

"The hope of a secure and livable world lies with disciplined nonconformists who are dedicated to justice, peace and brotherhood."

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Wilmington Community Court
Community Resource Center

Location:

Leonard L. Williams Justice Center
500 North King Street,
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Wilmington, DE 19801

COMMUNITY COURT WILMINGTON

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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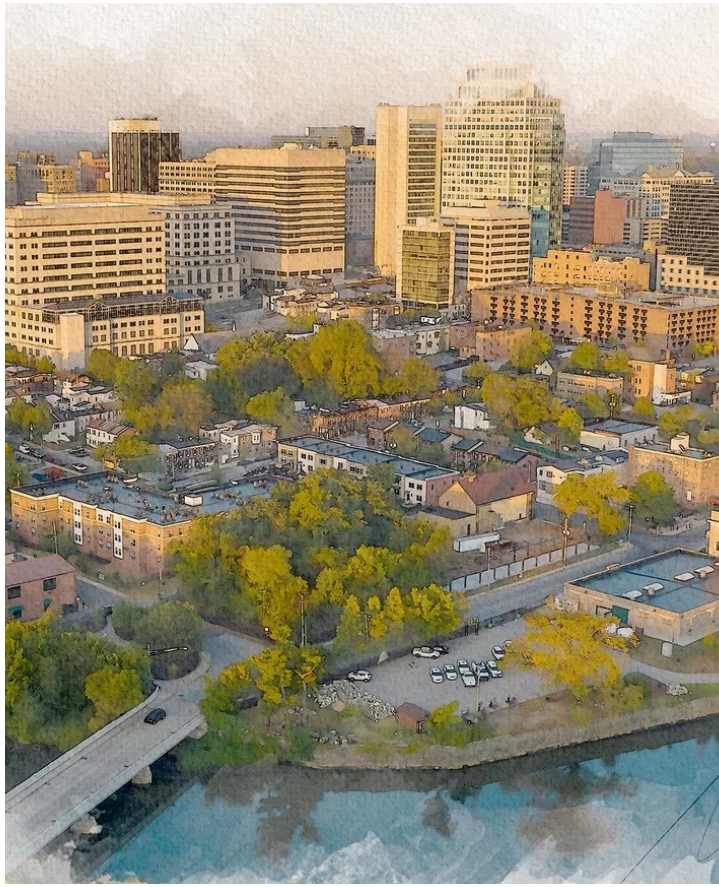

Promoting restorative justice and connecting individuals to community resources in attempt to reduce crime and recidivism rates

What is Wilmington Community Court?

Wilmington Community Court is a **problem solving court** that **connects** participants **to social services** and **community service** as an alternative to fines or incarceration. **Wilmington Community Court** is also a **low-level misdemeanor offense program** that **grants** participants the **opportunity to have** their **charges nolle prosequi** (dropped) after successful **completion of needs-based mandates**, **applicable legal mandates**, and **community service**.

Are You Eligible To Enroll?

You may be eligible to enroll if:
You have been charged with an eligible offense that occurred in zip codes 19801 & 19805.

Eligible Offenses:
Criminal Mischief, Criminal Trespass, Disorderly Conduct, Assault 3rd, Graffiti, Loitering, Public Intoxication, Shoplifting, Low-level Drug Possession, Prostitution, Resisting Arrest, Offensive Touching, Theft, Hindering, False Report, Driving While Suspended or Revoked, Criminal Impersonation, Menacing and others.

You agree to waive your right to a speedy trial.
You agree to complete an assessment and follow assigned program mandates & recommendations.

You may not be eligible to enroll if:
Your case or criminal history involves the following:

· Felony Conviction(s) (less than 7 years old)
· Violations of Probation
· Domestic Violence
· Violent Offense(s)
· Sex Offense(s)

How Do I Enroll?

If you have a defense attorney, **ask your attorney** if Wilmington Community Court is a good option for you. **If advised** by your attorney, **call the Community Resource Center (CRC)** to **learn more** about the program requirements, and/or to **schedule an appointment for an intake assessment.**

If you are representing **yourself** and believe you may be eligible for Wilmington Community Court, **contact Wilmington Community Court staff** to **inquire more about your eligibility.**

Once **eligibility** is confirmed an **assessment** will be administered in the **Community Resource Center (CRC)** to determine the appropriate **alternative sentence.** This **alternative sentence** will be reviewed by you, your attorney (if applicable), a prosecutor, and a judge. **If everyone agrees, you will be enrolled into the program to begin your alternative sentence.**

Alternative Sentencing Options:

- Community Service
- Educational Courses
- Career Pathways Program
- Mental Health Evaluation/Treatment
- Substance Use Disorder Evaluation/Treatment
- & Others

Community courts are neighborhood-focused courts that explore a restorative approach to justice, harnessing the power of the justice system to address local problems. **Community courts** can operate in different forms but all focus on problem solving and creating community partnerships.

Final eligibility determination is of the court's discretion

Community Resource Center (CRC)

The **Community Resource Center** works in conjunction with Wilmington Community Court **to connect justice-involved individuals and members of the community to local resources.** The **CRC** is located on the 2nd floor of the Leonard L. Williams Justice Center and is available to the public Monday - Friday.

Who can visit the Community Resource Center (CRC)?

- **Justice-involved individuals** who agreed to participate in Wilmington Community Court
- **Community members** in search of local community resources
- The **general public** (in or out of state)

Additional Program Information:

Participants enrolled in Wilmington Community Court will be provided with a **participant handbook** outlining **program details and expectations.**

Successful completion will result in **your case** being **nolle prosequi** (dropped) on your record.

Participants **eligible for expungement** will be provided with **resources for expungement** upon completion.

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