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## Drug Courts: A Bridge to Recovery

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# Drug Courts: A Bridge to Recovery



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## Learning Objectives

- Explain the model that offers a structured approach for interacting with young people involved with the juvenile justice system. Discuss how this model works with programs designed to curb criminal recidivism and reduce drug use.
- Discuss the history and prevalence of Drug Courts.
- Explain the effectiveness of Drug Courts with success stories from the graduates of the Dudley, Massachusetts Drug Court.
- Discuss some common challenges that drug courts face that affect the successful outcomes for those with substance use disorder.





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## Your Webinar Host



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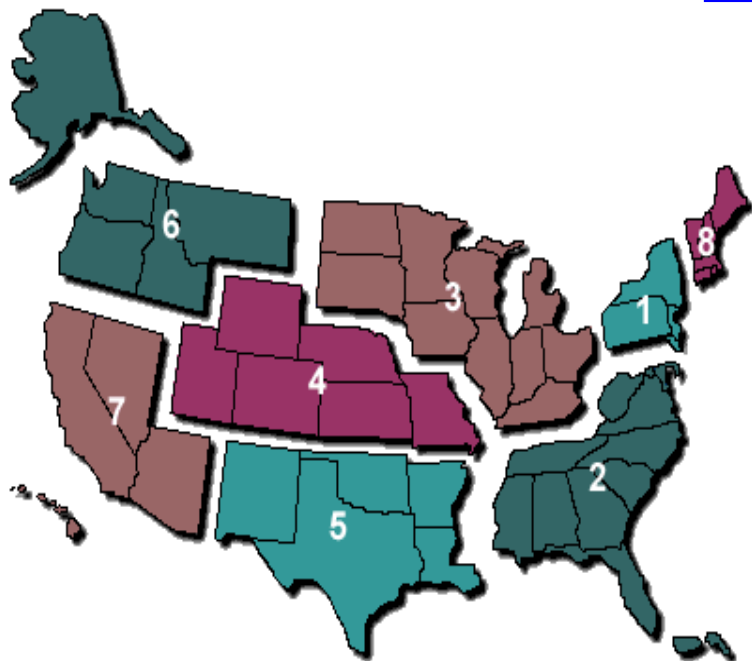
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- Opioid Drugs
- Treating Opioid Addiction
- Opioid Prescribing
- Pregnancy, Opioid Use, and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
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### Understanding Addiction

- Definition of Addiction  
American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)

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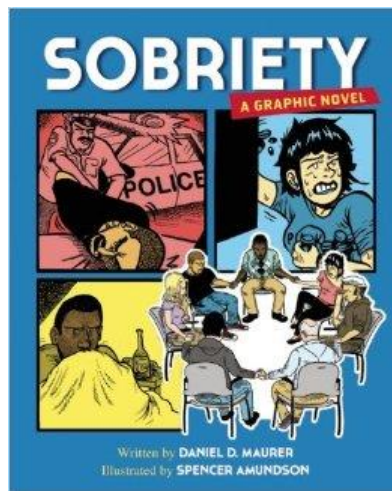
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# Drug Courts: A Bridge to Recovery

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# Drug Courts 101

- **How long have drug courts existed?**
- **Are there models or best practices that are adhered to for the structure and implementation of drug courts?**
- **Are all drug courts managed and implemented the same way?**
- **Who are the team members that a judge works with to provide help?**
- **Are drug courts just for youth offenders and do they address addiction from alcohol as well?**
- **What are some advantages (economic and others) of a Drug Court over incarceration?**

## Drug Courts Reduce Crime

- Nationwide, 75% of Drug Court graduates remain arrest free at least 2 years after leaving the program
- Rigorous studies examining long-term outcomes of individual drug courts have found that reductions in crime last at least 3 years and can endure for over 14 years.
- The most rigorous and conservative scientific “meta-analyses” have all concluded that Drug Courts significantly reduce crime as much as 45% more than other sentencing options.

Source: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/drug-courts>

# Drug Courts Save Money

- Nationwide, for every \$1.00 invested in Drug Court, taxpayers save as much as \$3.36 in avoided criminal justice costs alone.
- When considering other cost offsets such as savings from reduced victimization and healthcare service utilization, studies have shown benefits range up to \$27 for every \$1 invested.
- Drug courts produce cost savings ranging from \$3,000 to \$13,000 per client. These cost savings reflect reduced prison costs, reduced revolving-door arrests and trials, and reduced victimization.

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# Drug Courts Ensure Compliance

- Unless substance abusing/addicted offenders are regularly supervised by a judge and held accountable, 70% drop out of treatment prematurely.
- Drug courts provide more comprehensive and closer supervision than other community-based supervision programs.
- Drug courts are six times more likely to keep offenders in treatment long enough for them to get better.

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# Blazing the Trail

- **What was it like to be the first drug court in Worcester County in 2014?**
- **What is your background and how was that background helpful for this position?**
- **What is a typical day like in your drug court?**

# What is Needed for Drug Courts to be Successful?

- **Community partnerships?**
- **What skills and talents are needed for exceptional intervention team?**

## Effectiveness of Drug Courts?

- What determines “success”?
- What does the Data show?

## Problems with Drug Courts?

- Inconsistent when providing evidence-based treatment
- “Treatment gets trumped by legal?”

# Stories from the Front Lines

- Shenendoah
- Kayla



# Questions for Our Presenters?

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# Additional Information

- National Association for Drug Court Professionals  
<https://www.nadcp.org/>
- The National Judicial College  
<https://www.judges.org/>
- Adult Drug Court Manual – A Guide to Starting and Operating Adult Drug Courts in Massachusetts  
<https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/09/nd/adult-drug-court-manual.pdf>
- Adult Drug Court Standards, Best Practices, and Promising Practices  
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- Juvenile Drug Courts: Strategies in Practice <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/bja/197866.pdf>
- Drug Court Facts  
<https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/.../drug-courts-smart-approach-to-criminal-justice>

**Thank you Judge Bibaud, Shenendoah and Kayla for sharing your expertise & experiences with us!**



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