



**YAVAPAI COUNTY DETENTION CENTER
RESTORATION TO COMPETENCY ("RTC") PROGRAM**

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. How/where are the RTC defendants housed while in the Yavapai County RTC program?

All RTC defendants are housed according to their detention classification per Yavapai County Detention Bureau Policy and Procedure.

2. What does the program cost?

\$350 for day one (to cover initial intake, administrative and assessment time). \$250 for every day thereafter.

3. What does the program fee cover?

Detention housing, security, meals, formulary medications, routine and emergency on-site medical, mental health and dental care including labs and diagnostics.

4. Are there any other costs associated with the program?

Yes. Non-formulary medications, court testimony time, travel associated with court testimony, off-site medical costs, and security costs for longer than one shift for off-site medical all will be billed to the adjudicating county in addition to the contracted program cost. Consult the draft IGA for specific pricing.

5. Who is responsible for transportation of defendants to and from the Program site?

The adjudicating county is responsible for delivering the defendant to the Yavapai County Detention Facility in Camp Verde, AZ and the return to the home county. In an effort to assist counties with extended time and distance transports, the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office will offer assistance such as "mid-way transfers" or "relays" on a case by case basis and will be coordinated through the Detention Division Shuttle Services at 928-554-8663. Counties in Southern Arizona will receive priority assistance.

6. Under what circumstances would you NOT accept someone into your program?

Someone on dialysis or other scheduled off-site medical care. Acceptance will be made on a case-by-case basis. Misdemeanors and Felony charges are acceptable. Violent history does not necessarily preclude acceptance into this program.

7. What information do you need to accept/decline a defendant into your program?

The draft IGA outlines the process by which counties will make the RTC team aware you have a defendant court-ordered to a restoration program. The information that will be requested consists of:

- Rule 11 Evaluations
- Court Order to RTC
- Current Criminal Charges, Security Classification and Security Contact Information
- History of Assaultive Behaviors pre or post Incarceration
- Medical Continuity of Care to Include:
 1. Primary Language
 2. Past Medical History
 3. Current medications with dosages and D/C date
 4. Allergies
 5. Current Medical Conditions
 6. Most Recent Labs / X-rays
 7. Any Future Scheduled Diagnostics Due
 8. Jail Medical Unit Contact Information

You will be advised within 3 business days if your defendant is accepted into the program, and the estimated date of bed availability.

8. Who can I contact if I need more information?

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Restoration to Competency [RTC] Executive Summary of Program

Restoration of competence to stand trial involves two simultaneous processes. First, clinicians must address treatable underlying mental disorder(s). That involves accurate assessment, appropriate medication when indicated, and psychosocial rehabilitation.

Second, incompetent defendants may need instruction in the legal concepts and details of the trial process. Often, defendants' cognitive problems limit their capacities to benefit from instruction. For example, many mentally deficient or developmentally delayed defendants have difficulty learning and retaining new information. Persons with schizophrenia may have cognitive impairments along with their psychotic symptoms that interfere with their ability to understand the legal proceedings in which they are involved.

A.R.S. §13-4512(A) allows County Board of Supervisors to designate a competency restoration program for their county. A.R.S. §13-4512(C) allows County Board of Supervisors to enter into contracts with in-custody competency restoration programs.

Yavapai County has been contracted with Wexford Health Sources since July 1, 2003 for the provision of a comprehensive detention medical program. Yavapai County asked Wexford to develop a jail-based restoration to competency program when the State of Arizona began requiring the adjudicating counties to pay for restoration to competency program costs. Wexford has done the research and development of this program and implements these services in concert with existing healthcare professionals on site.

Dr. Joseph Stewart, Licensed Psychologist, has thirty years experience in forensic psychology and is the Program Director for the RTC at the Yavapai County Jail.

Dr. Mark Collins, Board Certified Adult Psychiatrist, has been the Psychiatrist for Wexford at the Yavapai County Detention Facility in Camp Verde since 2005 and is the Medical Director of Seven Hills Behavioral Institute in Las Vegas, NV. Dr. Collins has over two decades of clinical psychiatry experience.

In addition, master's level social workers and licensed professional counselors work with each defendant as an integral part of the RTC team.