

REGIONAL HOMELESS COURT

The Regional Homeless Court (RHC) program gives persons affected by homelessness a chance to clear up old misdemeanor charges in exchange for their accomplishments while in approved agencies' programs.

As homeless people move from the streets into housing, sobriety and self-sufficiency, the RHC can assist in clearing up old criminal warrants and remove barriers to your new life.

At the RHC you can come to court without fear of being arrested, face your prior mistakes, discuss your accomplishments and move forward into a life of stability.

ELIGIBILITY

If you are participating in a homeless/housing program and engaged in Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous meetings, job training, life skills counseling and/or behavioral health services in order to break away from the homeless lifestyle, you may be eligible for the Regional Homeless Court program. Ask your case manager for more details.

You may be eligible if:

- You are no longer living on the street.
- You are actively engaged in an approved provider program.
- You are active in a treatment/residential program.
- Your unresolved misdemeanor charges qualify as "eligible" under the RHC program.
- You have no prior felony convictions involving a violent or sex offense.

HOW IT WORKS

Potential candidates have participated in an approved program and been successful in making positive life changes towards a stable lifestyle.

An approved provider agency recommends you to the Regional Homeless Court program.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys review the cases and your accomplishments.

If an acceptable plea agreement is worked out, your cases will be scheduled at the next available court date.

You go to the Regional Homeless Court at the Day Resource Center, located at the Human Services Campus in downtown Phoenix, to settle all of the eligible cases at one time.



