

Specialty Courts: 2024 Annual Fact Sheet

Program Overview:

- Specialty Courts provide treatment-based alternatives to traditional criminal justice processes.
- Specialty Courts in Genesee County:
 - Adult Felony Recovery Court
 - Mental Health Court
 - Veterans Treatment Court
 - Family Dependency Treatment Court

Mission: To reduce recidivism, promote public safety, and support rehabilitation by addressing the root causes of criminal behavior.

2024 Adult Felony Recovery Court Program Statistics:

- **Participants Admitted:** 152
- **Graduation Rate:** 37%
- **Termination Rate:** 20%
- **Ongoing Participants:** 43%

Demographics:

- 64% Male | 36% Female
- Age Range: 21 - 66 years
- 26% identified as minorities

Drug Testing Compliance:

- Tests Administered: 22,344
- Negative (Appropriate) Results: 90%
- Positive (Inappropriate) Results: 10%

Recidivism Rates:

- 12-month post-graduation re-arrest rate: 14%
- Compared to 23% for non-participants

Cost Savings Estimate:

- Jail bed days saved 2024: 52,480
 - Estimated taxpayer savings: ~\$3,000,000
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Attorney's Role in Specialty Courts:

- Educate clients on program benefits and expectations
- Advocate during review hearings
- Collaborate with the court team to promote client success

Key Challenges:

- Emerging drug trends (e.g., xylazine, ketamine, psilocybin)
 - Funding needs for expanded drug testing
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