

PROCLAMATION

National Drug Court Month May 2018

WHEREAS, there are now more than 3,000 treatment courts nationwide; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts are the cornerstone of justice reform sweeping the nation; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts have served more than 1.4 million individuals; and

WHEREAS, they are recognized as the most successful justice system intervention in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, they save up to \$27 for every \$1 invested and up to \$13,000 for every individual they serve; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts substantially reduce addiction and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other criminal justice strategy; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts improve education, employment, housing and financial stability, promote family reunification, reduce foster care placements, and increase the rate of addicted mothers delivering babies who are fully drug free; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health professionals; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of substance use and crime, we all rise; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Robert L. Crowell, Mayor of Carson City, Nevada, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as Drug Court Month.



Dated this 17th day of May 2018.

Robert L. Crowell, Mayor

National Drug Court Month

May 2018

Western Regional Drug Court and DUI Court

Senior District Court Judge Peter I. Breen

Carson City Justice/Municipal Court

Judge John Tatro & Judge Thomas R. Armstrong

First Judicial District Court – Juvenile Division

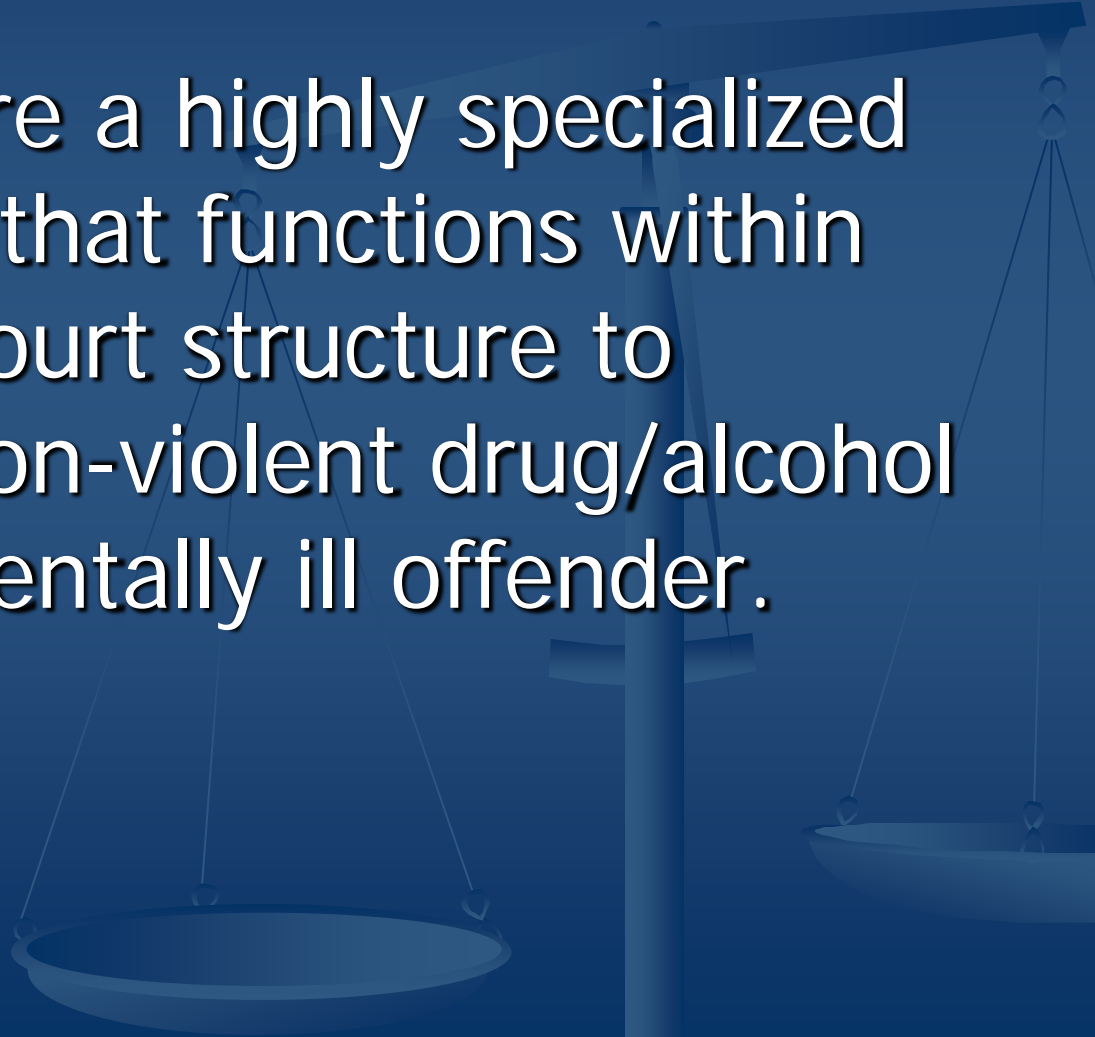
Juvenile Special Master Kimberly Okezie

Drug Courts (A Brief History)


- Drug use in the US expanded with the crack cocaine epidemic of the mid-1980's; the number of drug arrests skyrocketed.
- The initial Criminal Justice System response was stricter laws that filled the US prisons.
- As drug use was not influenced by the new laws, court dockets were overwhelmed and new strategies were developed to deal with the increase.
- Expedited Drug Case Management, the early "Drug Courts" dealt with case processing issues only.
- Even when mandated into treatment, most did not remain.

Definition of a Drug Court

Drug Courts are a highly specialized court process that functions within the existing Court structure to address the non-violent drug/alcohol addicted or mentally ill offender.



Drug Court Teams

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- Judge
 - Prosecutor
 - Public Defender
 - DAS Officer
 - Psychologists (Mental Health Courts)
 - Parole and Probation (Felony Courts)
 - Treatment Staff
 - Program Coordinators
 - Court Staff
 - Sheriff Deputy
 - Health/Housing Liaison
 - Department of Children and Family Services (Family/Juvenile Courts)

The Cycle of Addiction



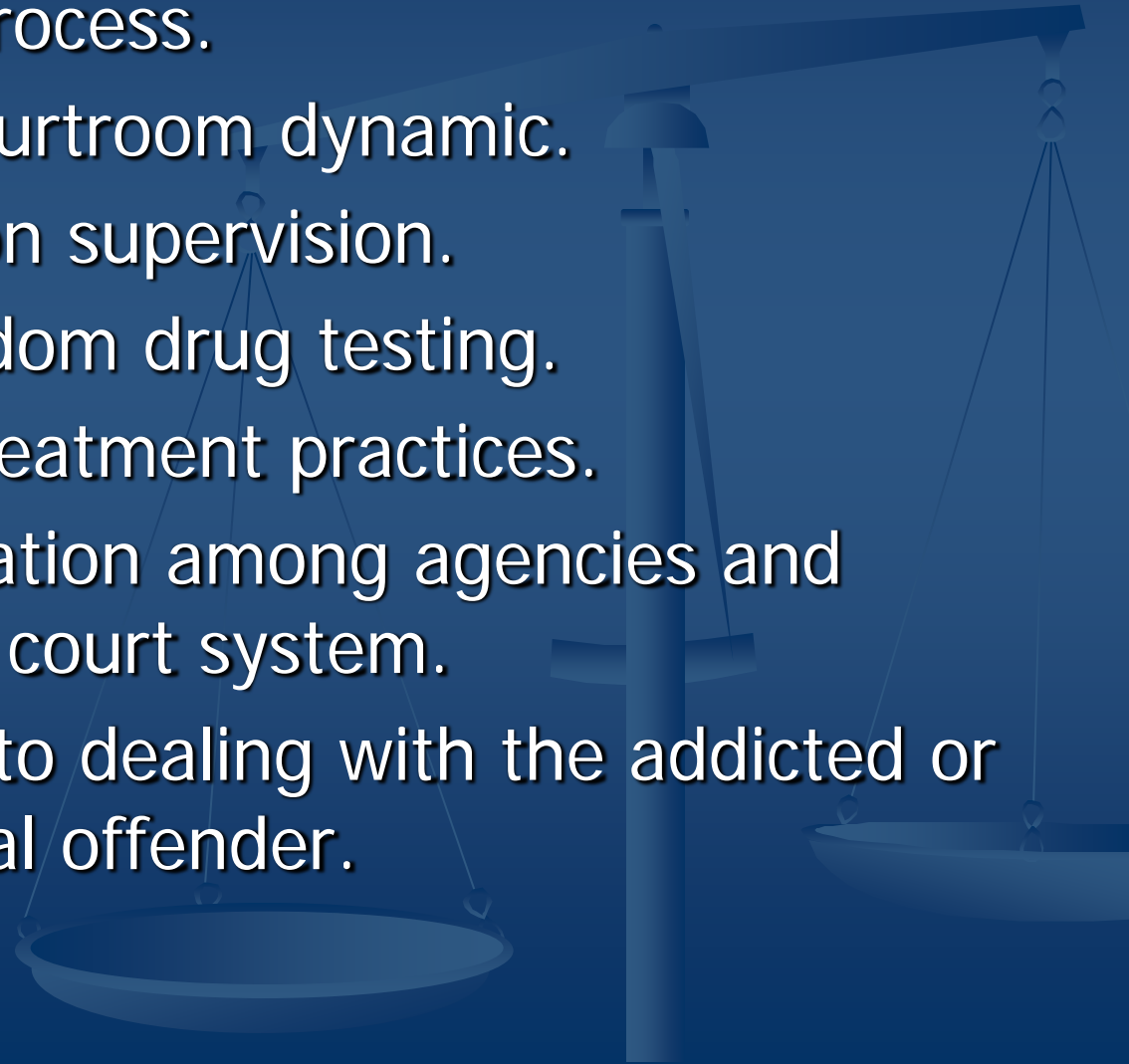
Treatment Courts Work to Stop this Endless Cycle

Drug Courts in Carson City

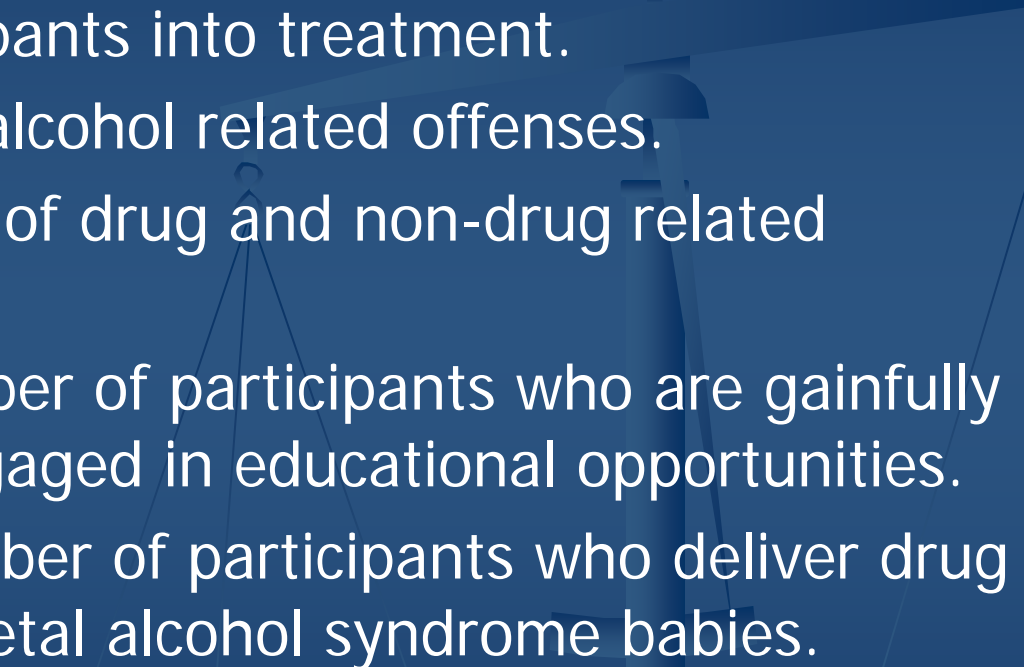
- DC Adult Drug Court – 14 years (108 participants)
- DC DUI Felony Court – 10 years (20 participants)
(Mandated Program)
- JC Mental Health Court – 13 years (25-35 participants)
- JC Misdemeanor Treatment Court – 3 years
(50 participants)
- Juvenile Drug Court – 19 years (10 participants)

Essential Elements of a Drug Court

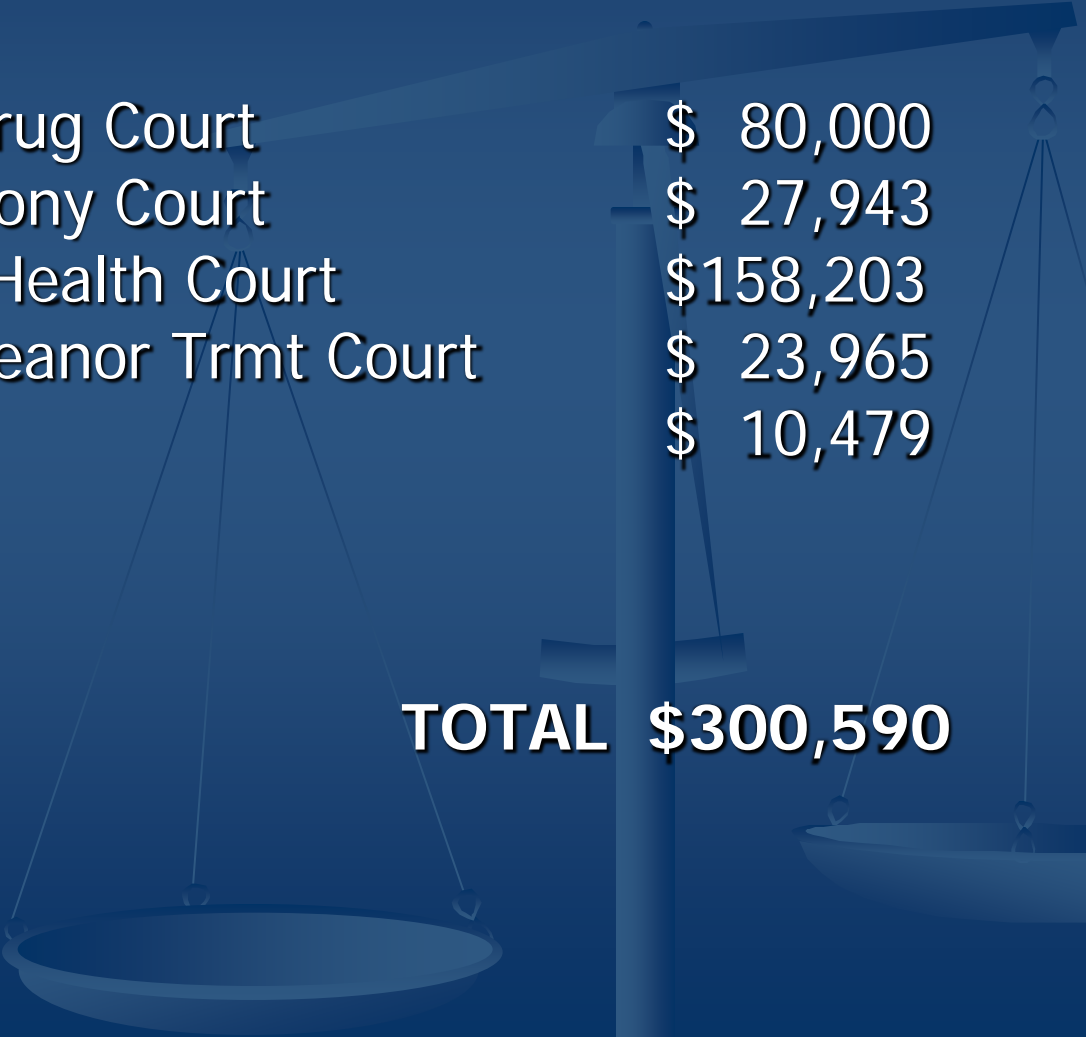
- Non-adversarial process.
- Non-traditional courtroom dynamic.
- Intensive probation supervision.
- Frequent and random drug testing.
- Evidence-based treatment practices.
- Focus on collaboration among agencies and other parts of the court system.
- Holistic approach to dealing with the addicted or mentally ill criminal offender.



Drug Court Goals

- To engage all participants into treatment.
 - To reduce drug and alcohol related offenses.
 - To reduce recidivism of drug and non-drug related crimes.
 - To increase the number of participants who are gainfully employed and/or engaged in educational opportunities.
 - To decrease the number of participants who deliver drug endangered and/or fetal alcohol syndrome babies.
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Grant Funding Awarded for Drug Courts



■ District Court Adult Drug Court	\$ 80,000
■ District Court DUI Felony Court	\$ 27,943
■ Justice Court Mental Health Court	\$158,203
■ Justice Court Misdemeanor Trmt Court	\$ 23,965
■ Juvenile Drug Court	\$ 10,479

TOTAL \$300,590

