



NADCP's Recommendation

Robustly invest \$250 million per year in Drug Court for the next six years and make

Drug Court available to every non-violent, drug-addicted arrestee, putting a Drug Court within arms reach of every adult, juvenile, veteran and family in America who needs it. A \$250 million annual Federal investment would reap staggering savings, with an estimated annual return of as much as \$840 million in net benefits from avoided criminal justice and victimization costs alone. Only then will we truly break the cycle of drugs and crime in America.



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Problem Solving Courts

Drug Courts

National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP)

NADCP: The Facts on Drug Courts

Drug courts reduce crime more than any other sentencing option.

- ◆ Nationwide, 75% of Drug Court graduates remain arrest-free two years after leaving the program and longer-term national effects are being researched.
- ◆ Rigorous studies examining long-term outcomes of individual Drug Courts have found that reductions in crime lasted at least 3 years and in one case the effects on crime lasted *over 14 years*.
- ◆ The most rigorous and conservative scientific “meta-analyses” have all concluded that drug courts significantly reduce crime as much as 35 percent more than other sentencing options.

Drug courts are worth the investment.

- ◆ Nationwide, for every \$1.00 invested in Drug Court, taxpayers save as much as \$3.36.
- ◆ Drug Courts produce cost savings ranging from \$4,000 to \$12,000 per client.
- ◆ These cost savings are due, in part, to reduced prison costs, reduced revolving-door arrests and trials, and reduced victimization.
- ◆ In 2007, for every Federal dollar invested in Drug Court, \$9.00 was leveraged in state funding.

Drug courts significantly improve accountability and treatment outcomes.

- ◆ Drug Courts provide more comprehensive and closer supervision than other community-based programs, such as probation alone.
- ◆ Drug Courts are six times more likely to keep offenders in treatment long enough for them to get better. Unless substance abusing/addicted offenders are regularly supervised by a judge and held accountable for keeping their obligations, 70 percent drop out of treatment prematurely.

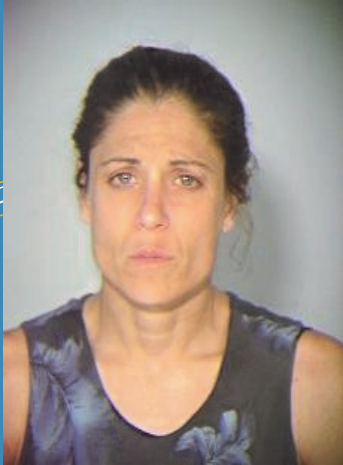
Family drug courts preserve families and save abused and neglected children.

- ◆ Parents in Family Drug Courts are more likely to go to treatment and completed it.
- ◆ Their children spend significantly less time in out-of-home placements such as foster care.
- ◆ Family re-unification rates are 50 percent higher for them and their children.

For further information, National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) website:
<http://www.nadcp.org>



Problem Solving Courts of MN



Entering Drug Court



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Minnesota has 39 operational State Drug Courts

- ⇒ 8 Adult Drug Courts
- ⇒ 4 Multi-County Adult Drug Courts
 - ⇒ 9 Adult DWI Courts
- ⇒ 3 Family Dependency Courts
 - ⇒ 2 Juvenile Drug Courts
 - ⇒ 2 Mental Health Courts
- ⇒ 1 Veterans Treatment Court
- ⇒ 1 Tribal Wellness Court
- ⇒ 5 Adult/DWI Hybrid Courts
- ⇒ 1 Adult Drug/Family Dependency Hybrid Court
- ⇒ 3 Adult Drug/DWI/ Family Dependency Hybrid Courts

OUTCOMES

- * Since July 2001, 552 participants have graduated drug court.
- * Treatment is most effective the sooner and longer you engage someone in services. According to national research a minimum of 90 days in treatment is needed for it to be effective. 94% of drug court participants started and completed treatment spending an estimated average of 179 days engaged in treatment services.
- * Of those graduates that entered drug court without a job, 74% left employed or as a full-time student.
- * Two-thirds (67%) of graduates that were homeless or had temporary housing upon entry rented or owned their residence at discharge.
- * 78% of those who graduated from drug that entered without a high school diploma/GED left with one!

JAIL AND PRISON

The State Court Administrator's Office completed a 2 ½ year study of over 500 adult drug court participants. The study shows reduced recidivism and overall incarceration compared with 650 participants in a comparison group:

- * Both completers and non-completers spent, on average, half as much time incarcerated as the comparison group resulting in an estimated costs avoidance total of \$5million.
- * Drug court participants saved an average in prison costs of \$3,000 per person.
- * 15% of drug court graduates spent zero days incarcerated (jail and prison) compared to only 7% of the comparison group.
- * Conviction rates are lower for drug court participants vs. the comparison group (17% vs. 32%).

For further information on drug courts in the state you can visit the MN Judicial Branch website:
<http://www.mncourts.gov/?page=494>