



Driver Intervention Program Fact Sheet

Promoting Wellness and Recovery

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What is a Driver Intervention Program or DIP?

Ohio's Driver Intervention Program (DIP) is an alternative to the mandatory three-day jail term that first-time offenders convicted of operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or other drugs may attend at the court's discretion (as prescribed by Sections 1547.99 and 4511.19 of the Ohio Revised Code). Each DIP includes traffic safety, education on alcohol and substance use disorders, and small group discussions.

DIPs are a two- or three-day process of education and screening and may also include a referral for a complete alcohol and other drug assessment.

Where are DIPs held?

DIPs operate usually in hotels and all are certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS).

DIP locations, dates, and hours of operation are available at most courthouses. The DIP provider directory can be found at mha.ohio.gov/DIP.

Paying for a DIP

There is a fee to attend a DIP. Those offenders who receive forms of public assistance, including, but not limited to, SSI, disability and Medicaid, termed indigent offenders, may be eligible for state assistance to help pay the fee for a DIP.

Ohio's DIP curriculum includes:

- Levels of license suspension and revocation
- Fines and levels of incarceration
- Treatment and self-help resources for alcohol and substance use disorders
- Blood alcohol content (BAC), drugs and the definition of legal impairment
- Symptoms of alcohol and other substance use disorders
- The progressive nature of alcohol and substance dependence
- Physical, psychological and social consequences of alcohol and other substance use
- Physiological and psychological effects of alcohol and other substances on driving performance

OhioMHAS Contacts

If you need assistance with driver intervention programming, please contact the Office of Community Programs and Services at 614-752-8051.

If you have a fiscal question, please contact the Office of Financial Management at 614-644-6124.

DIP providers that want to register an account for DIP indigent funding, please visit <http://prod.ada.ohio.gov/> registrar. DIP providers may also contact MHAHelpdesk@mha.ohio.gov with questions.

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