

Fees

The Prairie Center is an in-network provider for Health Alliance, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Personal Care, and Community Partners Health Plan. We also accept self pay, Medicaid, and other health insurance.

Sliding fee scales are available to those clients unable to cover the full cost of treatment who meet family size, income, and residence criteria.

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Licensure

Prairie Center Health Systems, Inc. is licensed by the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, and is a member of the Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association (IADDA) and the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers (NAATP).

Donations/Speaker's Bureau

To make a donation to the Prairie Center in helping to create a life realized or to secure a speaker for your organization, please contact our Marketing Department at 217-328-4500 or visit our website.

Other Services

- Day Treatment
- Intensive Outpatient and Outpatient
- HIV Education & Testing Services
- Federal Probation Substance Abuse Aftercare Program
- Youth Treatment Services
- Case Management
- Drug Testing

Prevention Services

Raising awareness of the dangers of alcohol & drug use.

- Youth Based life skills, substance abuse and violence curriculums for preschool-high school populations
- Community Education programs for parent groups, service groups, faith-based organizations and businesses
- Prevention Coalition membership opportunities
- National Red Ribbon Campaign and other substance abuse prevention media campaign promotions

Admissions Overview

At the Prairie Center, we want to make the admissions process as simple as possible for you. Reviewing the information on our website is helpful, but some questions can only be answered by speaking with a person who understands the concerns and questions that arise during this time. Whether you simply want more information or are seeking an assessment, please contact:

Adult & Youth Outpatient Services
128 N. Vermilion
Danville, Illinois 61832
217-477-4500

The Prairie Center

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Where Success is Realized

Where Hope is Realized

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Vermilion County
Drug Court

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Vermilion County Drug Court

The Vermilion County Drug Court is a post-conviction felony probation program that targets adult non-violent individuals who commit crimes due to substance addiction(s). The VCDC Team is guided by the Vermilion County Drug Court Handbook outlining four (4) phases of Drug Court, rewarding compliance by varying frequency of hearings and drug tests and relaxing curfews.

Participants are sentenced to probation for a minimum of twenty-four (24) months with Drug Court lasting a minimum of the first twelve (12) months (average time to graduation is twenty months). In Phase I, participants are required to report to court on a weekly basis. Drug Court may be requested by the client or his/her attorney or recommended by the prosecutor or judge.

The Vermilion County Drug Court program was started in November of 2001. Judge Michael Clary has presided over Drug Court during most of the past ten (10) years. Since the first graduating class in April of 2003, there have been over 130 graduates from this program.

The VCDC program has a limited capacity, but currently is open to twenty-five (25) participants. The major difference between Drug Court and regular probation is the intense supervision of participants and the immediate sanctions that are imposed when a rule is broken or a drug test is failed.

The VCDC program retention rate is 52% which is higher than the non-drug court retention rate and the recidivism rate is 14%, which is significantly lower than non-drug court programs.

Drug Court Mission and Goals

The Mission of the Vermilion County Drug Court is to make the community safer by reducing substance abuse, criminal behavior and recidivism through intensive court supervision and individualized treatment interventions.

The Goal is for the addicted participant to become clean and sober and use the tools provided through treatment to deal with their addiction so they can remain clean and sober and maintain a crime free and productive lifestyle.

The Prairie Center Treatment Services

The Prairie Center services are tied to the philosophy that alcoholism and chemical dependency are primary diseases affecting an individual physically, mentally and socially. Treatment protocols are standardized through written policy through the Illinois Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DASA). All clients attend a specialized Drug Court group and 12-step recovery meetings (NA or AA) with written proof of attendance and participate fully in family counseling sessions. Goals of individual treatment plans include learning coping skill developing non-criminal patterns of thinking, relapse prevention and enhancing employment, parenting and social skills.

Treatment and probation staff are responsible for case management, including monitoring, referrals, and communication within the Drug Court team and with other agencies. Drug Court compliance information is shared on a regular basis between agencies and with the DC Team. Team members strive to make linkages to mental health, inpatient treatment, child care, GED programs, employers and related resources.

The Prairie Center Mission and Vision

The mission of The Prairie Center is to provide the highest quality of prevention, intervention, education and treatment services for alcoholism and chemical dependency, other addictions, and associated conditions to individuals, families, and communities in East Central Illinois. We aim to uphold the following core values:

- Respect for Each Person We Encounter
- Service with Excellence and Accountability
- Innovative Solutions
- Integrity
- Providing Hope to Those We Serve

Drug Court Works

In Vermilion County, the average cost of Drug Court Treatment is \$4,300 and incarceration is \$24,000, per year. Local city and county government recognize that the program has prevented future court and incarceration costs by reducing criminal recidivism. The recidivism rate for the state of Illinois is 54% compared to the Vermilion County Drug Court recidivism rate of 14%.

"I owe everything to Drug Court. It was a long struggle, but when I got clean and sober it really opened my eyes. I now work helping people going through the same struggles that I did. I have made myself a better person by giving myself to others, by mentoring other people in need and I have realized, the more I do, the better person I am".

- Vermilion County Drug Court Graduate

"The Drug Court program in Vermilion County is a highly structured program where individuals have a great deal of monitoring."

- Judge Michael Clary

"Three quarters of the growth in the number of federal prison inmates is due to drug crimes. Building new prisons will go only so far. Drug courts and mandatory testing and treatment are effective. I have seen drug courts work. I know they will make a difference."

- Former President Bill Clinton

"Research and experience have proven that drug and crime are inextricably linked and, to address these connections, we can make smarter investments in our criminal justice system by offering alternatives to incarceration while still holding non-violent offenders accountable for their actions. My administration is focusing resources on alternatives to incarceration for non-violent drug offenders."

- President Barak Obama

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