

A chance to transform your life and achieve your goals!

The Second C.H.A.N.C.E. Reentry Court Program offers a creative method of supervision to help you achieve your goals. We aim to help you with sobriety, employment, and other healthy, lawful activities.

Participants are expected to meet higher standards of participation than traditional supervision. In return, you receive hands-on support and opportunities to transform your reentry experience

Second C.H.A.N.C.E.

Reentry Court Program

United States District
Court for the Northern
Illinois District





What is Second C.H.A.N.C.E.?

A rigorous four level program that includes:

- Court sessions the first and third Thursday of every month
- Weekly contact with the Program's Probation Officers
- Employment, community service, homework assignments, and career advancement education.
- A community of committed peers also experiencing reentry.
- Social events and group/volunteer outings

Reduction of Terms of Supervision

Completion of the Second C.H.A.N.C.E. Program takes at least 12 months.

Graduates of the Reentry Program are given reduced supervision time. Graduates will have their remaining time on supervision cut in half or reduced by 18 months, whichever is greater.

Who Qualifies for Participation in Second C.H.A.N.C.E.?

Individuals who are currently on federal supervised release. Participants must have a history of substance abuse and a past or current need for treatment.

Willing to Engage in Treatment

Court participants may be referred to outpatient and inpatient substance abuse treatment and mental health treatment based on recommendations from treatment providers and the Reentry Court Team.

Sobriety cannot be achieved alone! Court participants must be willing to attend group meetings and one-on-one counseling to treat their substance use. Participants must maintain 16 straight weeks of sobriety to graduate from the Program.

Employment and Higher Education

Participants must be employed, engaged in job training, or enrolled in school to graduate. Court staff will help participants reach this goal and find the reentry path that is right for them.

Second C.H.A.N.C.E. Team Members

Reentry Court Program participants work with a dedicated team composed of:

- Federal Judges
- Drug Treatment Specialist
- Probation Officers
- Federal Defender Program Attorneys
- Assistant U.S. Attorneys
- Social Workers

This wide array of professional's work with court participants to support them on their path to successful reentry.

Participants should expect referrals to services such as job readiness and education advancement, legal counsel, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, housing support, and community service.

To Get Involved

Contact te Team members listed on the back of this handout, or contact your current U.S. Probation Officer. All interested participants will be interviewed by the Second C.H.A.N.C.E. team.