

LOUISIANA DRUG COURTS

As of January 1, 2014, there are 50 operational drug court programs in Louisiana. Each program is comprised of a drug court team which is led by a drug court judge and includes a drug court coordinator, treatment staff, prosecutor(s), public defender(s), law enforcement representative(s), case manager(s), and others who work together to ensure that the program operates according to all applicable standards and policies.

Louisiana's drug courts are demanding programs that require frequent drug testing, intensive treatment, judicial oversight, and community supervision and support to ensure the best possible outcomes for offenders with substance abuse problems. While more intensive, these programs are typically less expensive and ultimately more effective than those associated with involvement in traditional correction and supervision settings.

Jurisdictions interested in establishing a drug court program must go through extensive training related to program design, drug testing, substance abuse treatment, drug court case management, and grant fund administration. Once a new program is established, all team members have access to a wide variety of continuing education opportunities on topics ranging from the latest in drug testing protocols to recent advances in pharmacological science and research regarding best practices in treatment.

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LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT DRUG COURT PROGRAM

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SUPREME COURT DRUG COURT OFFICE

Funds for Louisiana's drug courts are administered by the Supreme Court Drug Court Office (SCDCO). The SCDCO awards funds annually to programs and monitors each program's operations throughout the year.

The SCDCO works with the Louisiana Association of Drug Court Professionals, the Office of Behavioral Health, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, the Office of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Children and Family Services, and other State and Federal partners to ensure accountability and promote best practices in existing drug court programs. The office also assists with the planning efforts of jurisdictions interested in establishing new drug court programs.

KEY COMPONENTS

Louisiana's drug courts are based on the following key components for drug courts developed by the U.S. Department of Justice. These components serve as a touchstone for program planning, operations, and evaluation.

- Drug courts integrate alcohol and other drug treatment services with justice system case processing.
- Using a non-adversarial approach, prosecution and defense counsel promote public safety while protecting participants' due process rights.
- Eligible participants are identified early and promptly placed in the drug court program.
- Drug courts provide access to a continuum of alcohol, drug, and other related treatment and rehabilitation services.
- Abstinence is monitored by frequent testing for alcohol and other drugs.
- A coordinated strategy governs drug court responses to participants' compliance.
- Ongoing judicial interaction with each drug court participant is essential.
- Monitoring and evaluation measure the achievement of program goals and gauge effectiveness.
- Continuing interdisciplinary education promotes effective drug court planning, implementation, and operations.
- Forging partnerships among drug courts, public agencies, and community-based organizations generates local support and enhances drug court program effectiveness.

GRADUATE QUOTES

"I know today that I am worth all that I aspire to become."

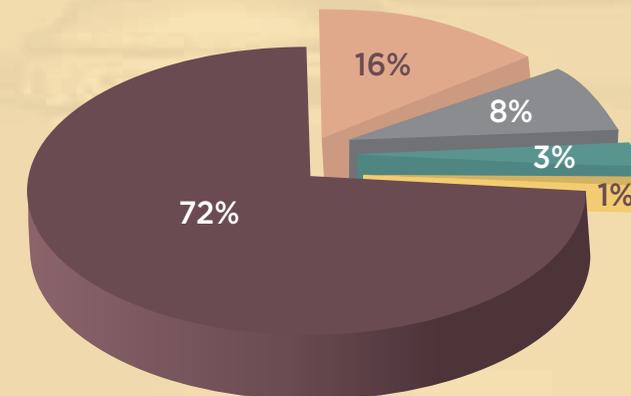
"For once I was being an adult and counting on myself instead of others."

"Because I came back a stronger and sober mom, I will no longer take those simple moments for granted."

"You all have been there for me every step of this journey and I thank you so much for giving me the chance to become the mother my children needed."

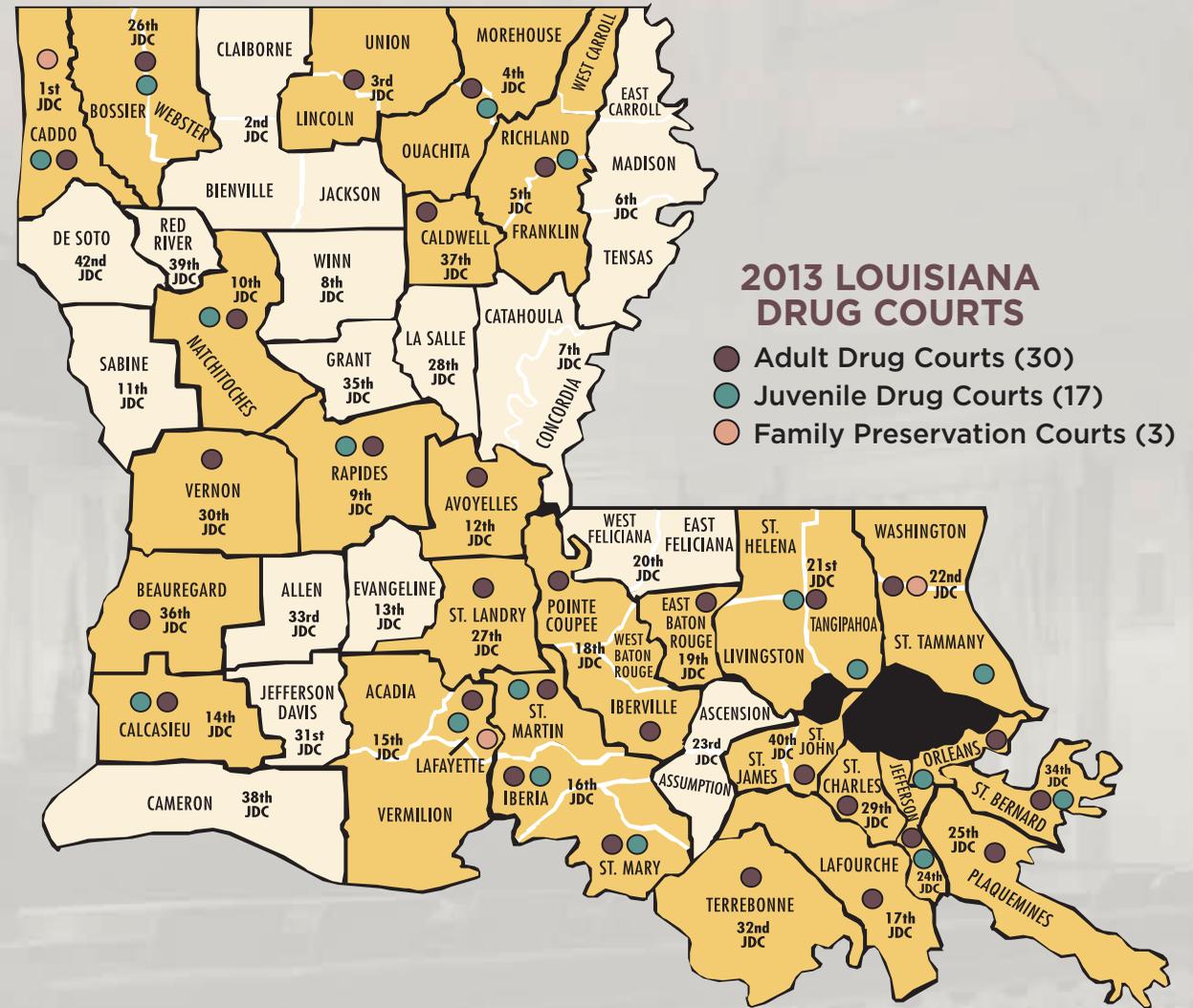
2013 DRUG COURT EXPENDITURES

- Treatment & Participant Services
- Administration
- Office Expense
- Training and Development
- Equipment, Evaluation, and Miscellaneous Expenses



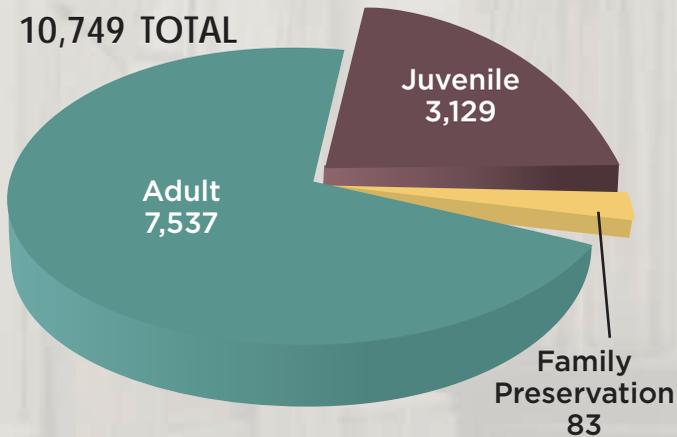
PROGRAM SUCCESSES

Drug Free Babies in 2013	54	In 2013, 54 drug-free babies were born to drug court clients for an estimated cost savings of \$13,500,000 to the State of Louisiana which is based on estimated medical and related expenses of \$250,000 per baby in the first few years of life.
Total Drug Free Babies Born	503	Since the inception of drug courts in Louisiana, 503 drug-free babies have been born to drug court clients, for an estimated total cost savings of \$125,750,000 . (Office of Justice Programs, 1997).
Drug Court Recidivism Rates	4.90%	95.1% of the 2010 Drug Court graduates have remained free of additional convictions 2 years after graduation.
GED/Full Time Employment	437	The number of clients who graduated in 2013, who earned their GED or are now employed full time after being unemployed or without a GED at the time of program admission.



DRUG COURT GRADUATES 1997-2013

10,749 TOTAL



2013 GRADUATE SUCCESSES

	Adult	Juvenile	Family Preservation
Graduates	606	94	31
Average Days Sober	726	445	329
Average Months in Program	24	15	11

2013 DRUG COURT PARTICIPANTS

	Adult	Juvenile	Family Preservation
Individual Participants Served	4,046	534	110
Individuals Screened	2,067	424	130
New Participants Admitted	1,525	272	76
Treatment Hours Administered	295,757	18,268	4,690
Drug Tests Administered	171,472	15,233	2,433

2013 PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS

