

NORTHERN HILLS DRUG COURT PROGRAM – QUARTERLY REPORT

This quarterly report includes all data commensurate from October 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009. Subsequent data reporting will be reflective from January 1, 2020, through March 31, 2010.

BUDGET: (Data provided by the Unified Judicial System Budget and Finance Office)

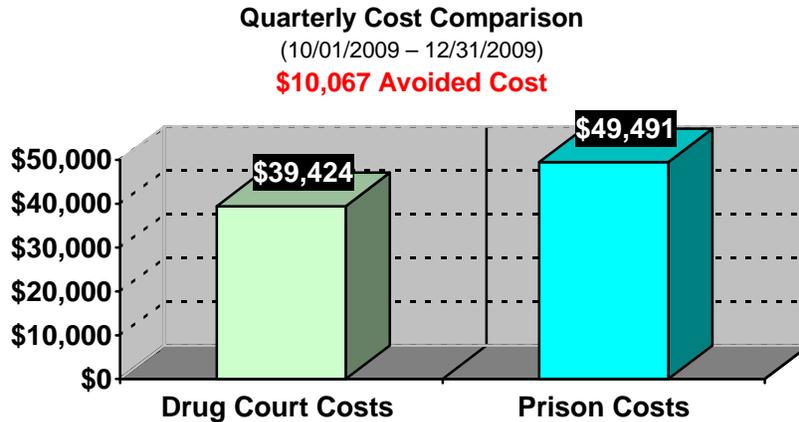
QUARTERLY EXPENDITURES - Costs to the UJS	
Personal Services	\$27,585.37
Contractual Services	\$4,992.02
Travel	\$2,830.71
Supplies and Materials	\$440.25
Capital Assets	\$116.42
Total Expenditures	\$39,424.45

AVOIDED QUARTERLY INCARCERATION COSTS: (DOC daily costs)

Female - \$69.35 / Male - \$64.74

Population (quarterly days in program)	Avoided DOC Costs
Participant 9 (68 days - Male)	\$4,402.32
Participant 11 (49 days - Male)	\$3,172.26
Participant 12 (92 days - Female)	\$6,380.20
Participant 13 (92 days - Male)	\$5,956.08
Participant 15 (92 days - Male)	\$5,956.08
Participant 17 (92 days - Male)	\$5,956.08
Participant 18 (92 days – Male)	\$5,956.08
Participant 19 (92 days – Male)	\$5,956.08
Participant 20 (6 days – Female)	\$416.10
Participant 21 (38 days – Female)	\$2,635.30
Participant 22 (24 days – Female)	\$1,664.40

Participant 23 (15 days – Female)	\$1,040.25
Total Avoided DOC Costs	\$49,491.23 (this quarter)



INTANGIBLE BENEFITS:

Participants remain a member of their family and connected to a broader Northern Hills area community. Participants are required to support themselves and family members to the best of their ability. Every participant is required to find and maintain a full-time schedule consisting of employment and approved educational opportunities. Community Service is supplemented, at times up to 40 hours per week, until this requirement is fulfilled. Participants are forced to generate income, pay local and federal taxes, pay child support, and are typically paying rent and fulfilling rental agreements.

In addition, thirteen children were able to maintain connections with their respective participant parent(s) during this reporting period. Two of these children currently remain in a foster care placement. The Drug Court Program and the Department of Social Services are working collaboratively toward the reunification of these children to their mother. Family preservation and establishing positive community connections assist in the rehabilitation of each participant.

AVOIDED QUARTERLY FOSTER CARE COSTS: (DSS basic foster care rates)

Age 0-12: \$15.43 / Age 13-18: \$18.53

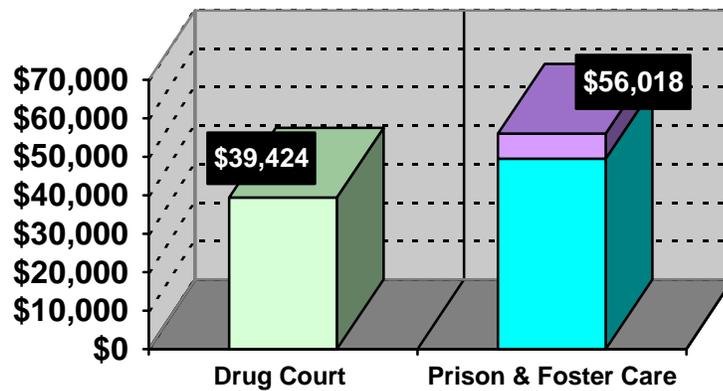
Population (quarterly days in program)	Avoided DSS Foster Care Costs
Participant 9 (69 days) Child 1: Age 0-12	\$1,064.67
Participant 12 (92 days) Child 1: Age 0-12 / Child 2: Age 0-12	\$2,839.12
Participant 15 (92 days) Child 1: Age 0-12	\$1,419.56

Participant 19 (32 days since birth) Child 1: Age 0-12	\$493.76
Participant 21 (38 days) Child 1: Age 0-12 / Child 2: Age 0-12	\$1,172.68
Participant 23 (15 days) Child 1: Age 0-12 / Child 2: Age 0-12	(-\$462.90) Children currently in DSS custody
Total Avoided DSS Foster Care Costs	\$6,526.89 (this quarter)

Quarterly Cost Comparison

(10/01/2009 – 12/31/2009)

\$16,594 Avoided Cost



TREATMENT COSTS: (Each participant is responsible for 1/3 of all costs)

Population	Participant Cost	UJS Cost
Participant 1 (Graduated 09/12/2008)	0.00	0.00
Participant 2 (Graduated 05/15/2009)	0.00	0.00
Participant 3 (Graduated 11/25/2008)	0.00	0.00
Participant 4 (Graduated 11/24/2008)	0.00	0.00
Participant 5 (Graduated 09/01/2009)	0.00	0.00
Participant 6 (Graduated 01/13/2009)	0.00	0.00
Participant 7 (Graduated 04/07/2009)	0.00	0.00
Participant 8 (Graduated 09/01/2009)	0.00	0.00
Participant 9 (Oct., Nov., Dec.)	\$15.64	\$31.28

Participant 10 (Terminated 09/23/2008)	0.00	0.00
Participant 11 (Oct., Nov.)	\$19.55	\$39.09
Participant 12 (Oct., Nov., Dec.)	\$164.21	\$328.42
Participant 13 (Oct., Nov., Dec.)	\$160.30	\$320.60
Participant 14 (Terminated 02/10/2009)	0.00	0.00
Participant 15 (Oct., Nov., Dec.)	\$168.11	\$336.20
Participant 16 (Terminated 06/02/2009)	0.00	0.00
Participant 17 (Oct., Nov., Dec.)	\$152.49	\$304.98
Participant 18 (Oct., Nov., Dec.)	\$416.32	\$832.63
Participant 19 (Oct., Nov., Dec.)	\$426.10	\$852.17
Participant 20 (Serving jail sentence)	0.00	0.00
Participant 21 (DHS inpatient treatment)	0.00	0.00
Participant 22 (December only)	\$128.99	\$257.97
Participant 23 (December only)	\$77.63	\$156.34
Total Treatment Costs	\$1,729.34 (participant responsibility)	\$3,459.68 (included in total UJS expenditures)

PARTICIPANT STATUS:

Eligibility in the Drug Court Program requires approval from the Prosecuting Attorney, pursuant to a formalized plea agreement. Prosecutors must refer a defendant to the Drug Court. Prospective participants may be recommended by other entities of the Court System including individual offenders, extended family members, Court Services Officers, and defense attorneys.

From October 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009, the program received five new applicants, and had one applicant pending from the last reporting period. Two applicants were formally referred by the Meade County State's Attorney, one applicant by the Lawrence County State's Attorney, one applicant from the Attorney General's Office, resulting in four new Participants added to the Drug Court Program. One applicant remains pending upon completion of this report, as her admission to the program has yet to be determined by the team. She is scheduled for a Change of Plea Hearing on January 11, 2010. One applicant withdrew her application, as she did not meet minimum eligibility criteria.

Four potential applicants are currently outstanding at this time. Three defense attorneys and one Court Service Officer are actively in communication with the Coordinator at this time. Two of the four have retrieved applications and are actively mediating with the prospective prosecuting attorneys, at the time of submitting this report.

TEN KEY COMPONENTS OF DRUG COURT:

Dade County Florida began the first Drug Court Program in response to their judicial system's flooding of substance abusing offenders. The overflow in jail populations resulted in numerous addicts with frequent judicial intervention. Over the last twenty years, ten key components have been established to ensure a successful Drug Court Program.

1. Integrate treatment with justice system case processing;
2. Provide a non-adversarial approach to protect public safety and protect participants' due process rights;
3. Identify eligible participants early and place them promptly in drug court/treatment;
4. Provide access to a continuum of treatment and rehabilitation;
5. Monitor abstinence by frequent alcohol and other drug testing;
6. Coordinate the response to participants' compliance through sanctions and incentives;
7. Provide ongoing judicial interaction with each participant;
8. Monitor and evaluate the achievement of program goals and effectiveness;
9. Provide continuing inter-disciplinary education to guide planning, implementation, and operations;
10. Forge partnerships among drug courts, public agencies, and community based organizations.

INTENSIVE SUPERVISION: (Key Component #4, #5, #7)

4,613 documented contacts were accumulated between October 1, 2009, and December 31, 2009. Contacts include curfew checks, telephone contacts, field visits to include random home visitations, collateral contacts, written correspondence, and office visits. 607 face-to-face contacts were documented with the participants to include random home visits, employment contacts, and general community contacts.

DRUG TESTING: (Key Component #4, #5)

301 drug tests were administered from October 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009, within the Northern Hills Drug Court Program. All 301 tests in this reporting period were negative. All participants are required to submit to random search and seizure of their person, place, and property to include their breath, blood, and bodily fluids. Participants are held to minimum testing standards to include at least one drug test every 72-hours. One participant was authorized to wear a Drug Patch for five days while traveling out of state for the Christmas holiday.

INCENTIVES/SANCTIONS: (Key Component #6)

Two participants graduated from the Drug Court Program during this reporting period, to include formal ceremonies, completion certificates, and receptions. Four participants are in Phase I, three in Phase II, two in Phase III, and one in Phase IV. From October 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009, four participants received promotion and recognition medallions. One participant recently became a father and received dining certificates and movie coupons. In addition, weekly court sessions include applause for sobriety milestones and general life achievements.

Four participants received sanctions within this reporting period, one of which has accumulated four sanctions in this time. This individual received consequences on two occasions for having contact with unauthorized associates, being dishonest to his Court Service Officer regarding his current whereabouts, and failing to make a mandatory curfew call. Sanctions for this individual included one week of House Arrest, one night in jail, loss of seven days in his current phase, loss of all days in his current phase, and five nights of local incarceration with work release. Two other participants received consequences for unauthorized visitors. One participant lost all days in her current phase and 48 hours incarceration. The other participant lost the privilege of any visitors for a one-week's time. The fourth participant was sanctioned to one week House Arrest for not being accountable to his weekly itinerary. Graduated responses are utilized for repeated behaviors, and all responses take in consideration of the entire incident, behavior, and life factors at hand.

COURT HEARINGS: (Key Component #1, #2, #7)

Thirteen court appearances were held; coupled with thirteen official team meetings discussing each participant's weekly events, sobriety milestones, treatment achievements, support group meetings, and any challenges or adversity they may have overcome. Each participant is required to verify a minimum of two weekly AA/NA meeting attendances to the Judge and report on any challenges or stressors they may have encountered. The requirement is for three weekly meetings in absence of a verified sponsor. All team meetings and court appearances include staff members of Northern Hills Alcohol and Drug, reporting compliance with treatment goals, counseling, and all progress concerns.

EVALUATION: (Key Component #8)

Roland Loudenburg with Mountain Plains Evaluation met with the Drug Court staff and attended a Drug Court Team meeting during this reporting period. Each participant is required to sign a release of information authorizing communication with his research firm. His firm receives Adverse Event forms regarding any participant adversity that may trigger relapse. In addition, each participant completes an ASI-Lite Assessment at program intake, upon completing Intensive Outpatient Treatment, and again at program completion. Exit Interviews are completed at the end of Intensive Outpatient Treatment and upon program completion. In addition, the Center of Epidemiological Studies Depression Scale (CES-D), Interpersonal Support Evaluation List (ISEL), The Family Adaptation, Partnership, Growth, Affection, and Resolve (FAPGAR), University of

Rhode Island Change Assessment Form (URICA), and the Methamphetamine Abstinence Self-Efficacy Scale (MASE), assessments are completed on four occasions while in the Northern Hills Drug Court Program.

TRAINING/NETWORKING: (Key Components #9, #10, #3)

The Drug Court Probation Officer remains active within the Court Services Department, as a leader on the Motivational Interviewing and LSI-Assessment Team. The Drug Court Probation Officer is able to experience all training enhancements offered by the Court Services Department. The Drug Court Coordinator currently remains active on the UJS-technological team, as well as, training opportunities offered through the State Court Administrator's Office, to include the Leadership Institute.

The Northern Hills Drug Court Team remains active within the local community and its activities. The program was represented at a local Halloween activity for children and families as well as ongoing networking with the local Crisis Intervention Shelter, Action for the Betterment of the Community, and have recently began planning for activities with the "Just Say No Club" at Sturgis Elementary School. The Drug Court welcomed visitors to observe team meetings and/or Drug Court sessions from the State Court Administrator's Office, the Department of Social Services, a representative from Senator Tim Johnson's Washington DC staff, and several local defense attorneys within this reporting period. Ongoing information and communication is also received from membership in the National Association for Drug Court Professionals.

Ongoing outreach continues with local attorneys, Circuit Court Judges, and the Fourth Judicial Court Services Department. All four of our newest participants were identified within the PSI process and immediately directed to the Drug Court Program. One of these participants received credit for time served and was released directly to the Drug Court Supervision.

PARTICIPANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Participant 9 graduated from the drug court program on December 9, 2009. He began his endeavors after nearly a decade of unemployment. After months of mentorship, resume building, and community service, he became a full time employee for the State of South Dakota. He took ownership and pride with this position, treasuring insurance benefits, holiday pay, and paid vacations. At his graduation ceremony, he spoke allegorically about beginning a new chapter in life, excluding the use of drugs and alcohol, and fully including his wife and two children.

Participant 11 graduated from drug court on November 17, 2009. This quiet young man maintained stable employment and continues to reside with his parents in Spearfish. Postgraduate goals include continuing his connections toward athletics and golf, and eventually moving to North Carolina for employment within his brother's construction company.

Participant 12 is still pursuing full custody of her other son who is living with a legal guardian. She is anxiously awaiting custody hearings, and acknowledges the poor

parenting skills she once portrayed. Her connection to her children and challenges of single parenting fill her weekly courtroom discussion. This participant is working fulltime in the field of home repair and general home remodeling projects.

Participant 13 struggled with compliance; however, after enduring admonishment from the Drug Court Judge he has realigned his priorities. He is invested in the AA Program and is actively involved as a group leader and organizer. He admits struggling with authority and vows the AA program helps his acceptance. He is maintaining stable residence and employment as an electrician.

Participant 15 was laid-off for the winter from his construction job on November 13. After a brief period of unemployment, he secured a position as a lift operator at a local ski resort, supplemented with a second job involving snow removal. Because both are weather dependent, he also is required to perform community service to maintain fulltime status. This participant began coursework at Black Hills State University in the 2009 fall semester, however halted these endeavors due to poor academic progress. He vocalizes ambition to return to schooling, acknowledging he was not motivated enough to remain in good standing. He has made remarkable progress in his choice of clothing attire, and remains cognizant of his appearance. He reached a one-year sobriety milestone on December 12, 2009.

Participant 17 successfully earned a fulltime working schedule with his employer. For months, he worked part-time hours, supplemented with community service at the local food bank. From his entrance in the program, this participant has vocalized his cravings to consume marijuana. He began consuming various herbal teas in hopes of catching a “natural high.” The treatment team abolished these “natural obsessions” and this participant appears to be very well at this point in the program. He successfully obtained housing assistance and has now obtained independence from his family upon establishing his own apartment in December of 2009.

Participant 18 is employed at a local meat processing plant and assists his mother on the weekends with her cleaning business. He is very involved with his 8-yr-old daughter and maintains daily visitation. This participant has identified having anger issues and actively uses his treatment tools to recognize and neutralize escalating behavior. He has taken a leadership role in a new NA group, and frequents multiple twelve steps meetings weekly, and at times even daily.

Participant 19 became a new father on November 30, 2009. Although he is working fulltime, his family continues to struggle financially. He has come to the realization that it will take years to pay off the accumulated monetary debt associated with his drug abuse. This participant is invested in his sobriety and new family. He attends at least four AA/NA meetings each week and is committed to being a good and “present” father for his little girl.

Participant 20 was sentenced to drug court on October 28, 2009 and served a 60-day penitentiary sentence. She was released from the women’s penitentiary on December 23,

2009, and was not allowed to return to the dependency of her boyfriend. With the assistance of her grandmother, she has now obtained a fully furnished local apartment. Preparation is underway for employment and parenting for her two elementary aged children. She remains busy completing community service and attending twelve step meetings.

Participant 21 was admitted into the program on November 28, 2009, and acknowledged to being fully dependent on intravenous methamphetamine usage. After serving a local jail sentence, she was admitted to the Keystone Treatment Center in Canton, SD where she is actively engaged at inpatient treatment. Preparation was made for her mother to care for her two small children; in addition, she will be appearing in Drug Court sessions telephonically while in treatment. The Division of Alcohol and Drug are funding this participant's treatment costs.

Participant 22 is our youngest participant at the age of 19. She joined our participants on December 7, 2009, after violating her felony probation. Her grandmother was identified as her most stable extended family member, and she was immediately released from incarceration to reside with her grandmother with Drug Court supervision. She resumed employment as a server in Deadwood, SD, although typically supplemented with Community Service at the YMCA in Lead and Sturgis Community Center.

Participant 23 joined the Drug Court on December 16, 2009, and is serving a 30-day sentence in the Meade County Jail. She comes to the program with her husband returning to prison on a parole violation and multiple new felonies. The two children were removed from the home at the time of the couple's arrest. Collaborative efforts have been initiated with the Department of Social Services regarding goals of reunification of these children. This participant was allowed to attend a job interview and begin treatment while serving her jail sentence. After struggling with honesty, she was admonished in Court and temporarily lost all contact privileges. Once reinstated, she was accompanied to a job interview and has subsequently been offered a fulltime employment opportunity.