

Alcohol Diversion Program (ADP)

What is ADP?

The Alcohol Diversion Program (ADP) was established to discourage underage drinking and high-risk behaviors through education.

What is the goal of ADP?

The goal is to specifically target the problems and risks of underage drinking by placing the responsibility on the defendants regarding the choices they make.

Am I eligible for ADP?

The offender is at least 17 years of age at the time of the arrest and has no prior convictions.

What Charges are Eligible for ADP?

1. Minor in possession of alcohol.
2. Open container.
3. Possession of fake identification.
4. Public intoxication or public disorderly conduct (alcohol involved).
5. Transfer of beer to a minor.

How do I get into ADP?

A participant must be referred to ADP by the Solicitor's Office, Magistrate or Municipal Judge. They are given a date to report to the ADP office to apply and pay fees. (Out of state and out of county participants are mailed an application to apply).

How do I apply?

In order to apply, each applicant must bring the following:

1. Money order or cashier's checks for \$250.00;
2. Driver's license or pictured I.D.; and
3. Social Security card.

What is expected of me?

All participants must attend eight (8) hours of alcohol/drug education. Participants are responsible for paying all fees required for class attendance.

Where do I attend the class?

Participants may choose to attend an education class provided by an outside agency. Participants may choose to attend an education class at the ADP office facilitated by a certified Alcohol/Drug Counselor at the fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

What happens when I successfully complete ADP?

All applicable agencies are notified to dismiss referred charge(s) (Solicitor, Magistrate, Municipal Judge, Police Department and SLED). A dismissal letter is sent to all participants advising them to begin expungement process if desired.

What happens if I fail to successfully complete ADP?

ADP will close your file and the referring agency will be notified of unsuccessful completion.

Out of County: Participants who are charged in North Myrtle Beach but live in another county within the State of South Carolina will be sent the necessary forms to participate. Upon acceptance, you will have the option to attend the required eight (8) hours education in Horry County, or contact an alcohol/drug agency in your county to attend.

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For more information, or if you have questions, please contact:

Horry County Pretrial Intervention Office located at 114 Laurel Street, Conway, SC 29526; telephone number: (843) 248-3102; fax number: (843) 248-2812.

Georgetown County Pretrial Intervention Office located at 603 Front Street, Georgetown, SC 29440; telephone number: (843) 545-3171; fax number: (843) 545-3268.

A Message from J. Gregory Hembree, Horry County Solicitor

The Solicitor's Office of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit is committed to the vigorous prosecution of those who commit crime. However, we recognize that exceptions should be made when the circumstances warrant, and the Alcohol Diversion Program (ADP) has been established for those cases.

This program is designed to give the first-time offender a second change in life, provided the offender has the motivation and desire to turn his or her life around.

Upon successful completion, all records of pending charges may be destroyed. This will give participants a "second chance" to continue their lives without the burden of a criminal record. Alcohol Diversion provides a great opportunity to recover from a mistake that has threatened one's future.