

Everybody works in Drug Court!

Drug use is very difficult to stop. People in Drug Court are working very hard...often harder than they ever have in their lives. It requires tremendous dedication from the professional staff, the clients, and their families to make the transition from addiction to health. Every week in Drug Court, people struggle to put their lives and their families back together...and it is *working!* Come see Drug Court in action!

You can learn more about Drug Courts at the following web sites:

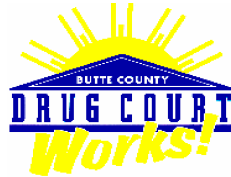
<http://www.american.edu/justice/drugcourts.html>
http://www.ncjrs.org/drug_courts/summary.html
<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/collab/>
<http://www.adp.ca.gov/drgcourt.asp>
<http://www.nadcp.org/>



*Drugs destroy families—
Drug Court can restore them!*

How can I help Drug Court?
Butte County Drug Court only exists because of local support! We could not afford the “match” money to get grants without community donations! Incentives we give to graduates are paid for from community donations. You can help:

- *by donating merchandise for incentives (e.g., gift cards for clothing or food, bus passes, pre-paid gas cards, phone cards, recovery literature, etc.);*
- *by asking your elected officials to support Drug Court;*
- *by working with community agencies that support Drug Court;*
- *by employing Drug Court participants and graduates;*
- *by donating to the Drug Court Trust Fund, c/o of the Chico Chamber of Commerce Community Corporation, 300 Salem Street, Chico, California 95928.*



For further information or for a public speaker to tell your group about Drug court, contact:

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***Butte County
Drug Court***



***Finally, a system that
works to stop drug use!***

A tough, no nonsense program that works!

**Butte County Superior Court
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Butte County Sheriff
Butte County Chiefs of Police
Butte County Public Defenders**

How does Drug Court Work?

Drug Courts were developed in Florida, Oregon and California over the past 10



First: It's the Judge who makes it work!

years. Butte County Drug Court began in 1995. Originally, it was just one of 100 in the United States. Now, the Drug Court movement has swept the entire country and some states have even mandated that every county must have a Drug Court. Drug Courts work because they are designed to intervene in addiction in an aggressive and "no nonsense" manner. They use an intense program of incentives and disincentives for performance. Participants are given the information, treatment, services and other tools required to maintain sobriety, achieve economic independence, and become productive citizens of their communities. Drug Court staff recognize that addiction is a relapse disease. Early relapse is an expected event, but is sanctioned. Depending on the behavior, sanctions can range from stern admonishment from the judge to being placed into immediate custody and spending 24 hours or more at the County Jail. The ultimate sanction is to be dropped from the program and sentenced to state prison.

Program participants earn points for each activity they perform. While doing these activities, these participants learn good work habits!

How does it work, cont.

The protocol demands mandatory weekly counseling, individual sessions with a probation officer, life skills counseling, clean drug tests (at least 2 times per week), a minimum payment of fees, and attendance at 12-Step (NA/AA) or other community based recovery group meetings.

In addition, Probation Officers do unannounced home visits and conduct random drug testing.

Participants return to court frequently to see the Judge who is carefully monitoring their progress. For good performance, there are rewards, such as graduation to another level, and a reduction in the program fee. For poor performance, additional measures such as residential treatment, jail time, or program termination are imposed. If the participant is successful, they graduate from Drug Court, earning a graduation certificate, a **Drug Court Works** plaque with a photograph of them with Drug Court Judge Phillip Glassman, and as a reminder, a copy of their original booking photograph from their arrest. The transformation is amazing! They may also have their probation terminated early.



How do we know it works?

Few Drug Court graduates are rearrested. Independent evaluations estimate Butte County Drug Court's recidivism rate at less than 15%. This is far better than the 80% recidivism rate we have come to expect in criminal justice. Plus, we have had 27 drug-free babies born in Drug Court !

Drug Court participants have been convicted of non-violent felonies and are at risk of being sentenced to state prison. Drug Court is usually their last chance to avoid state prison and often their only hope to reunite with their children and families. They are:



Who is in Drug Court?

- Residents of Butte County;
- Males and females between 18 and 63;
- Addicted to and using more than one drug including methamphetamine, marijuana, heroin, cocaine, LSD, mushrooms, and prescription drugs;
- Representative of a cross-section of Butte County's population – ethnically and socio-economically.
- Saving Butte County and California taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars per year by choosing to participate in Drug Court and become drug-free.

Who supports Drug Court?

- ♦ **Local officials**
- ♦ **Local law enforcement**
- ♦ **Local treatment providers**
- ♦ **Local businesses**
- ♦ **Local service groups**
- ♦ **Enloe Hospital Foundation**