

Drug Courts: Facts and Figures



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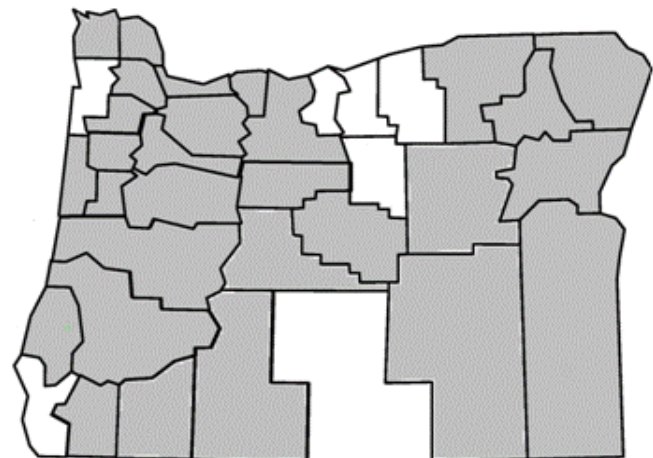
What is an Adult Drug Court?

A specially designed court calendar or docket, the purposes of which are to achieve a reduction in recidivism and substance abuse among nonviolent substance abusing offenders and to increase the offender's likelihood of successful habilitation through early, continuous, and intense judicially supervised treatment, mandatory periodic drug testing, community supervision and use of appropriate sanctions and other habilitation services (BJA, 2003).

Key Components of Drug Courts:

1. Drug courts integrate alcohol and other drug treatment services with justice system case processing
2. Using a non-adversarial approach, prosecution and defense counsel promote public safety while protecting participants' due process rights
3. Eligible participants are identified early and promptly placed in the drug court program
4. Drug courts provide access to a continuum of alcohol, drug, and other related treatment and rehabilitation services
5. Abstinence is monitored by frequent alcohol and other drug testing
6. A coordinated strategy governs drug court responses to participants' compliance
7. Ongoing judicial interaction with each drug court participant is essential
8. Monitoring and evaluation measure the achievement of program goals and gauge effectiveness
9. Continuing interdisciplinary education promotes effective drug court planning, implementation, and operations
10. Forging partnerships among drug courts, public agencies, and community-based organizations generates local support and enhances drug court effectiveness

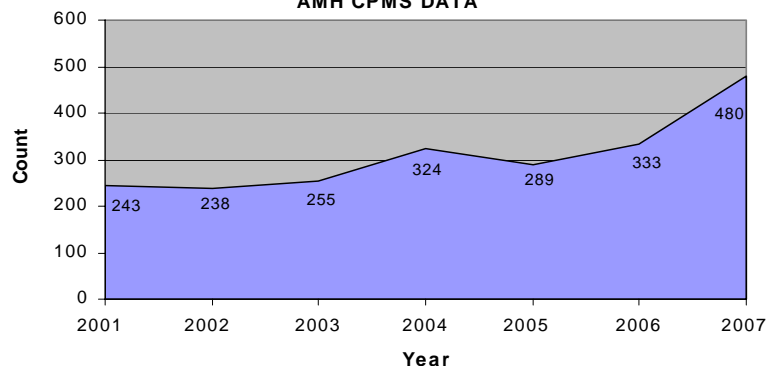
National Association of Drug Court Professionals, 1997 www.NADCP.org



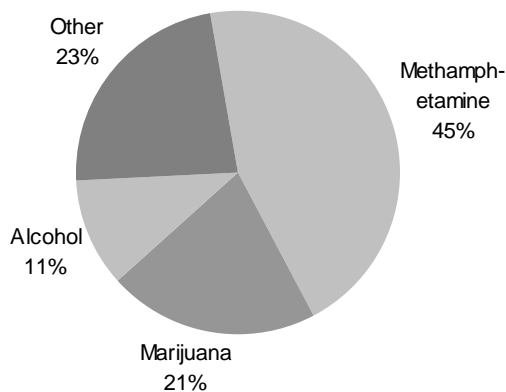
**Counties with
= Treatment courts**

25	Adult Drug Courts
14	Juvenile Drug Courts
10	Family Dependency Treatment Courts
10	Mental Health Treatment Courts
2	DUII Treatment Courts
2	Hybrid Adult Drug and DUII Treatment Courts

**Annual Adult Drug Court Admissions
AMH CPMS DATA**



Drugs of Choice Reported by Drug Court Participants



Fiscal year 2007-2008

AMH CMPS, 2007-2008

DHS Addictions and Mental Health Division Drug Court vs. Probation		
	Drug Court (n=520)	Probation (n=2634)
Treatment retention (90 days)	91%	79%
Treatment completion	53%	47%
Employed at termination	62%	54%
Not arrested during treatment	93%	88%
Average length of treatment (days)	292	175

CJC Report to the Legislature. January 2007

Did You Know?

- While methamphetamines, marijuana, and alcohol are still the three most common reported substances of use for participants, there has been a slight decrease in both methamphetamine and marijuana use in the past four years.
Client Process Monitoring System (CPMS) 07-01-07 to 06-30-08
- Drug Court programs were associated with lower re-arrest rates for program participants than comparison non-drug court defendants.
U.S Government Accountability Office, Adult Drug Courts-Evidence Indicates Recidivism Reductions and Mixed Results for Other Outcomes, February 2005

Cost Savings

Operations cost savings

10 year study:
Multnomah County Drug Court
\$1,392 per participant
\$9 million to taxpayers

M. Finnigan, S.M. Carey, & A. Cox. The impact of a Mature Drug Court Over 10 Years of Operation: Recidivism and Costs. April. 2007. NPC Research.

Avoided costs to taxpayers

5 year study:
Multnomah County Drug Court
\$7.9 million per year

Drug Court Changes Lives

"I've learned a whole new way of life where I have better decision making skills, asking for help when I need it, a brand new set of beliefs, and reinstated the morals and values that I was raised with but previously ignored."

-R. Benton County Drug Treatment Court Participant

"I went from a person who used to pray to God to die from my addiction, to a person who prays to God to live and continue on this great journey called life."

-D. Clackamas County Adult Drug Court Participant

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