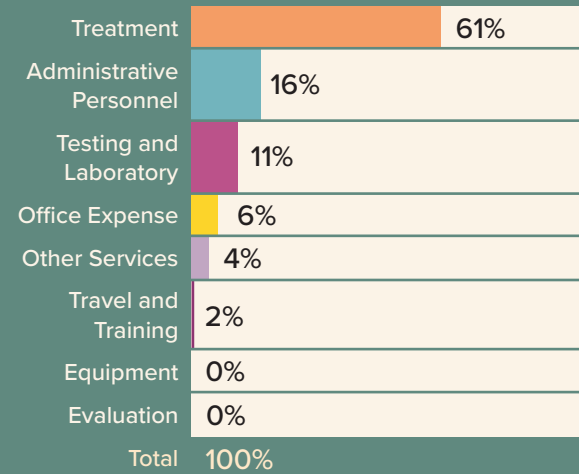


LOUISIANA DRUG AND SPECIALTY COURTS

Funds for Louisiana’s drug and specialty courts are primarily appropriated by the Louisiana Legislature and administered by the Supreme Court Drug and Specialty Court Office (SCDSCO). The SCDSCO awards funds annually to programs and monitors each program’s operations throughout the year.

EXPENDITURES



The SCDSCO works with Federal and State partners, such as the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, the Dept. of Children and Family Services, the LA Dept. of Health, and the LA Highway Safety Commission, to ensure accountability and promote best practices in existing specialty court programs. The office also assists with planning efforts of jurisdictions establishing new specialty court programs.

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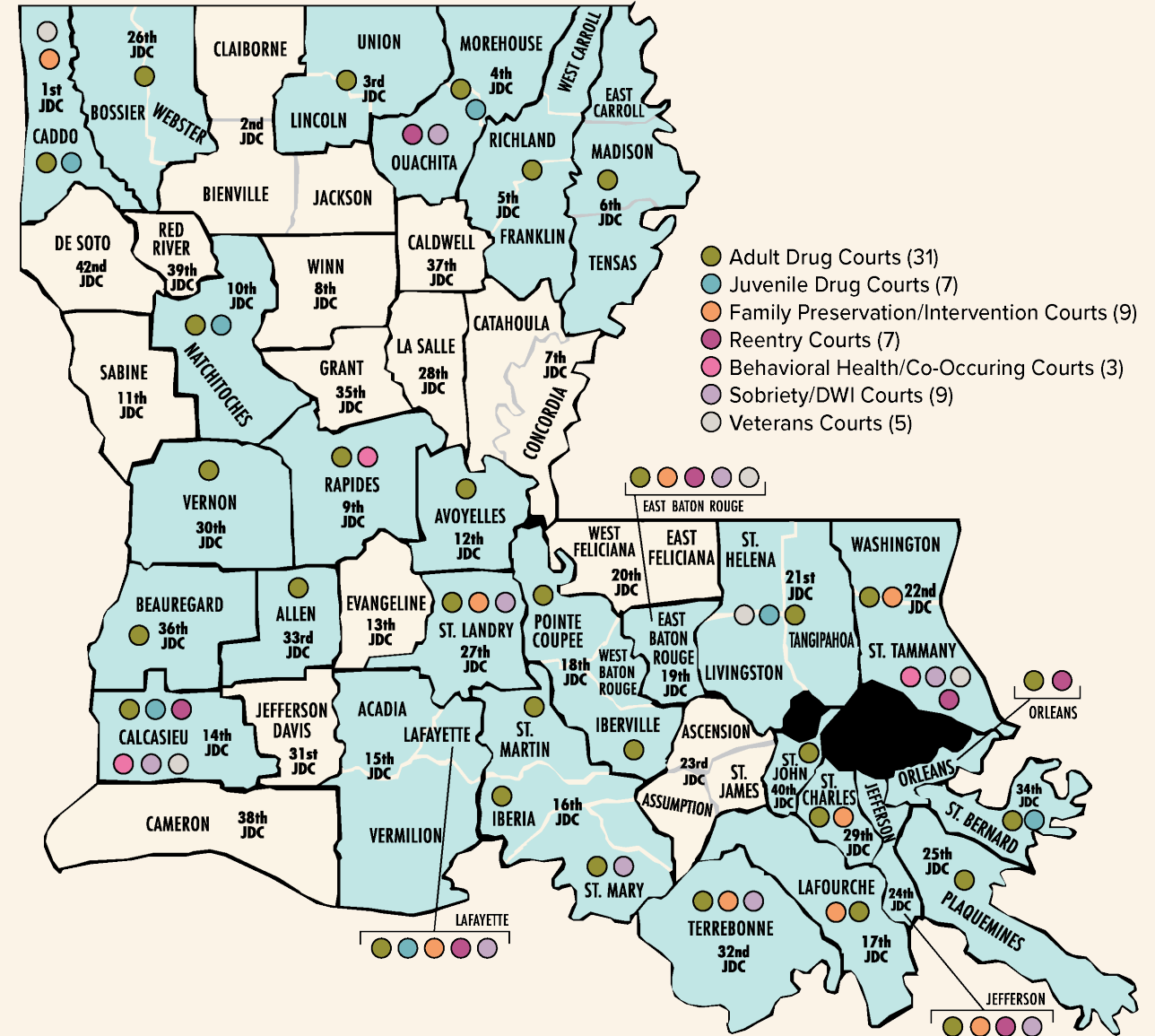
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LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT DRUG AND SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAM

2023

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In 2022, there were 71 operational specialty courts in Louisiana. These include Drug Courts, Family Preservation/Intervention Courts, Reentry Courts, Behavioral Health/Co-Occurring Courts, Sobriety/DWI Courts and Veterans Courts. These courts are led by a judge who works with a team of experts to ensure that they operate according to appropriate standards and policies. The SCDSCO is committed to providing necessary training to specialty court judges and team members, and has offered over twelve trainings in 2022.

Drug and Specialty Courts Work

"Addiction isn't measured in grams or fluid ounces; it's measured by the amount of harm we cause our family and ourselves. When my son was born, family preservation court presented to me an opportunity to change the direction of my life. I am grateful to have capitalized and restored health, relationships, and full custody of my son."

- 2022 32nd JDC Family Preservation Court Graduate

"I have gained so much from this time in Drug Court. I don't ever want to be that person I used to be. I have self-esteem, the respect of my family back, a new car & bought a house. I pay my bills on time & I love my life."

- 2022 26th JDC Adult Drug Court Graduate

"The Drug Court program has been a life changing experience for me because without this program I can assure you that I would have never pulled my life together."

- 2022 5th JDC Adult Drug Court Graduate

PARTICIPANTS

Individuals Screened

2,923

New Participants Admitted

1,944

Participants Served

4,485

SERVICES

Treatment Hours
245,049

Multi-Panel Drug Tests
137,220

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

869
Participants Found Employment

308
Participants Obtained Secure Housing



37,924
Community Service Hours Performed by Participants

17
Participants Obtained GED/HISET

GRADUATES

788 ✓
Participants Completed a Specialty Court Program

21
Average Months in a Specialty Court Program

18,580
Graduates Since Inception

RECIDIVISM

6%
RECIDIVISM RATE



94%
Remained Free of New Convictions 3 Years After Graduation

DRUG-FREE BIRTHS

2022
46 Drug Free Babies Born to Specialty Court Participants
for an Estimated Savings of **\$11,500,000**

SINCE INCEPTION
969 TOTAL Recorded Drug-Free Births
TOTAL SAVINGS = \$242,250,000

*The cost of care and treatment for each child born addicted to drugs is estimated to be approximately \$250,000 for the first year of life (Office of Justice Programs, 1997).