

What do you have to do?

- See a Diversion Officer
- Attend an agency to see a drug and alcohol counsellor during the adjourned period of approx 2 months. Most people see their counsellor around five times
- Sign a consent form so information can be shared between the Diversion Officer, the drug and alcohol agency and the Magistrate.

Other contacts:

Alcohol and Drug Support Line

Phone: (08) 9442 5000

Country callers only: 1800 198 024

E-mail: alcoholdrugsupport@mhc.wa.gov.au

Website: alcoholdrugsupport.mhc.wa.gov.au

Parent and Family Drug Support Line

Phone: (08) 9442 5050

Country callers only: 1800 653 203

Appointment information

AGENCY/COUNSELLOR

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DATE/TIME

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ADDRESS

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PHONE

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NEXT COURT APPEARANCE

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IDP

Indigenous Diversion Program

A free program available to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have substance use problems and are attending court.

What is IDP

The Indigenous Diversion Program (IDP) is a court diversion program. This program aims to help people with their substance use problems by directing them into treatment before sentencing.

Referral to IDP is at the Magistrate's discretion.

The Magistrate may take your participation in IDP into account when sentencing.

Who is it for?

Any person pleading guilty to an offence who

- Has problems related to substance use and is prepared to do something about it
- Would normally expect to get a fine or Community Based Order on a plea of guilty
- Has no serious offences, or offences appearing in the District or Supreme Courts
- Is on bail, or is eligible for bail.

First Court Appearance

OR



If you are attending court and have substance use problems someone may suggest that you be referred onto the IDP program.

This could be the Magistrate, Diversion Officer, Lawyer/Legal representative (ALS or Duty Lawyer) or someone else.

The Magistrate may then choose to stand you down to see the Diversion Officer.

Assessment



The Diversion Officer will do an assessment to see if the program is suitable for you.

If the Diversion Officer and the Magistrate agree, you will be remanded for about 2 months to do the IDP program.

If the program is not suitable, you will go straight to sentencing.

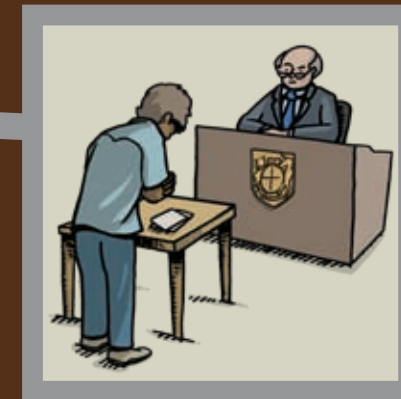
Counselling



While you are on the program, you will need to attend an agency to see a drug and alcohol counsellor, usually the Diversion Officer.

Most people see their counsellor around five times.

The counsellor will then give feedback to the Diversion Officer to present to the Magistrate.



Sentencing without IDP

If you don't participate in the program the Magistrate will sentence you on your first court day.



Sentencing with IDP

The Magistrate may take your participation in IDP into account when sentencing you.

