

# Springfield Municipal Adult Rehabilitation and Treatment Court



## SMART Court

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- Grant to help implement and develop our program through September 2027.
- We join more than 4,000 treatment courts nationwide.
- We serve as the court for all misdemeanors in the City of Springfield.
- 2022 test screening of individuals in the Springfield Jail found 16/20 met the high risk/high need criteria.
- Developed relationships with program partners such as treatment, prosecution, defense attorneys and the Springfield Police Department.



Our program  
began accepting  
referrals in  
January 2024:

Over 40 individuals  
screened since February

15 participants enrolled

FTA most common reason  
for non-enrollment

More on the way!

# Who are our participants?

- **Members of the Springfield and Lane County communities**
- **Gender:** 8 women, 7 men
- **Ages:** 22 to 51
  - Median age 29.5
- At **significant risk** for committing new crimes or not completing less intensive dispositions
- **Moderate to severe substance use disorders**
  - Average age of first substance use: **12 years old**. Earliest is 5 years old. All 18 or under.
  - Multiple previous treatment attempts
- Many also have **high social service needs** that put them at risk for recidivism:
  - Trauma
  - Unstable housing, or unsafe living situations
  - Less than 12<sup>th</sup> grade education
  - Minimal employment
  - Involved with the DHS/Child Welfare system

# What kinds of charges are we talking about?

- **18 DUIIs** – just in our court!
  - 7 participants with 2 or more DUIIs
- **Property crimes** – Theft or Credit Card Fraud
- **Person crimes** – Menacing, Harassment, Resisting Arrest
- Other pending criminal cases in several other courts

So, besides the participants, who benefits from a program like this...?



# You do!

Anyone who owns a business,  
pays taxes, or drives the  
streets of Springfield.

Research by All Rise shows that  
treatment courts produce  
benefits of **\$6,208** per  
participant and return up to  
**\$27 for every \$1 invested!**

# How is this different from standard court?



## Increased supervision

Dedicated probation officer  
Weekly courtroom check-ins



## Mandatory treatment

Minimum of 13 hours a week  
Random urinalysis tests  
Structured progress



## Trained team members

Following the national best  
practice standards

# Court Frequency

- Our program sees individuals 1x a week
- Slowly progresses as the individuals advance through treatment
- Structured sanctions to get individuals on the right track
  - Essays, community service, road crew, jail, etc.
- Incentives are provided for appropriate behaviors.
  - Best practice is 3:1, 10:1 is even better!



# A Brief Overview of the Court Phases

## Phase 1 – Acute Stabilization and Orientation

Weekly court attendance;  
Random drug testing (at least 2x/week)

Follow treatment plan, comply w/ probation

Minimum of 4 weeks in phase



## Phase 2 – Psychosocial Stabilization

Weekly court attendance;  
Random drug testing (at least 2x/week)

Continue addressing SU, MH and medical needs

Minimum total 8 weeks in phase with  
14 consecutive days of sobriety



## Phase 3 – Prosocial Habilitation

Bi-weekly court attendance;  
Random drug testing (at least 2x/week)

Continue in treatment; Demonstrate changing people,  
places, and things

Minimum total 12 weeks in phase with  
30 consecutive days of sobriety



## Phase 4 – Life Skills

Tri-weekly court attendance;  
Random drug testing (at least 2x/week)

Continue in treatment; maintain prosocial activity;  
begin school or employment

Minimum total 12 weeks in phase with  
30 consecutive days of sobriety



## Phase 5 – Recovery Management

Monthly court attendance;  
Random drug testing (at least 2x/week)

Continue in treatment; Develop continuity of care  
plan; Build recovery capital

Minimum total 12 months in program with  
120 consecutive days of sobriety



## Data shows— treatment courts work

- Numerous studies indicate treatment courts work and reduce recidivism (the likelihood to commit new crimes).
- A review of five independent meta-analyses concluded that drug courts significantly reduce crime by an average of 8 to 26 percentage points;
- Well-administered drug courts were found to reduce crime rates by as much as 35 percent, compared to traditional case dispositions. (White House archives)

# Our Goals

Effect

Have an effective treatment court focusing on high risk and high need individuals



Reduce

Reduce recidivism rates by addressing the root issues and causes



Provide

Provide a productive outlet before individuals commit additional offenses that harm, negatively impact, or damage our community

# Meet our SMART Team partners:

Judge- **James Tierney**

Court Coordinator- **Erin Selvey**

Main Prosecutor- **Matt Dahlstrom**

Defense Attorney- **Cathy Ouellette**

Probation Officer- **Gina Clark, Lane County P & P**

Case Management- **Tonya Cochran, QRA**

SPD Officer Liaison- **Kirsten Cardwell**

Treatment with **EMERGENCE** Addiction Services

# ***Ask us your questions!***

If you think of more questions after today, please email them to Judge Tierney and Erin.

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