



# NADCP

National Association of  
Drug Court Professionals

**1.5  
million**  
total served by  
drug court<sup>1</sup>

**4,000+**  
drug courts in  
the U.S.<sup>2</sup>

up to  
**58%**  
reduction in  
recidivism<sup>4</sup>

**\$6,000**  
average savings  
per drug court  
participant<sup>3</sup>

**150,000**  
people served  
by drug courts  
each year<sup>1</sup>

## DRUG COURTS ARE CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Drug courts are the ***single most successful*** criminal justice intervention for seriously addicted offenders. Proven to ***save lives, save money, and reduce crime***, these courts:

- ✓ Treat substance use disorders
- ✓ Treat mental health needs
- ✓ Deliver services for lifelong recovery
- ✓ Secure education, employment, and housing
- ✓ Produce tax-paying, productive citizens
- ✓ Break the cycle of addiction in families
- ✓ Reduce re-arrests and re-incarcerations
- ✓ Reduce substance use and overdose
- ✓ Reduce emergency room admissions
- ✓ Reduce foster care placements

<sup>1</sup>American University School of Public Affairs Justice Programs Office (2019).

<sup>2</sup>National Drug Court Resource Center. <https://ndcrc.org/database/> (retrieved March 5, 2019).

<sup>3</sup>National Institute of Justice (2011). Multi-site Adult Drug Court Evaluation.

<sup>4</sup>United States Government Accountability Office Report to Congressional Committees (2011). Adult Drug Courts: Studies Show Courts Reduce Recidivism, but DOJ Could Enhance Future Performance Measure Revision Efforts. GAO-12-53.

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