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Treatment Courts Work

“Treatment courts are considered the most successful justice intervention for people with substance use and mental health disorders.”*



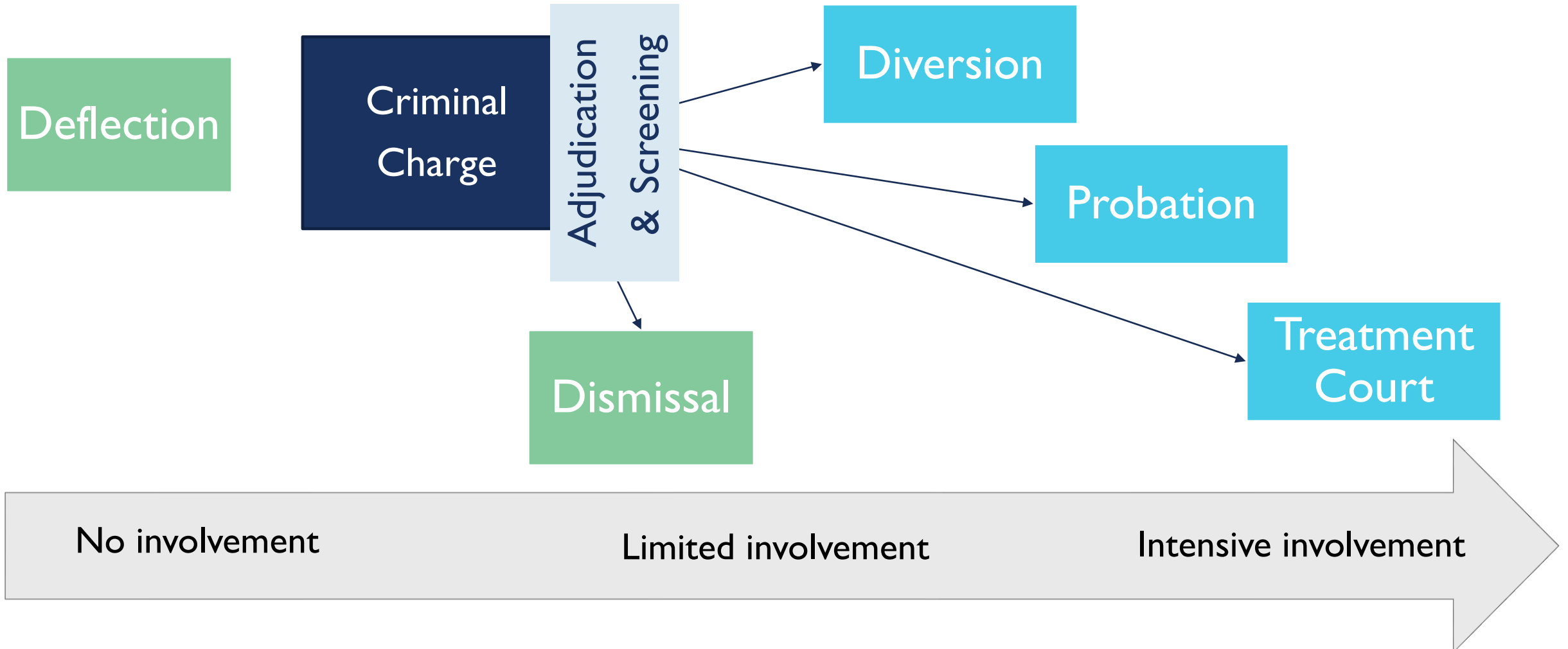
Increase
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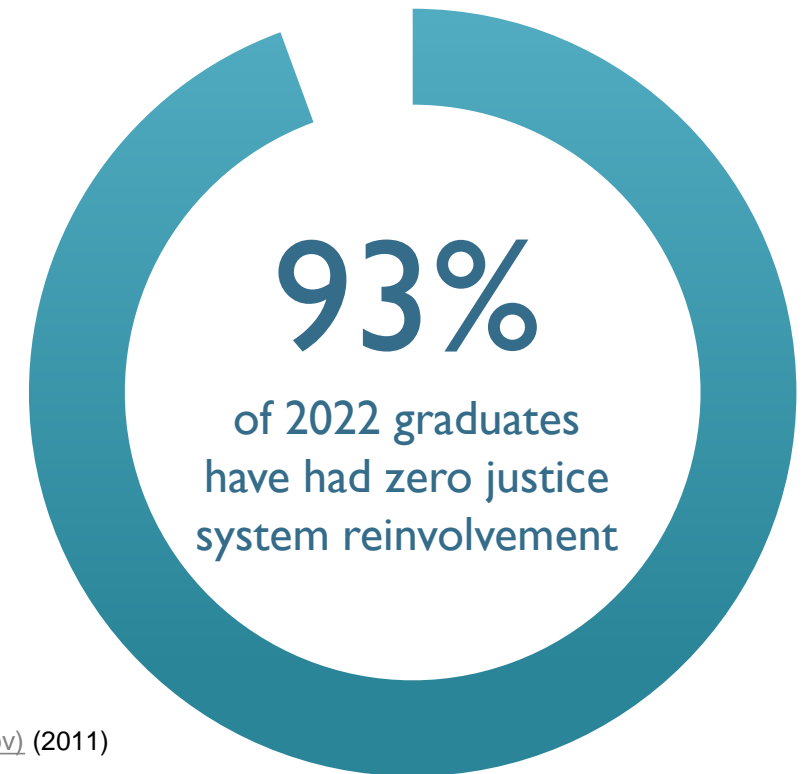
*All Rise (formerly the National Association of Drug Court Professionals)

Treatment Courts Provide Intensive Services to High Risk/High Need Individuals



Investments in Safer Communities and Long-term Cost Savings

- Multnomah County, Oregon – 3-year outcome cost savings of \$6,812 per adult drug court participant.*
- National Institute of Justice – Average savings up to \$6,208 per adult drug court participant.**



*Oregon Drug Court Cost Study: Statewide Costs and Promising Practices, Final Report | Office of Justice Programs (ojp.gov) (2011)

**NIJ's Multisite Adult Drug Court Evaluation | National Institute of Justice (ojp.gov) (2012)

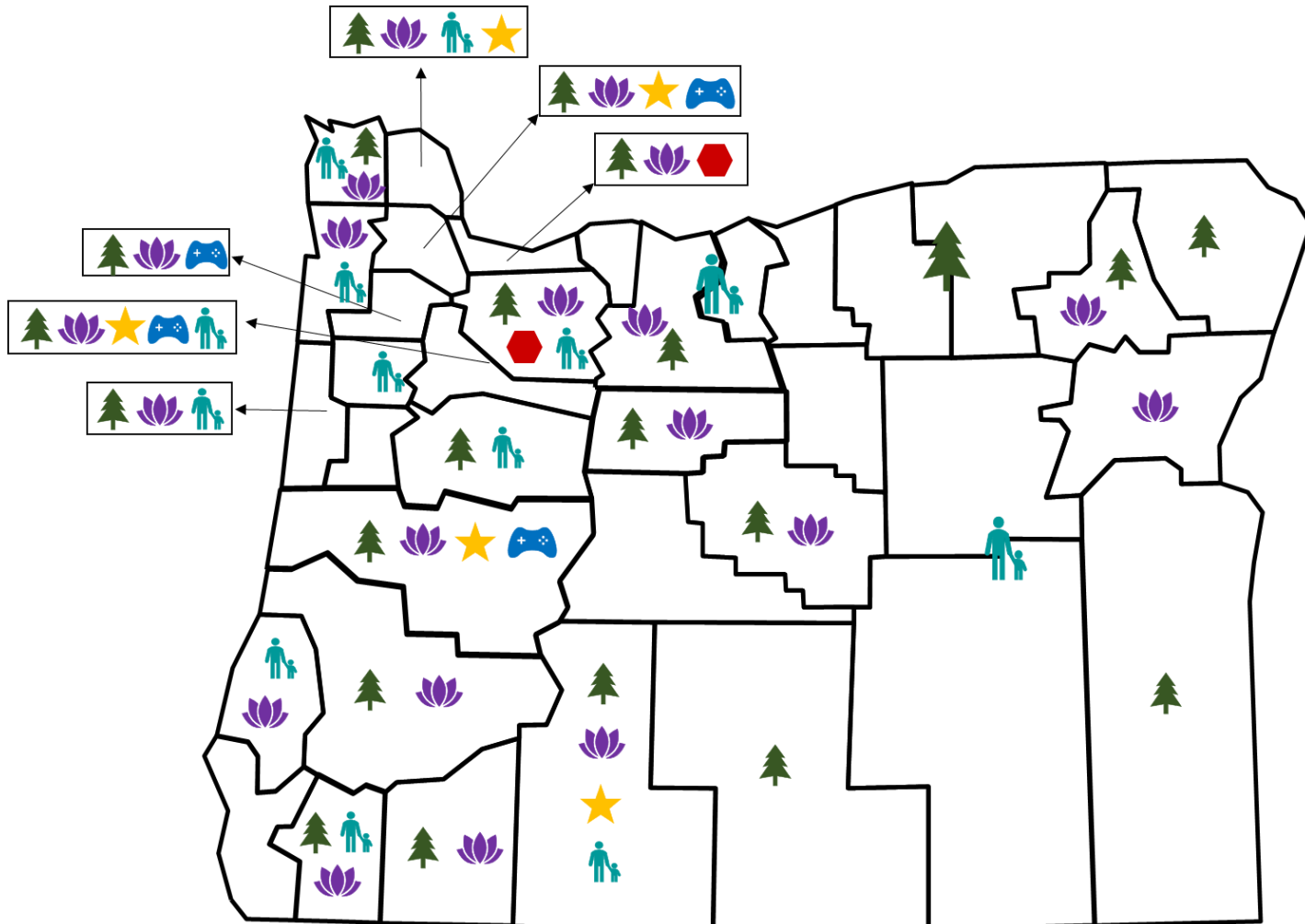
2020-2022 CJC Treatment Court Recidivism Study*









- **75% of treatment court graduates did not recidivate within three years of successful completion compared to:**
 - 41% of individuals who participated in, but did not complete, a treatment court
 - 35% of individuals who were referred, but did not enter, a treatment court

*Court types included: Drug, Mental Health, DUII, and Veteran Treatment

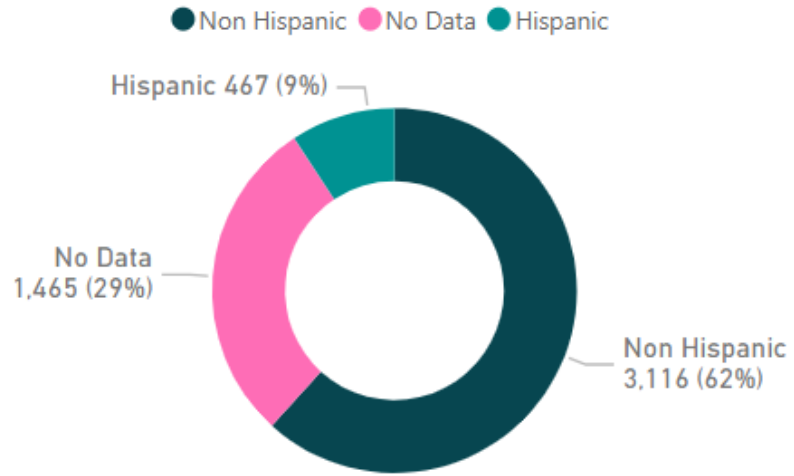
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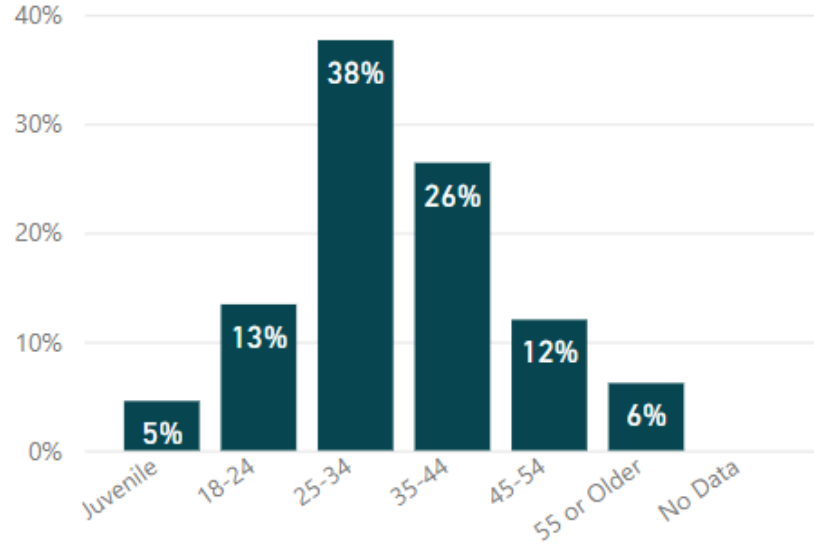
	24 Adult Drug Court
	20 Mental Health Court
	2 DUI Court
	5 Veterans Court
	4 Juvenile Treatment Court
	11 Family Treatment Court

Using Data to Implement Best Practices

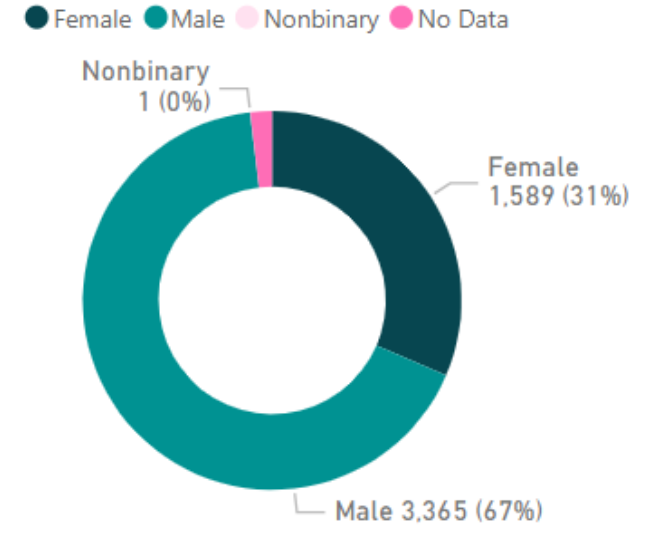
Participants by Ethnicity



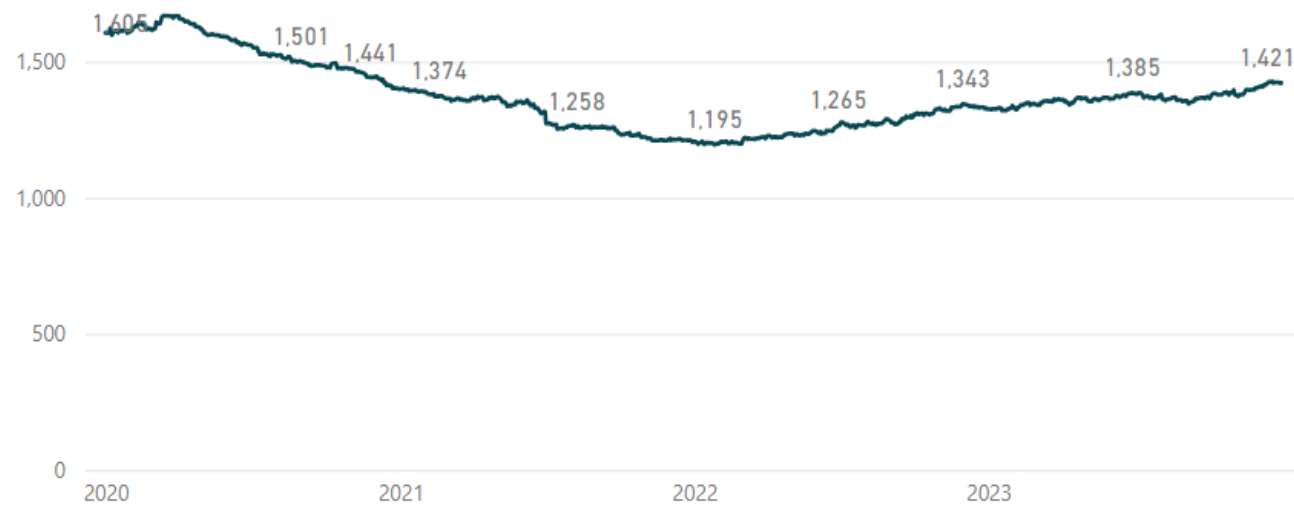
Participants by Age Group



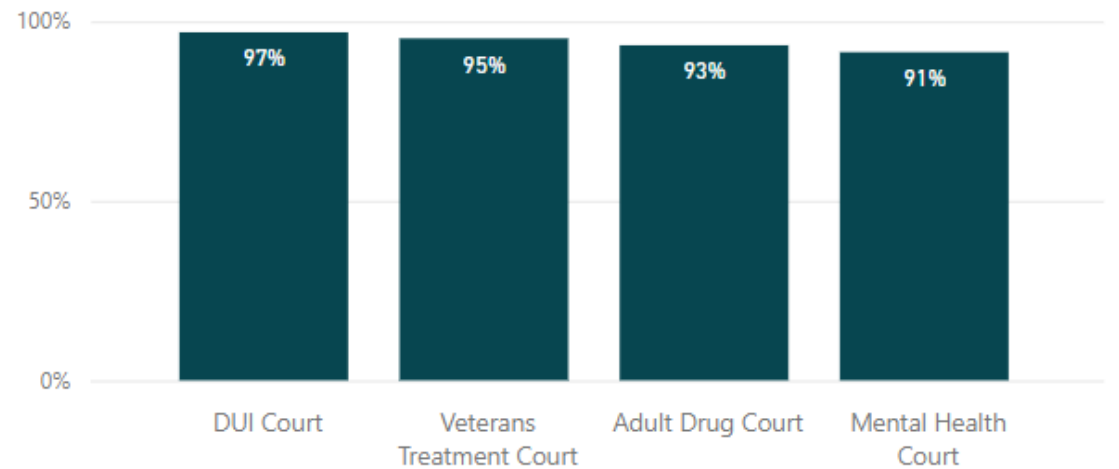
Participants by Gender



Participants, Over Time



Of Participants Graduating at Least a Year Ago, the Percent With No New Felony or Misdemeanor Charges Within One Year of Exit



CJC /OJD Partnership in Administering Treatment Courts

- CJC provides funding and evaluation
 - In 2023-25, CJC funds supported 49 (out of 66) specialty courts
 - \$28.7 million requested; **\$19.2 million available to be awarded**
 - 38% supports coordinators
 - CJC grants support treatment services, drug testing, participant supports, OJD personnel, and other county team members
- OJD provides programmatic, implementation, and best practices support
 - Racial & Ethnic Disparities (RED) Self-assessment Tool
 - Universal screening for Adult Drug Courts
 - Veterans Treatment Court strategic planning
 - Peer reviews



Strategies to Strengthen and Grow Treatment Courts



- Funding for:
 - Permanent treatment court coordinators
 - Increased treatment, participant supports and oversight
 - Statewide Specialty Court Case Management System (SCMS) upgrade in the future
- Statewide solutions:
 - Statutory updates
 - Consistent access to treatment courts
 - Improved statewide coordination



Local Snapshot: Lincoln County

Treatment Court Month
Celebration
Performing Arts Center
Newport, OR

Treatment Court Team Roles



Judge

Coordinator

Prosecutor

Defense Attorney

Treatment

Community supervision (probation)

Law Enforcement

Treatment Court Judges are Unique and Essential Leaders

“Eighty percent of [drug court] participants [surveyed] indicated they would not have remained if they did not appear before a judge as part of the process.”*

- Drug courts where the judge spends an average of 3 minutes or greater per participant during court hearings had 153% greater reductions in recidivism
- Through participant interaction, treatment court judges:
 - Deepen participant understanding
 - Cultivate and enhance motivation
 - Build meaningful relationships
 - Uphold procedural fairness and due process
 - Deploy swift behavior responses



Treatment Court Coordinators are Critical Team Members

TREATMENT COURT BEST PRACTICE STANDARDS GUIDE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS

Target population

Equity and inclusion

Roles and responsibilities of the judge

Incentives sanctions and service adjustments

Substance use, mental health, and trauma treatment and recovery management

Complementary services and recovery capital

Drug and alcohol testing

Multidisciplinary team

Census and caseloads

Monitoring and evaluation

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Thank You

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