

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency Programs

DART Cherry

Program Scheduling and Transport

The DART Cherry website is designed to assist Probation/Parole Officers with information and guidelines that will enable officers to make decisions about whether an referral may or may not be appropriate for the DART Cherry program. The information provided will also assist the officer in giving an overview of the program and responding to their questions. When there is a question regarding a referral's appropriateness for assignment to the DART Cherry facility, DART Cherry encourages Probation/Parole Officers to contact the facility prior to transport so staff may assist in making this decision. Referrals that are determined to be inappropriate for treatment after arrival at the facility will be discharged.

Program Goals:

- To assist residents in achieving abstinence from drugs and alcohol;
- To begin the recovery process with dignity;
- To regain and maintain self-respect and self-worth;
- To introduce residents to self-help support;
- To offer family members and friends the opportunity to visit when approved by staff; and
- To establish an individual Aftercare Plan for each resident prior to discharge.

Program Scheduling:

- To ensure the referral meets the DART Cherry [Eligibility and Criteria Guidelines](#) (see Web Page).
- To check for use of unacceptable medications.
- To follow "Intake Procedure" in [Chapter I Section .0306](#) of the [Community Corrections Policy and Procedure Manual](#) prior to scheduling.
- If the referral meets the eligibility guidelines, call the DART Cherry facility to schedule the referral for admission. Facility phone #: (919) 731-7930

Program Transport and Staff Safety:

To ensure the safety of DART Cherry staff during transport and at the facility, the supervising Probation/Parole Officer (PPO), on the day of the DART Cherry pick-up, should follow the "Intake Procedure" in Chapter I Section .0306 of the Community Corrections Policy and Procedure Manual. The supervising PPO will:

- Complete the DART Cherry Medical History Form prior to individual's pick-up. The form should be placed into the individual's packet to be given to the van driver and the DART Cherry PPO upon arriving at the facility. If there are any serious medical conditions, call the DART Cherry PPO prior to transport to discuss and get approval.
- Have the individual read and sign the Rules and Regulations of the DART Cherry program and place in the individual's packet that is to be given to the van driver at pickup and the DART Cherry PPO upon arriving at the facility.
- Search the individual's baggage and person, before the referral is transported to the facility or dropped off for van pickup if DART Cherry staff is transporting.
- Conduct urinalysis on day of pick up, preferably using instant drug screen so results are known immediately. The supervising PPO will report the results of the drug screen immediately upon arrival to either the van driver, if being transported via DART Cherry staff or DART Cherry PPO if supervising PPO is transporting referral to the facility.

Program Completion Ceremonies:

Completion ceremonies are always inspirational not only to the resident graduating but to family members and staff from Community Corrections. DART Cherry encourages Probation/Parole Officers to attend. Don't wait for a completion ceremony to visit, schedule a time for your unit to come and tour the facility. We look forward to seeing you!