



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF DRUG COURT PROFESSIONALS

Did you know that in California. . .

- *There are over 450 Drug Courts throughout California*
- *There are 56 counties out of 58 that have operational Drug Courts*
- *The annual cost of a convicted felon going to prison costs the state approximately \$47,337*

The annual cost of a drug court participant is \$13,000 – totaling a savings of approximately \$34,000 per participant.

- *The State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs calculated that since FY 04/05 Drug Courts have saved the State of CA \$160M! an increase in savings from the first year this was tracked (\$16 million) to the fifth year (\$55 million). This is based on the number of prison days a drug court participant is facing when they are referred to drug court vs. how many prison days they avoided due to participation in the drug court.*
- *Drug court participants, whether they graduate or not, are 60 % less likely to re-offend*
- *Drug Courts reduce the time that defendants spend in jail and prison*
- *Drug Courts have created and implemented Veteran's Drug Courts during the past year to help our returning soldiers deal with PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) by diverting them out of jail and responding to their unique needs through treatment, not incarceration*
- *Drug treatment courts include: Dependency courts, Mental Health courts, Juvenile Delinquency courts, Family Law courts, Homeless courts, Veterans courts, and Teen Courts.*

DRUG COURTS WORK!!

FACT SHEET

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

Did You Know . . .

- . . . There are 22 drug treatment courts throughout the County of San Bernardino*
- . . . There are five mental health courts, two dependency drug courts, three juvenile drug courts, nine adult drug courts, two homeless courts, and one Veteran's court.*
- . . . Over 7,000 participants have been served over the past 15 years.*
- . . . Approximately 450 participants are provided services each year.*
- . . . More than 50% complete the program with either full time employment or enrolled in a higher education program.*
- . . . Of the graduates, less than 18% re-offend, only 38% re-offend whether they graduated or not, compared to 67% who chose not to participate at all. *(Based on a two year post completion recidivism study.*

2009 FACTS

- . . . Participants paid approximately \$150,000 in client fees. (Weekly fee of \$15.00)*
- . . . Twenty-three non-drug exposed babies were born resulting in potential savings of approximately \$50 million*
- . . . More than 120 children were returned to their clean and sober parents from foster care resulting in a savings of approximately \$5 million*

2008 COST SAVINGS ANALYSIS *

- Average cost per drug court participant: **\$5,744.00**
- Average cost per Traditional Court Offender: **\$12,623.00**
- Cost savings per drug court participant: **\$6,879.00**
- Annual overall savings to the County of San Bernardino: **\$309,555.00**

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* Cost Savings based on San Bernardino Cost Analysis by NPC Research