

Priority:	Safety	Lead Agency:	Community Justice
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating	Program Contact:	Kathleen Treb
Related Programs:			
Frameworks:			

Executive Summary

66% of all offenders arrested test positive for illegal drugs (Knight 2002). Drug diversion (STOP court) contributes to safety by providing outpatient treatment and supervision to nearly 900 adult offenders each year. Independent studies show drug diversion (STOP court) saves the county approximately \$1,400 per offender and results in reduced arrests (NPC Research 2003).

Program Description

The STOP Drug Court is for people charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance treating over 900 drug offenders each year. Offenders who successfully complete treatment and the conditions of the Court are not convicted of the charge. The treatment program works closely with the court to provide mental health and drug treatment, employment resources, housing referrals, mentoring and long-term follow-up services. Offenders may go to court once a week during the first phases of their recovery from addiction decreasing to one time per month as they stabilize.

Program Justification

There is a well-researched link between drug and alcohol abuse and criminal behavior. Knight (2002) indicated that 66% of all offenders arrested test positive for illegal drugs. In 1996, the Department of Justice suggests that nationally 36% of adult offenders were under the influence of alcohol at the time of their offense. The Drug Court is one part of the continuum of treatment that contributes to an effective Public Safety System. Many of the people in Drug Court are not on supervision with the Department of Community Justice. This program provides an opportunity for people charged with illegal drugs to get treatment, be held accountable and hopefully not further penetrate the Public Safety System. This program directly links to Safety priorities by providing drug treatment assistance, collaborating with public and community agencies to use county resources wisely and holds people accountable for their actions.

Performance Measures

- * 50% of engaged clients will successfully complete services.
- * 100% of client's drug tests were negative during the last 30 days of treatment.

Summary of last year's program results and this year's expected results

In 2001, there were almost an equal number of people who successfully (221) and unsuccessfully (221) completed treatment. The successful group had 50 fewer arrests overall than the unsuccessful group – one year after they were first seen at treatment.

Program Mandate: 3 Program Choice but No Funding/Service Level Choice

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Contracts	\$733,000	\$0	\$733,000	\$10,000
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$733,000	\$0	\$733,000	\$10,000
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$37,392	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$82,308	\$21,885
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$119,700	\$21,885
Total GF/non-GF:	\$733,000	\$0	\$852,700	\$31,885
Program Total:	\$733,000		\$884,585	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000

Explanation of Revenues

This program is funded with ITAX funds \$733,000 and some client fees that are still collected by the County and passed through to the service provider \$10,000.

Significant Program Changes