



Sample Intake Script

Hi, my name is XXXX XXXXX, and I am the program coordinator for the XXXX treatment court. I want to let you know that I am very happy you are here with me. I know you may have had a difficult time lately, and I appreciate you giving me the opportunity to talk about our program and answer any questions you may have.

Before we start, I want to check-in. How are you doing?

- You may already be able to tell, but treatment court is very different from other court experiences.
- Our goal and the reason we exist is to help you.
- What that help looks like is going to be different for each person.
- We want to keep you out of jail.
- We want to clear your record of the case that brought you here.
- If you need a job, we'll help you get one.
- If you need help finding and keeping a place to live, we'll do what we can to make it happen.
- We have a team in place that will be with you every step of the way, and no matter what comes up for you while in the program, we are ready to assist.
- We won't give up on you.

You may be thinking that this sounds too good to be true! but that's how this program works. We ask only three things of you. You have to show up, you have to try, and you have to be honest.

I've sat across from many people who were in your situation.

- You may feel overwhelmed.
- You may not think you are ready to change.
- If you show up to court and show up to treatment, together we'll deal with the rest.
- Our team is ready to help you even if you don't think you are ready.
- If you are struggling, if you resume use or feel like you just can't do it anymore, be honest and tell us about it.
- As long as you show up, try, and are honest, we will do everything we can to overcome any challenge you face.

How does this sound? Do you have any questions? What is your biggest concern?

If you are interested in participating in treatment court, here is the next step.

- We'll get you assessed. This is to determine the type of services that would be best for you.
- Our team will get together and work with you to develop a recovery plan just for you.
- You'll then appear in front of Judge XXXX, and he/she will walk you through the plan.
- At the beginning, you will have more regular court dates. This does not mean you are in trouble! In fact, it is a chance to celebrate your success, check-in and make sure you are getting what you need, and give you a chance to ask for more help if needed.

I'm going to walk you through our brochure with some more information. I encourage you to talk about this program with your attorney. If either of you has questions, you can always reach out to me. And if you decide to move forward, we will look forward to helping you.

This has been a lot of information. What are you feeling right now?