



Opt for Help & Hope aims to provide help to those whose addiction is pulling them into the criminal justice system.

By opting for help and hope, participants will be linked with recovery and support services to regain stability in their lives and remove barriers caused by substance use.

Seeking addiction treatment and a chance for a new start?

Enroll in the program today!

(908) 253-3119





Visit our website for more information.



Quick Facts:

- You are eligible if you are a
 Franklin Township municipal court
 defendant who has been charged
 with a non-violent offense that was
 partly motivated by substance use.
- ✓ If you successfully complete the program, your charges may be dismissed!
- ✓ If you do not want to enroll in the program, you can still be connected to services and receive recovery support.





Helping to navigate your path toward recovery





If you are arrested in Franklin Township for a non-violent offense, and your conduct was motivated partly by addiction, you may be eligible for help through this program.

If you're deemed eligible, information about the program will be provided to you by the arresting officer. If you agree to participate, you'll meet with a peer recovery specialist who will help determine what kind of addiction services you need, and then connect you with the right treatment and support. If you don't want to enroll at the time of arrest, you will have the opportunity to enroll in the program in court.

What You Need to Do:

It's simple! If you are eligible to participate in Opt for Help & Hope and want help with your addiction, let your arresting officer or attorney know.

Then, once services has been arranged for you, work with your peer recovery specialist to engage in your program and meet the recovery goals that are set for you. Your charges will remain pending until you show meaningful engagement with services.

If you successfully complete your program, your charges may be dismissed!

About our Service Provider:

We'll be partnering with **Richard Hall Community Health and Wellness Center** to provide addiction treatment and support to Opt for Help & Hope Participants.

Find Help Through Our Community-Based Treatment Provider

Richard Hall will have Peer Recovery Specialists on-hand to help find the right treatment for you and help you succeed.

"Richard Hall Community Health and Wellness Center is an inclusive and affirming behavioral health organization that is recovery oriented and person-centered that provides a safe and nurturing environment to promote an individual's right to self-determination, and a healthy mind and body." - Mission Statement

Located in the heart of Somerset County, Richard Hall has a wealth of experience and resources.



Qualifying Offenses:

Eligible charges may include, but are not limited

- to: Criminal trespass (N.J.S.A. 2C:18-3)
 - Theft, \$500 or less (N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3)
 - Shoplifting (N.J.S.A. 2C:20-11)
 - Bad checks (N.J.S.A. 2C:21-5c)
 - Disorderly conduct (N.J.S.A. 2C:33-2)
 - Wandering to Obtain a Controlled Dangerous Substance (N.J.S.A. 2C:33-2.1)
 - Prostitution (N.J.S.A. 2C:34-1(b)(8))
 - Possession, use or being under the influence, or failure to make lawful Disposition (N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10)
 - Possession or Distribution of Cannabis over 6 ounces (N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a)
 - Possession of Flunitrazepam (N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10.3)
 - Prescription Legend Drugs (N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10.5)
 - Obtaining a CDS by Fraud (N.J.S.A. 2C:35-13)
 - Possession of Certain Prescription Drugs (N.J.S.A. 2C:35-24)
 - Possession of CDS Paraphernalia (N.J.S.A. 2C:36-2)
 - Improper Discarding of a Hypodermic Syringe or Needle (N.J.S.A. 2C:36-6.1)

Key facts regarding offenses:

- Must be non-violent
- Must be disorderly-persons level
- Must be venued in the Franklin Township Municipal Court