

# Our Mission is Keeping Our Participants Alive!

## OIC Partners

BestSelf Behavior Health  
Buffalo Police Department  
Buffalo Public Schools  
C.O.U.R.T.S. Program  
Erie Community College  
Erie County Dept. of Health  
and Mental Health Services  
Erie County District  
Attorney's Office  
Erie County Probation and  
Pre-Trial Services  
Erie County Sheriff's  
Department  
HOPE Program  
Horizon Health Services  
Legal Aid Bureau  
Save the Michaels of the World  
Sisters of Charity Hospital  
(Pathways)

## Contact Information

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Opioid Intervention Court  
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Resource Coordinator  
716-845-9351

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Case Manager  
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These are **24-Hour hotlines** to call  
if you are struggling:

**Crisis Services 24-Hour  
Addiction Hotline**  
**716-831-7007**

**Addict to Addict Peer Recovery**  
**716-836-2726**

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# Buffalo Opioid Intervention Court



**Honorable Craig D. Hannah**  
**Buffalo City Court Judge**

The Buffalo Opioid Intervention Court is a judicially supervised Triage Program where participants are linked with Medication Assisted Treatment (M.A.T.) and/or Behavioral Treatment within hours of their arrest. This program gives you tools and knowledge to jump start your path to **Recovery**.



Judge Craig D. Hannah, center, at the Opioid Crisis Intervention Court in Buffalo, NY.  
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## Program Overview

The Buffalo Opioid Intervention Court (OIC) is presided over by the Hon. Craig D. Hannah and a network of professional staff members and agencies committed to helping you stabilize and start changing your life.

### Intervention Process

- Divert Participants at Arraignment
- Place in Treatment w/in 24 hrs.
- Hold Criminal Charges in Abeyance
- "Play By Vegas Rules"
- Link with Ancillary Services
- 8 pm Curfew
- Random Drug Testing
- Random "Wellness Checks"

"Once you think that you have this thing beat, that's when it comes back like a monster and hits you like a sledgehammer".  
- OIC Participant

- Daily Face-to-Face Contact
- Case Conferences During Treatment

## Focus on What's Important

Participating in the OIC requires regular court appearances before the Hon. Craig D. Hannah and the treatment team. You will be required to follow a treatment plan. Treatment begins immediately upon your first appearance in Court. You will be referred to the COURTS Program for an initial screening and evaluation. Treatment plans may consist of Medication Assisted Treatment (M.A.T.), outpatient or inpatient treatment, alcohol/drug and/or mental health treatment, self-help attendance, employment assistance, job readiness programs and schooling.

The entire program will be explained to you at your first appearance. You are required to appear in Court **daily** and depending on your progress, your appearances in Court may later be reduced.

## Opioid Court Guidelines

- You are required to report to court **EVERY DAY** (Monday-Friday) between **9:30 am** for daily reporting (**6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Part 12**), as well as counseling each day
- If you have any conflicts (doctor's appointments, court appearances, etc.) that may interfere with daily reporting, **let Brooke know as soon as possible at 716-845-9351**
- You have an **8pm Curfew**. You must call Megan at **716-909-8575** each night including weekends. If you do not reach her, leave a message. Send your location using your smart phone to the call-in number
- If you attend an evening self-help meeting, **call the curfew number before and after your meeting**. Get self-help slip signed and bring to court the next day
- Expect to take fully-observed random and scheduled urine tests (Toxes) throughout the program. It is important to admit any use to the judge **BEFORE** being asked to tox

