

TOWALIGA ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS

BUTTS, LAMAR, & MONROE COUNTIES

WILLIAM A. FEARS

Superior Court Judge

Towaliga Accountability Court Referral Process

To refer a potential candidate for entry into the Towaliga Judicial Circuit Drug Court program, the public defender/attorney/probation officer needs to fax or email a referral form to our office at 470-592-2309, or ssitten@tacourts.com.

Once the referral form has been received a member of our team will complete a criminal background check and set up and complete an LS/CMI assessment. Once the assessment has been reviewed our office will notify the referring party of our findings. The drug court team will then discuss the referral with Judge Fears for final approval as needed.

If you need someone to be assessed and in court, please contact the case manager, Stacey Sitten, at 706-819-2978, and she will work to accommodate your request.

The drug court referral sheet is attached for your convenience.

Towaliga Accountability Court Procedure for Report Back

- Once approved to enter drug court, the district attorney, public defender, or private counsel will review and complete the Towaliga Drug Court Contract with the participant. TAC staff cannot go over the Drug Court Contract with participants.
- The participant will appear at the next Towaliga Drug Court Report Back hearing to go before the Judge for formal entry into the program.
- If the participant has private counsel they will also need to appear before the court at this time with their client unless other arrangements have been made with staff.
- If a participant is in custody, upon release from custody they will report in person to the case manager at the Towaliga Accountability Court Office.
- If a participant is released after hours, they will report the next morning by 9:00 am. to the TAC office. They are to make contact by phone with the case manager immediately upon being released.
- Attached is a copy of the drug court contract, if you should have any questions, please contact our office.

Thank you for your consideration,

Towaliga Drug Court Team