

TREATMENT COURTS COORDINATING COMMISSION

Treatment Court Fact Sheet

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Why Treatment Courts?



Proven cost-effective method of diverting offenders from incarceration in prisons



Lower the recidivism rate of offenders when compared with either incarceration or probation



Allow offenders to remain in the community, to work, pay taxes, support families



Reduce the number of babies born prenatally exposed to drugs/alcohol, saving the state millions of dollars in lifetime costs



Reduce crime and the need for foster care



Help ensure child support payments are made

MISSOURI TREATMENT COURT HISTORY

1993 • **Jackson County**
 The first treatment court started in 1993 in Jackson County

First Legislation

1998

The first legislation for Missouri treatment court passed in 1998

2010 • **DWI Court**

Legislation was passed in 2010 to establish DWI court dockets which allowed for limited driving privileges to be issued to participants and graduates of a DWI court in Missouri

Veterans Treatment Courts

2013

Legislation was passed in 2013 to establish veterans treatment courts

2018 • **Treatment Court Standards**

Legislation was passed in 2018 to further define all treatment court models and provide for the development of treatment court standards

MISSOURI TREATMENT COURT PROGRAMS



Juvenile Treatment Courts
 Serving 5 counties



DWI Courts
 Serving 29 counties



Adult Treatment Courts
 Serving 101 counties



Veterans Treatment Courts
 Serving 39 counties



Family Treatment Courts
 Serving 20 counties

As of June 2022, 44 judicial circuits had the following treatment court programs:

SAVE LIVES



+2,021
 current active participants



+26,083
 treatment court graduates



1,234
 drug-free babies born to treatment court participants

ADDRESS ISSUES



In 2022, 2,181 Missourians lost their lives to an opioid overdose (includes heroin and prescription opioids). Source: [Department of Health and Senior Services](#)

As of December 31, 2016, there were 32,461 offenders in Missouri state prisons. Of these, 7,422 had drug or DWI convictions. Source: [Missouri DOC Annual Report 2016](#)

