

## **CENTRE COUNTY DUI TREATMENT COURT OVERVIEW**

### **3d OFFENSE- HIGHEST TIER BAC ( >.16%)**

DUI Treatment Court is a rehabilitation based alternative sentencing program that is available to individuals facing a third DUI, particularly individuals facing a third offense/highest tier offense. There is a \$500 application fee which will be applied to the individual's cost and fines.

A third offense/highest tier DUI is a misdemeanor of the first degree. The mandatory minimum sentence upon conviction is 1 – 5 years minimum imprisonment with a \$2,500 fine and an 18 month minimum license suspension. The 1-5 year sentence may be served in either County jail or State Prison. As a rule of thumb in Centre County, upon conviction for third offense/highest tier those individuals that do not apply for DUI court will be sentenced to state prison.

As an alternative, a sentence under the Centre County DUI Court program is for five years of Intermediate Punishment to be served as follows:

- *One year restrictive intermediate punishment consisting of:*
  - *90 days to be served at Centre County Correctional Facility (work release eligible)*
  - *The balance (275 days) to be served on house arrest w/ electronic monitor*
- *Following house arrest, 6 months trans-dermal alcohol monitor*
- *DUI Court every other Thursday for minimum of 2 years (or until completion/graduation)*
- *Outpatient or inpatient rehabilitation*
- *Mandatory attendance at AA meetings*
- *\$2,500 fine plus court costs of roughly \$1,000*
- *\$12 per day for electronic monitor fee (275 x \$12 = \$3,300)*