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Drug Courts Add Value

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Studies have shown that drug courts significantly increase the time drug abusers stay in treatment. An average of 60 percent of drug court clients complete at least 12 months of treatment, whereas only 10 percent of probationers and parolees typically remain for a year in community-based drug treatment programs, says Dr. Douglas Marlowe of the University of Pennsylvania, summarizing several research reports. A 1998 review of 13 drug court studies found that drug court clients abuse substances less frequently than comparable probationers (10 percent of urine tests were positive, compared with 31 percent). What's more, drug courts reduce re-arrest rates by 8 to 24 percent, according to five meta-analyses in 2005 and 2006.

Although drug courts tend to be more expensive than other programs, the reduction in recidivism decreases later judicial costs and financial loss to crime victims, according to a U.S. Government Accountability Office report published in 2005.* It cited net predicted benefits of \$1,000 to \$15,000 per participant.

* Adult Drug Court. Evidence Recidivism Reduction and Mixed Results for Other Outcomes, GAO -05-219, February 2005.

Source: Marlowe, D.B., et al. Adapting judicial supervision to the risk level of drug offenders: Discharge and 6-month outcomes from a prospective matching study. Drug and Alcohol Dependence 88 (Suppl. 2): S4-13, 2007.

Attention: Drug Court Professionals



ADE Incorporated would like to add you to our newsletter/email distribution list. Please provide your email address to us by writing us at: supportmi@adeincorp.com or by calling 1-800-334-1918. It is our goal to add all of our Michigan Court customers to the ADE mailing in 2009!

Send Your Story to President Obama Today

The Obama Administration supports expanding the use of drug courts and is currently preparing to submit the fiscal year 2010 budget to Congress. Your National Association of Drug Court Professionals is vigorously advocating for a \$250 Million annual investment in drug court. **But we need your help!**

We are asking every drug court professional, graduate, and friend of drug court to help us in this effort by sending a letter to President Obama. This only takes a minute and will have a tremendous impact. Go to <http://ga4.org/campaign/presidentobama> to show your support for drug court and share your story with the President.

When you are done be sure to send this message to your colleagues, graduates, friends and family. Every story counts. Thank you for your support! **Courtesy of NADCP**

President-Elect Barack Obama Supports Drug Courts

NADCP requests \$250 million per year for next 6 years from new administrations. Here's why:

President-Elect Obama:

"I will ensure that states have the resources to support existing drug courts, which have been proven successful in dealing with non-violent offenders. These courts offer a mix of treatment and sanctions, in lieu of traditional incarceration. Currently, the Department of Justice makes grants available to state and local governments to establish drug courts. I will replicate these efforts within the federal criminal justice system by signing a law that would authorize federal magistrates to preside over drug courts and federal probation officers to oversee the offenders' compliance with drug treatment programs." Source Partnership for a Drug-Free America 2007

"I would ensure that Congress robustly funds prevention and treatment programs like the Second Chance Act, Drug Courts, and the Drug Free Communities Support Program. I co-sponsored the Second Chance Act and have been a proponent of Drug Courts since my days in Illinois, and I will continue to support (and, in the case of drug courts, expand) these programs as president." Source The Police Chief 2008

"The point is that if we're putting more money into education, into treatment, into prevention and reducing the demand side, then the ways that we operate on the criminal side can shift. I would start with nonviolent, first time drug offenders. The notion that we are imposing felonies on them or sending them to prison, where they are getting advanced degrees in criminality, instead of thinking about ways like drug courts that can get them back on track in their lives—it's expensive, it's counterproductive, and it doesn't make sense." Source Rolling Stone, July 2008

"Expand Use of Drug Courts: Obama and Biden will give first-time, non-violent offenders a chance to serve their sentence, where appropriate, in the type of drug rehabilitation programs that have proven to work better than a prison term in changing bad behavior." Source Change.gov The Obama-Biden Transition Team



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