

# Our Mission is Keeping Our Participants Alive!

## OIC Partners

BestSelf Behavior Health

Buffalo Police Department

C.O.U.R.T.S. Program

Erie Community College

Erie County Dept. of Health  
and Mental Health Services

Erie County District  
Attorney's Office

Erie County Probation and  
Pre-Trial Services

Erie County Sheriff's  
Department

HOPE Program

Horizon Health Services

Legal Aid Bureau

Save the Michaels of the World

Sisters of Charity Hospital  
(Pathways)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Presiding Judge Shannon M.  
Heneghan**  
716-845-2648

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Resource Coordinator  
716-845-9351

**Megan Carroll**  
Case Manager  
716-909-8575

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Project Director  
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These are **24-Hour hotlines** to call  
if you are struggling:

**Crisis Services 24-Hour  
Addiction Hotline**  
**716-831-7007**

**Addict to Addict Peer Recovery**  
**716-836-2726**

# Buffalo Opioid Intervention Court



**Judge Shannon M. Heneghan**  
**Buffalo City Court Judge**

The Buffalo Opioid Intervention Court ("BOIC") is a judicially supervised Triage Program established by Honorable Craig D. Hannah. Judge Hannah was the first Presiding Judge.

Participants in the BOIC are linked with Medication Assisted Treatment (M.A.T.) and/or Behavioral Treatment within hours of their arrest. This program gives participants the tools and knowledge to jump start the path to Recovery.

## Program Overview

The Buffalo Opioid Intervention Court is presided over by the Hon. Shannon M. Heneghan and a network of professional staff members and agencies committed to helping participants stabilize and start changing their life.

## Intervention Process

- Divert Participants at Arraignment
- Place in Treatment within 24 hrs.
- Hold Criminal Charges in Abeyance
- Link with Ancillary Services
- 8:00 p.m. Curfew
- Random Drug Testing
- Random "Wellness Checks"
- Daily Face-to-Face Contact
- Case Conferences During Treatment

"Once you think that you have this thing beat, that's when it comes back like a monster and hits you like a sledgehammer".  
- BOIC Participant

## Focus on What's Important

Participating in the OIC requires regular court appearances before the Hon. Shannon M. Heneghan and the treatment team. Participants are required to follow a treatment plan. Treatment begins immediately at the first appearance in Court. A referral to the COURTS Program will be done at initial screening and evaluation. Treatment plans may consist of Medication Assisted Treatment (M.A.T.), outpatient or inpatient treatment, alcohol/drug and/or mental health treatment, self-help attendance, employment assistance, job readiness programs and schooling.

The entire program is explained to each participant at the first appearance. Participants are required to appear in Court **daily** and depending on progress, appearances in Court may later be reduced.

## Opioid Court Guidelines

- You are required to report to court **EVERY DAY** (Monday-Friday) at **9:30 am** for daily reporting on **5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Part 7**, as well as counseling each day.
- If you have any conflicts (doctor's appointments, court appearances, etc.) that may interfere with daily reporting, **let Brooke know as soon as possible at 716-845-9351.**
- You have an **8pm Curfew**. You must call Megan at **716-909-8575** each night including weekends. If you do not reach her, leave a message. Send your location using your smart phone to the call-in number.
- If you attend an evening self-help meeting, **call the curfew number before and after your meeting**. Get the self-help slip signed and bring to court the next day.
- Expect to take fully-observed random and scheduled urine tests (Toxes) throughout the program. It is important to admit any use **BEFORE** being asked to tox.