

---

---

## Invitation

You, your family and friends are invited to observe the Bethel Therapeutic Court.

Bethel Courthouse  
Bethel, Alaska

Fridays at 9:30 A.M.

Please call 907-543-1121 to confirm that court is being held on its regularly scheduled day.

We choose to be free,  
to be responsible,  
and to walk through our fears  
with courage.  
We choose to love, forgive,  
and accept ourselves and others.  
We have discovered that  
we do have a life  
without drugs or alcohol.  
Today,  
with our higher power,  
we take back  
our stolen spirit.

The participants of Bethel Therapeutic Court  
developed this Mission Statement in 2004

**For more information:**  
Bethel Therapeutic Court  
P.O. Box 130 Bethel, AK 99559  
Phone: 907-543-1121  
Fax: 907-543-4419  
kweston@akcourts.us  
kimberly.weston-smith@alaska.gov

---

---

Alaska Therapeutic Courts

# Bethel Therapeutic Court

---

---

## What Is Bethel Therapeutic Court?

Bethel Therapeutic Court (BTC) is for defendants with drug or alcohol related charges who want to overcome their addiction and live a life of sobriety.

## Who Is Eligible For Bethel Therapeutic Court?

- You must have an addiction to drugs or alcohol, as determined by the Drug/Alcohol Assessment
- You may not have a mental condition or illness which would make it impossible for you to benefit from the therapy offered through this program
- Your criminal charge may not be an unclassified or class A felony, or a sexual offense under AS11.410-470.
- You must have not outstanding felony warrant or detainer from another state
- You must provide your own living arrangements in Bethel
- Preference for Child in Need of Aid cases

Admission into the Bethel Therapeutic Court is **not** automatic.

## What Are The Benefits?

- Achieving sobriety and avoiding future criminal cases.
- Reducing jail time and/or fines on your current case.
- Healing for you, your family and community

## What Are The Program Requirements?

- Treatment Participation
- AA/NA meetings
- Community work service
- Stay clean and sober
- Random BA/UA testing
- Follow curfew
- Be honest
- Submit to house searches
- Meet regularly with probation
- Attend court as Scheduled
- Take adjunctive medication if recommended.
- Work or go to school during treatment
- Program length is 18 months

## Living Arrangements

Participants find their own living arrangements in Bethel. The BTC must approve your home as safe and sober.

## How Much Does It Cost?

The cost of the program is \$50 per month

## How Do I Enter?

1. Indicate your interest in BTC to your attorney.
2. Observe BTC at least twice.
3. Your attorney helps you complete an application.
4. The application is reviewed by the BTC team and gets preliminary approval.
5. Your attorney and the DA negotiate a Criminal Rule 11 offer.
6. You get a supervision assessment by the Probation Officer.
7. You get a treatment assessment by the clinician at PATC.
8. The BTC Team must unanimously agree on your admission into the program.
9. You change your plea and the court accepts your Rule 11 agreement.

## How Do I Get More Information?

You need an attorney to help you determine if you are eligible for the BTC and to help you apply to the program.

If you do not have an attorney and can't afford one, fill out the court form to get one appointed.