

PROCLAMATION

In Support of National Drug Court Month

May 2021

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

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

WHEREAS, there are five treatment courts in Carson City; Carson City Misdemeanor Treatment Court presided by Judge Tom Armstrong, Mental Health Court presided by Judge Kristin Luis, Western Regional DUI and Drug Courts presided by Judge Peter Breen and Judge Archie Blake, and Juvenile Drug Court presided by Special Master Kimberly Okezie; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lori Bagwell, Mayor of Carson City, Nevada on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim that May 2021 be established as **National Drug Court Month**.



Dated this 6th day of May, 2021.

Lori Bagwell, Mayor

National Drug Court Month

May 2021

Five Specialty Courts in the First Judicial District

Western Regional Drug Court

Western Regional DUI Felony Court

Misdemeanor Treatment Court

Mental Health Court

Juvenile Drug Court

Western Regional Drug Court

- Program operational for 17 years
- Program Length: 12 – 36 Months
- DAS Supervision/Drug Testing Monthly Fees: \$22
- Treatment Providers: Must be approved and State licensed
- Sentencing Judge must agree that defendant is appropriate for Drug Court, as a condition of probation sentence
- Crime is a Category C, D, or E Felony
- Current number of participants: 80-100
- 57 Graduates since January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2020
- 4 Reoffenders since January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2020

Western Regional DUI Felony Court

- Program operational for 13 years (mandated by SB 277 in 2008)
- Program Length: 36 – 60 Months
- DAS Supervision/Drug Testing Monthly Fees: \$52
- Participants pay for Ignition Interlock Device, SCRAM, and Counseling
- Treatment Providers: Must be approved and State licensed
- If a participant fails the DUI program, majority of time sentenced to prison
- Statutory Authority: NRS 484C.340 Third Time DUI Offender
- Current number of participants: 18
- 13 Graduates since January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2020
- 0 Reoffenders since January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2020

1 Current pregnancy

Misdemeanor Treatment Court

- Program operational for 6 years
- Program Length: 12 Months
- DAS Supervision/Drug Testing Monthly Fees: \$22
- Treatment Providers: Community Counseling Center/Vitality Unlimited Inpatient
- Sentencing Judge must agree that defendant is appropriate for Drug Court, as a condition of probation sentence
- Current Participants: 24 (Due to Covid) Maximum Participants: 50
- 41 Graduates since January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2020
- 4 Reoffenders since January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2020
- 4 Drug-free/Alcohol-free Babies Born

Misdemeanor Treatment Court

Eligibility and Suitability for Program

- 1st and 2nd time addicted offenders between the ages of 18 and 25 who are assessed to need intensive outpatient services.
- Violation of NRS 454.351, possession of drugs not to be introduced into interstate commerce.
- Violation of NRS 453.411(3)(a), use or under the influence of a schedule I, II, III, or IV controlled substance.
- Violation of NRS 453.666, possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Minor in possession.
- Property crimes.
- Offenses agreed upon by the Judge, District Attorney, Defense Attorney, and Treatment Team.

Mental Health Court

- Program operational for 16 years
- Program Length: 12 - 24 Months
- DAS Supervision/Drug Testing Monthly Fees: \$22
- Multijurisdictional – Participants accepted from District Court and Justice Court in Carson City and surrounding counties
- Treatment Providers: Rural Clinics, Mary Bryan, Licensed Clinician, Community Counseling Center and Dr. Joe McEllistrem
- Statutory Authority NRS 176A.260 Diversion/NRS 176A.400 Probation
- Current Participants: 12 (Due to Covid) Maximum Participants: 50
- 23 Graduates since January 1, 2019 – December 30, 2020
- 1 Reoffender since January 1, 2019 – December 30, 2020
- 1 Drug-free/Alcohol-free Baby Born

Mental Health Court

Eligibility and Suitability for Program

- Person has been diagnosed with a serious mental illness as defined by NRS 433.164. Commonly accepted diagnoses include (but are not limited to):
- Schizophrenia
- Schizoaffective Disorder
- Psychosis
- Bipolar Disorder
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Major Depressive Disorder
- The diagnosed serious mental illness seriously limits the capacity of a person to function in the primary aspects of daily living.
- Crime cannot be a felony domestic violence or a felony DUI.
- Sentencing Judge must agree that defendant is appropriate for Mental Health Court

Juvenile Drug Court

- Program operational for 22 years
- Program Length: 9 - 12 Months
- Fees: \$0
- Treatment Provider: Misty Guantonio, (Licensed Mental Health/Substance Abuse Counselor)
- No violent crimes accepted
- All juveniles assessed for eligibility by the Juvenile Drug Court Team prior to being accepted into the program.
- Current number of participants: 9
- 8 Graduates since January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2020
- 0 Pregnancies

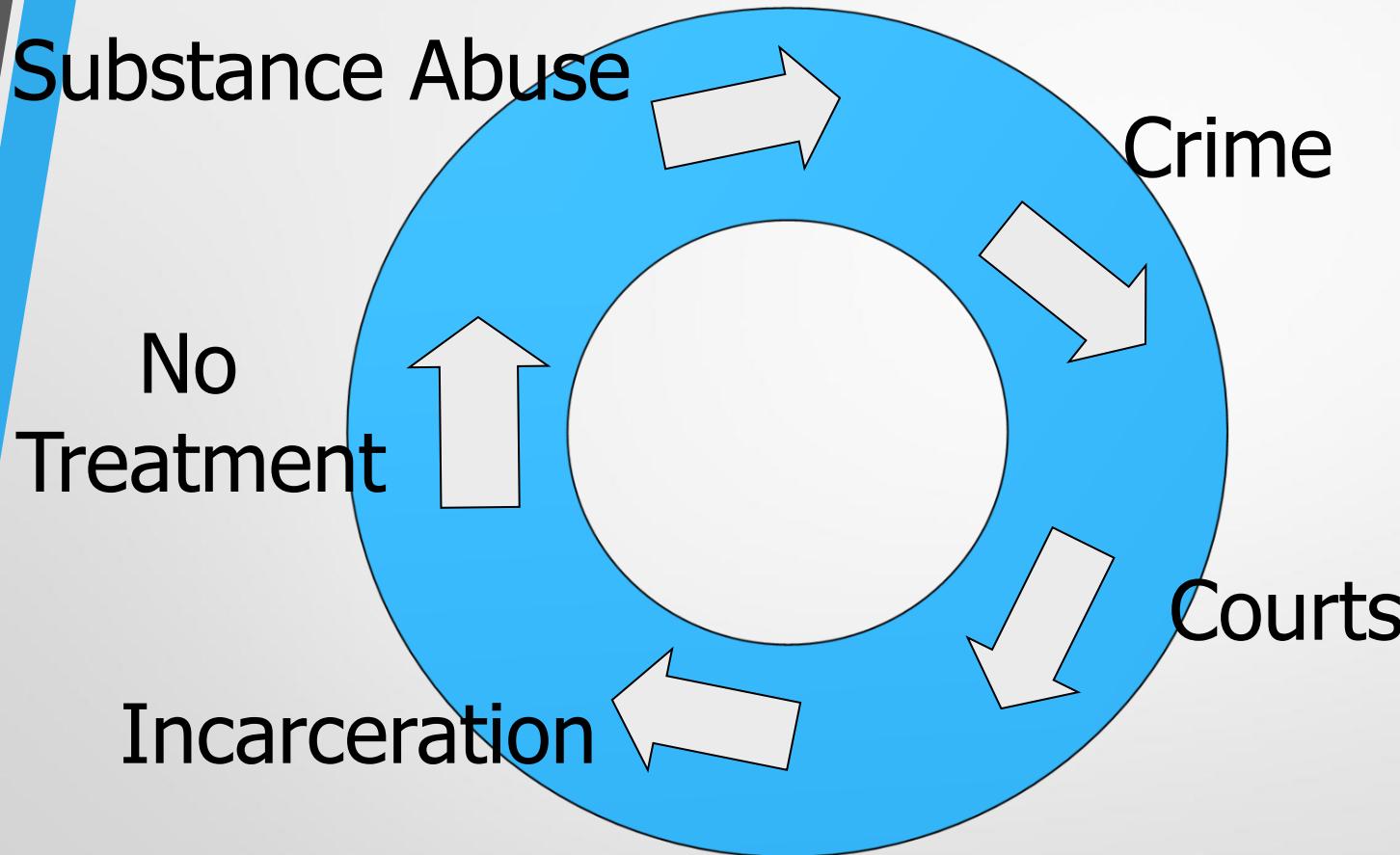
Specialty Court Teams

- Judge
- Carson City District Attorney
- State Public Defender
- Department of Alternative Sentencing
- Psychologist (Mental Health Court)
- Treatment Providers/Substance Abuse Counselors
- Health and Human Services
- Department of Children and Family Services (Juvenile Drug Court)
- Carson City Sheriff's Office
- State Parole and Probation
- Court Staff

Essential Elements of a Successful Specialty Court

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

The Cycle of Addiction



Treatment Courts Work to Stop this Endless Cycle

Specialty 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 connect participants to community resources to promote family and household stability.
- To decrease the number of participants who deliver drug endangered and/or fetal alcohol syndrome babies.

Specialty Court Program Funding Per Fiscal Year

• District Court Adult Drug Court	\$ 400,064
• District Court DUI Felony Court	\$ 27,943
• Justice Court Mental Health Court	\$ 158,203
• Justice Court Misdemeanor Trmt Court	\$ 23,665
• Juvenile Drug Court	\$ 10,479
• CCShares (Sunrise House/Emergency Housing)	\$ 54,000

\$100,000
Allocation from
Legislature for
Mental Health Court

\$520,534
Nevada Supreme Court
Grant Funding

TOTAL **\$ 674,354**

\$54,000
Carson City
Indigent Funding

Carson City Sober Housing Assistance Reinforces Everyone's Safety (CCSHARES)

A Partnership with Carson City Health and Human Services and Carson City Specialty Courts

March 7, 2019 Carson City Board of Supervisors approved a partnership between Carson City Specialty Courts and Carson City Human Services Division to provide housing for Specialty Court participants needing housing.



Carson City Sober Housing Assistance Reinforces Everyone's Safety (CCSHARES)

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SUNRISE HOUSE JULY 1, 2020 – MARCH 31, 2021

1,918 Bed Nights Available

Overall Occupancy 53%

1,022 Beds Filled

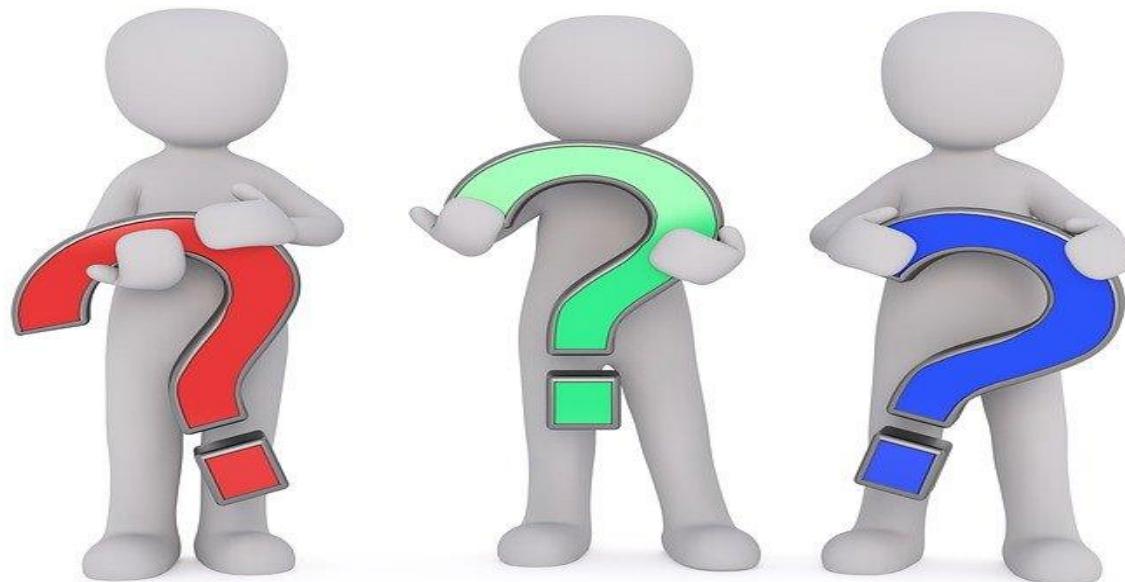
Misdemeanor Treatment Court
10 Participants

Mental Health Court
7 Participants

Average Stay Per Participant 63 Days

Average Cost Per Participant
\$2,142.29 for sheltering

Questions



Specialty Court Related Links

- <http://www.ndci.org> or www.nadcp.org
- <http://www.american.edu/justice>
- <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.org>
- <http://www.samhsa.gov/csat>
- <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov.BJA>
- <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJS>