

Outreach Court Client FAQ's

Q: What is Outreach Court?

A: The Outreach Court is a Specialty Court program that gives you the opportunity to work with a local Community Provider program, instead of custody, fines, and fees for most misdemeanor charges.

Q: Who is the Outreach Court for?

A: This program is designed for community members who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless, and who are taking steps to better themselves and their situations, but have a pending case and/or warrant that is holding them back. This program wants to remove these legal barriers, so that you can focus the things that you need to improve your life. We want to prove to you that the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court wants to help people, and to make access to justice easier for all community members.

Q: Do I have to report to a probation officer or the Court?

A: No. As long as you continue participating with your advocate or case manager to better your circumstances, you are doing all you need to do for Outreach Court.

Q: I have a juvenile traffic warrant; can Outreach Court help me with this?

A: Yes! Metropolitan Court handles all juvenile traffic warrants so your case would be eligible to participate in Outreach Court.

Q: I have a warrant from another county, can Outreach Court help me with this?

A: No. The Outreach Court is in the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court, so it can only take care of cases in Bernalillo County.

Q: I have a felony or a child custody case, what can the Outreach Court do for me?

A: Felony and child custody cases are handled in the District Court and need to be addressed there.

Q: What cases does the Outreach Court take?

A: We will consider cases that are handled by the Metropolitan Court except for DWI cases.

Q: Why can't the Outreach Court take a DWI case?

A: There are certain things that are required of the defendants who have been convicted of a DWI.

Q: Do I have to come to the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court for hearings if I am accepted into Outreach Court?

A: Not as long as you are maintaining a healthy and productive relationship with your advocate/case manager so we know you are making improvements in your life. We also ask that you attend a Commencement Ceremony that will be held at a local Community Provider.