

Outpatient Restoration Program

How do I refer someone to this competency restoration program?

Once the court order is issued, the following documents and information must be sent to DBHDD via email:

1. Signed Court order remanding DBHDD to provide outpatient restoration
2. Participant's contact information
3. Competency Evaluation and discovery (if completed outside of DBHDD)

What can I expect after someone is referred?

- We will review the documents provided.
- We will assign a Forensic Community Coordinator within 3 business days.
- The Forensic Community Coordinator will reach out to the participant to schedule their first educational session.
- We will communicate any issues or challenges with all parties when necessary.
- We will provide written reports reassessing competency according to statute.

CourtServices@dbhdd.ga.gov

Forensic Services Website:

dbhdd.georgia.gov/forensic-services

How can I best support an individual ordered to Outpatient Restoration?

There are multiple ways you can support an individual in the Outpatient Restoration Program.

Most delays into the program are at the onset and can be easily addressed by:

- **Explaining** the program and the importance of making restoration a priority. Please share the **Participant Brochure** to assist.
- **Explaining** that restoration is NOT a punishment
- **Stressing** the importance in continuing with support services during restoration, including:
 - ♦ Mental health counseling
 - ♦ Substance abuse treatment
 - ♦ Compliance with all medications
- **Engaging** with positive support systems.
- **Emphasizing** the importance of abstaining from drug or alcohol use (except those prescribed by their physician) while in the program.
- **Reinforcing** the benefits of having the opportunity to do restoration in an outpatient setting.



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What circumstances could lead to loss or disrupting services?

Several issues could arise that you should be aware of that could cause an individual to lose access to or disrupt services.

- Missed appointments
- Re-arrest
- Aggressive behavior
- Non-participation

Factors to consider that encourage successful restoration in an outpatient setting may include:

- Symptoms of mental illness are not interfering with ability to participate in education OR symptoms are controlled with appropriate medical and/or counseling interventions.
- Those with substance use issues are participating in treatment while in the program and strive to refrain from use.
- Supportive and stable people, environment and housing are present.
- Overall general willingness to engage in the program is expressed.

Statutory Time Limit: 1 year