



In matters of truth and justice, there is no difference between large and small problems, for issues concerning the treatment of people are all the same.

Albert Einstein

For any questions, or for more information, please contact:

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Monday - Thursday: 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Friday: 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM



Wilmington Community Court

Promoting restorative justice
and connecting the
community to resources



What is a Community Court?

Community courts connect participants to community service and social services as an alternative to jail and fines. These neighborhood-focused courts take a restorative approach to justice, harnessing the power of the justice system to address local problems. Community courts can take many forms but all focus on creative community partnerships and problem-solving.

Who is eligible?

You may be eligible for community court if:

- You have been charged with the following eligible offense in New Castle County: criminal mischief, criminal trespass, disorderly conduct, graffiti, loitering, low-level drug possession, prostitution, public intoxication, or shoplifting.
- You agree to waive your right to a speedy trial.
- You agree to complete an assessment and follow the recommendations.

You may not be eligible if your case or criminal history involves:

- Violent Offense(s)
- Domestic Violence
- Sex Offense(s)
- Violations of Probation

Eligibility is subject to the discretion of the Court.

What is the Community Resource Center (CRC)?

The Community Resource Center works in conjunction with the Wilmington Community Court to connect justice-involved individuals and members of the community with local resources. The CRC is located on the 2nd floor of the Leonard L. Williams Justice Center and operates daily from Monday to Friday.

What are some alternatives being offered?

- Community Service
- Treatment Sessions
- Medical Appointments
- Educational Classes
- Other Social Services

Who can go to the Community Resource Center (CRC)?

- Anyone who would like assistance connecting to resources.
- Justice-involved individuals who have agreed to participate in the Wilmington Community Court program.

How can I participate in Community Court?

If you have an upcoming court matter and have a defense attorney, ask if Community Court may be a good option for you. If advised by your attorney, call the Community Resource Center to schedule an appointment for an assessment and to learn more about program requirements.

If you are representing yourself and believe you may be eligible for the Community Court, please contact the Community Resource Center to see if you Community Court may be an option for you.

While at the CRC, an assessment will be completed to determine the appropriate alternative sentence. This alternative sentence will be reviewed by your lawyer (if applicable), yourself, a prosecutor and the Judge. If everyone is in agreement, you may begin your alternative sentence.

Participants in the Community Court program will be provided with a Participant Handbook outlining all program details and requirements.

Successful completion will result in your case being nolle prossed or (in rare instances) reduced to a lesser offense.

Individuals eligible for expungement will be referred to an appropriate entity.



