



NADCP

National Association of
Drug Court Professionals

**1.5
million**
total served by
drug court¹

4,000+
drug courts in
the U.S.²

up to
58%
reduction in
recidivism⁴

\$6,000
average savings
per drug court
participant³

150,000
people served
by drug courts
each year¹

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

¹American University School of Public Affairs Justice Programs Office (2019).

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

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

⁴United 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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