maintain a regular income through employment and/or benefits).
- Review your Crisis Intervention Plan.
- Appear before the RISE Court Judge at review hearings at least every 4-6 weeks.

Before completing Phase III, you will need to show **improved and positive relationships, financial stability, continued sobriety, medication compliance, and overall progress in The Program.**

## PHASE IV

**The Maintenance Phase:** During this phase, you will be expected to:

- Continue to maintain your Treatment Plan.
- Continue to remain clean of illicit drugs and alcohol.
- Maintain prescribed medication compliance.
- Show stability in housing, income, and activities.
- Complete an After-Care Plan.
- Review and finalize your Crisis Intervention Plan.
- Prepare for Graduation.
- Appear before the RISE Court Judge at review hearings at least every 4-6 weeks.

This phase focuses on continuing to **maintain the structure and discipline** that you developed throughout The Program and **demonstrating your ability to remain stable after completing RISE Mental Health Court.**

**After completing the four phases of The Program and the graduation paperwork, you may submit an application for graduation which will be discussed by the Treatment Team.**

## Program Rules

While in The Program, you will be expected to follow certain rules:

- You must stay in contact with your probation officer, case manager, and all treatment providers including physicians, **especially if you move or change phone numbers (DO NOT NO CALL/NO SHOW).**
- You must attend court hearings on time and speak directly to the RISE Court Judge.
- You must provide all important paperwork to your case worker – including verification of attendance at meetings, therapy, group sessions, counselling, and appointments.
- You must stay clean of illicit drugs and alcohol and submit urine screens as instructed.
- You must take all medication as prescribed and report any and all prescribed medications. You must also provide verification of what medication is prescribed to you if that verification is requested.

- You must sign all appropriate Releases of Information.
- You must attend meetings, group/individual counselling, and/or therapy.
- You must be on time, dressed appropriately, clean, sober, and courteous at all meetings, appointments, and court appearances.
- You must not associate with persons who use drugs and/or alcohol.
- You must not visit places where alcoholic beverages are served for consumption.
- You may not leave the State of Ohio without permission.
- You must follow your Treatment Plan and ensure it is updated and current.
- You must follow your crisis intervention plan and ensure it is updated and current.

**REMAINING DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE IS A RULE YOU MUST FOLLOW!**

While you are in The Program, you are expected to be **drug and alcohol free** and a testing plan will be created for you. You shall submit to regular, random, and observed alcohol and drug screens while in The Program.

Upon entering The Program, you will be questioned about all recent drug and/or alcohol use, including the date and approximate time of use, the amount and type of substance used, the method of use, and any other relevant information required by staff.

You will be required to sign a release of information allowing the testing agency to share all test results with the RISE Court Treatment Team.

When you first enter The Program, you will submit a full-screen urine sample to establish a baseline for the presence of drug metabolites in your system. You will NOT be sanctioned for the results of this first urine screen. But, if you test positive for illicit drugs or alcohol during The Program, you may receive increased treatment, or a sanction as determined by the RISE Court Judge.

It is your responsibility to submit urine screens and to know when and where to do so. Your case worker, probation officer, or program coordinator will either notify you when you are to submit a urine screen or you will be required to call-in as instructed to see when you need to provide a urine sample.

Failing to submit a screen, refusing to submit a screen, tampering with and/or diluting a screen, and/or submitting another individual's urine sample will all be treated as though you have submitted a positive urine screen. This may result in a sanction which will be subject to the RISE Court Judge's discretion. All positive urine tests will result in such therapeutic adjustments. Being dishonest about any urine screen will result in more serious therapeutic adjustments.

If you are taking a prescribed medication which might result in a positive urine screen, you must provide a written letter to the court from the prescribing physician. That letter must include: 1) acknowledgement of your participation in the RISE Court program and 2) an analysis of the need for the medication balanced against the possible risks. Unless this information is provided to the court, any positive urine screen resulting from a prescribed medication will result in therapeutic adjustments.

**Usage of any prescribed controlled substance is not permitted in RISE Court.**

In order to graduate from the RISE Court, you must have at least 90 consecutive days of complete abstinence from any non-prescribed mind- or mood-altering substance prior to graduation. Failure to

meet this requirement will result in program extension and/or any other sanction deemed necessary by the RISE Court Judge.

**APPEARANCE IN COURT IS REQUIRED. FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR A SCHEDULED COURT HEARING MAY RESULT IN A WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST OR OTHER SANCTION.**

You will be given a calendar and a journal when you are accepted into The Program. You are required to keep these up to date. You may be asked to show them to the RISE Court Judge during your court hearings.

You are welcome to bring family, friends, payees, sponsors, bosses, or other people who give you positive support to your court hearings. **Emotional and moral support from positive people is a very important part of your recovery.**

**YOU ARE EXPECTED TO PAY YOUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS DURING THE PROGRAM.**

While there is no fee to be accepted into The Program, there may be other financial obligations, such as:

- Fines
- Court Costs
- Supervision Fees
- Restitution – if applicable
- Fees associated with electronic monitoring, house arrest, SCRAM, GPS
- Fees associated with submitting urine screens

If you successfully complete The Program, the RISE Court Judge has the discretion to waive your fines, court costs, and/or supervision fees. **Restitution cannot, under any circumstances, be waived.**

**YOU ARE GUARANTEED CERTAIN RIGHTS WHILE PARTICIPATING IN RISE COURT.**

You have the right to:

- Participate voluntarily.
- Have all legal consequences explained to you by your attorney prior to entering The Program.
- Participate in developing and carrying out your Treatment Plan.
- Have an attorney represent you at team meetings and during court appearances.
- Available treatment services throughout The Program.

**This list of rights is not exhaustive. Any questions about additional rights should be directed to your attorney, case worker, or probation officer.**

## Rewards, Incentives and Therapeutic adjustments

Rewards and Incentives are used in RISE Court to recognize and encourage progress in The Program.

### REWARDS AND INCENTIVES:

**Examples** of possible incentives include the following:

- Praise from the RISE Court Judge
- Certificates of accomplishment
- Transportation passes for personal use
- Gifts or gift cards
- Movement within The Program to the next phase
- Shortened time in court
- Reduced financial obligations – fines, fees, court costs
- Privileges
- Graduation

THERAPEUTIC ADJUSTMENTS: Therapeutic adjustments are used to deter non-compliance and hold you accountable for not following the rules. A continuum of therapeutic adjustments has been created for The Program and the Treatment Team will use it as a guide.

Examples of situations which could lead to a therapeutic adjustment can include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Positive drug/alcohol screening
- Missed drug/alcohol screening
- Failure to attend court
- Medication noncompliance
- Not following through with treatment recommendations
- Not keeping scheduled appointments with probation
- Not keeping appointments with treatment provider
- Not keeping appointments with RISE Coordinator
- New conviction (misdemeanor or felony)

**Examples** of possible therapeutic adjustments include the following:

- Courtroom observation
- Homework assignments
- Community service hours
- Lost privileges
- Delayed movement to next phase
- Updated assessment for treatment
- Increased reporting requirements
- Increased frequency of alcohol/drug testing
- Increased support group attendance
- Electronic monitoring – GPS or SCRAM or House Arrest
- Warrant Issued
- Jail time or other incarceration

Termination from the program **Successful Completion**

**In order to graduate from the RISE program participants will have met all requirements of each phase as outlined in the program handbook. Participants will have at least 90 consecutive days of sobriety leading up to graduation and have submitted the request for graduation application to the treatment team and gained approval from all parties.**

If you are approved for graduation, a **Graduation Ceremony** will be scheduled. You are encouraged to invite family, friends, supporters, sponsors, co-workers, and treatment providers to your graduation. Other participants of the RISE Court are also **strongly** encouraged to attend.

**Graduation is a time to recognize your success and it is a time to celebrate! Once you graduate, you will receive:**

- A Certificate of Completion
- Additional services if you wish to continue with treatment
- An order terminating community control or other relevant supervision.
- A commemorative gift

**ALL THERAPEUTIC ADJUSTMENTS AND TERMINATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO  
THE RISE COURT JUDGE’S DISCRETION.**

Non-compliance with program rules may result in a violation of the RISE Court Program and your Community Control. If you are served with a violation, you are entitled to a hearing to determine whether you are in violation and you have a right to counsel at that hearing. If you are found in violation, the RISE Court Judge will conduct a sentencing hearing. The maximum penalty you can

receive would be your originally reserved sentence. If permitted to remain in RISE Court, you may be subject to therapeutic adjustments and your Community Control can be extended.

There may be some instances where there is a mutual agreement to terminate a participant from the RISE program. This would be evaluated on a case by case basis and be a mutually agreed upon resolution from the RISE Judge, Coordinator, Treatment Team, Prosecutors Office, Participant, and their attorney. Some scenarios that could potentially lead to this are: participant needs to move out of state, RISE court team is not able to provided the necessary services for the participant, the participant has completed all requirements and is no longer benefitting from treatment and does not pose a risk to their self or the community, or the participant required a consistent higher level of care such as inpatient psychiatric hospitalization that is expected to last indefinitely.

#### **ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

1. Continuum of Therapeutic adjustments
2. Crisis Intervention Plan Form
3. Participation Agreement
4. Phase Advancement Applications
5. Resource Guide – a list of all treating agencies and the services offered
6. Treatment Plan Form
7. Franklin County Adult Probation Drug Testing Policy

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