

NORTHERN HILLS DRUG COURT PROGRAM – QUARTERLY REPORT

This quarterly report includes all data commensurate from January 1, 2010, through March 31, 2010. Subsequent data reporting will be reflective from April 1, 2010, through June 30, 2010.

PARTICIPANT STATUS:

The Northern Hills Drug Court currently serves thirteen active participants, eight female and five male with ages ranging from the youngest of nineteen to the oldest at age forty-four. Two participants were added during this reporting period. Of this population, seven are single mothers with a combination of thirteen minor children. Three of the male participants have also fathered one child respectively. Our newest participant joins the program pregnant, utilizing an inpatient facility for young mothers. She previously lost her parental rights of an older child due to her addiction and legal consequences.

Seven recommendations were received in this reporting period. Of these seven, one failed to follow through with the application process, one absconded supervision prior to sentencing, one failed to meet minimum eligibility guidelines, one was denied entry by the Drug Court Team, two were accepted into the program, and one applicant remains pending at this time.

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

QUARTERLY EXPENDITURES - Costs to the UJS	
Personal Services	\$37,323.57
Contractual Services	\$13,357.03
Travel	\$1,584.13
Supplies and Materials	\$3,541.85
Capital Assets	\$200.00
Total Expenditures	\$56,006.58

AVOIDED QUARTERLY INCARCERATION COSTS: (DOC daily costs)

Female - \$69.35 / Male - \$64.74

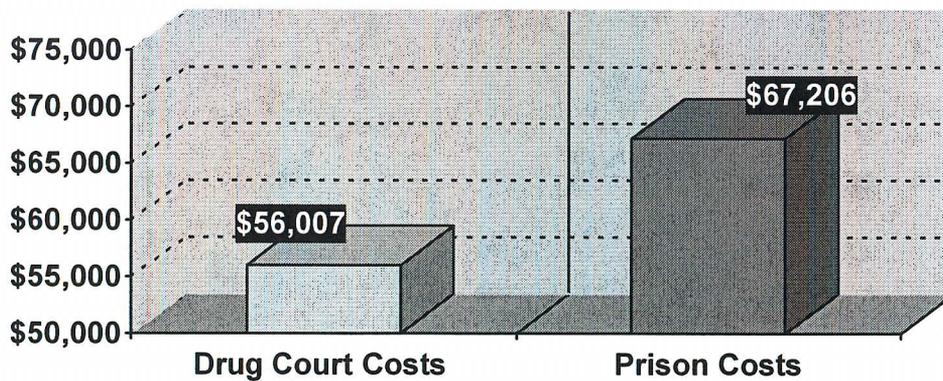
Population (quarterly days in program)	Avoided DOC Costs
Participant 12 (90 days - Female)	\$6,241.50
Participant 13 (90 days - Male)	\$5,826.60

Participant 15 (90 days - Male)	\$5,826.60
Participant 17 (90 days - Male)	\$5,826.60
Participant 18 (90 days – Male)	\$5,826.60
Participant 19 (90 days – Male)	\$5,826.60
Participant 20 (90 days – Female)	\$6,241.50
Participant 21 (90 days – Female)	\$6,241.50
Participant 22 (90 days – Female)	\$6,241.50
Participant 23 (90 days – Female)	\$6,241.50
Participant 24 (49 days – Female)	\$3,398.15
Participant 25 (41 days – Female)	\$2,843.35
Participant 26 (9 days – Female)	\$624.15
Total Avoided DOC Costs	\$67,206.15 (this quarter)

Quarterly Cost Comparison

(01/01/2010-03/31/2010)

\$11,199 Avoided Cost



INTANGIBLE BENEFITS:

Participants remain active members of their family and are 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, approved educational or training

opportunities, or community service. Participants are expected to generate income, pay local and federal taxes, child support when applicable, and fulfill rental agreements.

In addition, sixteen children were able to maintain connections with their respective parent during this reporting period. Three of these children remain in a foster care placement, with two of the three expected to be fully reunified with their participant mother on May 3, 2010. The Drug Court Program and the Department of Social Services (DSS) are joining in the creation of a DSS Safety Plan to expedite this reunification. Family preservation and establishing positive community connections assist in the rehabilitation of each participant.

Two other children are in-utero. A male participant and his girlfriend are expecting their first-born child. A female participant is currently attending inpatient treatment through Behavior Management Systems' Full Circle Program. This mother previously lost her parental rights to her firstborn child due to various complications associated with her addiction. This child remains in a foster care placement with her maternal grandmother, as the child's father is in the process of appealing his loss of parental rights.

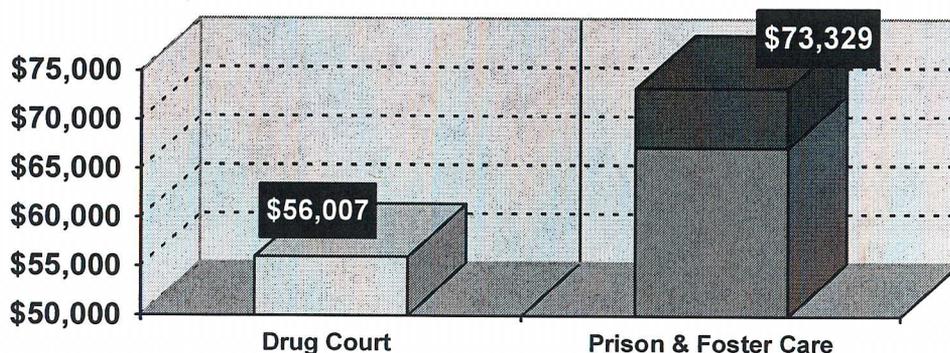
AVOIDED QUARTERLY FOSTER CARE COSTS: (DSS basic foster care rates)
Age 0-12: \$15.43 / Age 13-18: \$18.53

Population (quarterly days in program)	Avoided DSS Foster Care Costs
Participant 12 (90 days) Child 1: Age 0-12 / Child 2: Age 0-12	\$2,777.40
Participant 15 (90 days) Child 1: Age 0-12	\$1,388.70
Participant 19 (90 days) Child 1: Age 0-12	\$1,388.70
Participant 21 (90 days) Child 1: Age 0-12 / Child 2: Age 0-12	\$2,777.40
Participant 23 (90 days) Child 1: Age 0-12 / Child 2: Age 0-12	(-2,777.40) Children currently in DSS custody
Participant 24 (49 days) Child 1: Age 0-12 / Child 2: Age 0-12	\$756.07
Participant 25 (41 days) Child 1: Age 0-12	(-\$632.63) Children currently in DSS custody
Participant 26 (9 days) Child 1: Age 0-12 / Child 2: Age 0-12 Child 3: Age 13-18	\$444.51
Avoided DSS Foster Care Costs	\$6,122.75 (this quarter)

Quarterly Cost Comparison

(01/01/2010 – 03/31/2010)

\$17,322 Avoided Cost

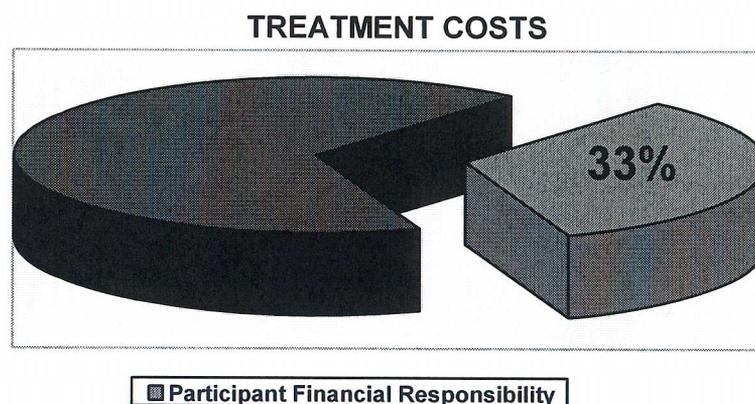


TREATMENT COSTS:

The Northern Hills Drug Court participants are required to pay 1/3 of all treatment obligations as a condition of the program. Participants must establish and maintain a payment plan with the Drug Court Coordinator. No participant is eligible for promotion to Phase IV of the program until all outstanding drug-testing fees, and treatment obligations are paid in full. Drug Court participants share the burden of the expense, and literally have a vested “buy-in” of treatment goals and expectations.

Population	Participant Cost	UJS Cost
Participant 12 (Jan, Feb, Mar)	\$152.49	\$304.98
Participant 13 (Jan, Feb, Mar)	\$148.58	\$297.16
Participant 15 (Jan, Feb, Mar)	\$152.49	\$304.98
Participant 17 (Jan, Feb, Mar)	\$117.30	\$234.54
Participant 18 (Jan, Feb, Mar)	\$140.76	\$281.52
Participant 19 (Jan, Feb, Mar)	\$181.80	\$363.55
Participant 20 (Jan, Feb, Mar)	\$566.81	\$1,133.63
Participant 21 (Mar only)	\$97.68	\$195.38
Participant 22 (Jan, Feb, Mar)	\$566.86	\$1,133.72
Participant 23 (Jan, Feb, Mar)	\$549.49	\$1,098.98

Participant 24 (Jan, Feb, Mar)	\$512.13	\$1,024.26
Participant 25 (Inpatient Txmnt)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Participant 26 (Serving jail sentence)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Treatment Costs	\$3,186.39 (participant responsibility)	\$6,372.78 (included in total UJS expenditures)



TEN KEY COMPONENTS OF DRUG COURT:

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.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: (Key Component #10)

The following collaboration occurred within this reporting period:

- \$750.00 in donated food and basic needs were distributed by the Northern Hills Drug Court
- Coordinated Case Plans, Safety Plans, and Reunification efforts with the Department of Social Services
- Confirmed South Dakota Attorney General, Marty Jackley, as Keynote Speaker at the next Northern Hills Drug Court Graduation
- Training and Advocacy provided to the Northern Hills Court Appointed Special Advocate Program
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was reached to support and assist the local Crisis Intervention Shelter Services (CISS)
- Hosted a Black Hills State University Professor and Class at a Drug Court Hearing with the ability to meet and address questions to the Drug Court Team and Evaluator
- Collaborative efforts and Case Planning with Behavior Management Systems' Full Circle Program for pregnant mothers
- Hosted a Black Hills State University Student as part of his Program Planning and Implementation Course requirements
- Held a Banner Contest with Sturgis Elementary "Just Say No Club"
- Facilitated a field learning experience to the Sturgis Elementary "Just Say No Club," meeting the Drug Court Judge, members of the Drug Court Team, and touring court and law enforcement facilities
- Speaking engagement at DARE graduation ceremony

TREATMENT & REHABILITATIVE SERVICES: (Key Component #1, #2, #3, #4)

Northern Hills Alcohol and Drug Services (NHAD) provides substance abuse treatment for all Drug Court participants. This agency often identifies potential applicants upon completing an initial Treatment Needs Assessment (TNA) identifying a Controlled Substance Diagnosis and recommending appropriate applicants to the Drug Court Program. All participants are required to attend 54 hours of stabilization and adjustment treatment to include early recovery skills, relapse prevention, family education, and thinking barriers. Once successful, participants are then required 60 hours of early recovery education to include relapse prevention, dual diagnosis group facilitation, anger management, and family education or social support. The next transition includes 54 hours of recovery living which include weekly social support services. Throughout the treatment regiment, each participant is required to attend a minimum of two AA/NA meetings per week, outside of the treatment program. Participants lacking a Court approved sponsor must attend and verify three AA/NA meetings per week.

INTENSIVE SUPERVISION: (Key Component #4, #5, #6, #7)

Drug Court participants are held accountable via intensive supervision by the Intensive Court Services Officer (ICSO). As with the treatment regiment, supervision standards incorporate graduated responses to include graduated contact standards. The program establishes four phases of recovery with a minimum completion time of 365 days. Throughout the Program, participants are required to fill out weekly itineraries, providing the Drug Court with a daily agenda of there scheduled whereabouts.

Phase one participants are subjected to a minimum of three face-to-face field contacts by the ICSO per week, and must maintain daily telephone contact with the Drug Court staff. Each has a minimum of a 9pm curfew and must be in their homes between curfew and 6am unless receiving approval from the Drug Court Judge. The ICSO is required to conduct a minimum of eight random curfew checks per month during this phase. Random drug testing occurs every 72 hours at minimal.

Phase two participants are subjected to a minimum of two face-to-face field contacts by the ICSO per week and continue to maintain daily telephone contact. Typical curfew restrictions remain at 9pm. The ICSO is required to conduct a minimum of six random curfew checks per month and continues to ensure drug screening every 72 hours.

Phase three participants are subjected to a minimum of one face-to-face field contact by the ICSO per week and continue to maintain daily telephone contact. Curfew restrictions typically enhance to 10pm. The ICSO conducts a minimum of four random curfew checks per month and drug screening remains at every 72 hours.

Upon promotion to phase four, participants are subjected to a minimum of two face-to-face field contacts per month, require random weekly drug screening, and are only required weekly telephone contact with Drug Court staff. These participants no longer have a specific curfew restriction, however continue to provide weekly itineraries of their whereabouts.

COURT HEARINGS: (Key Component #1, #2, #4, #6, #7)

The Meade County Sheriff, County Prosecutor, Director of Treatment, Defense Attorney, Drug Court staff, and Drug Court Judge discuss each participant's progress in treatment and in regards to Drug Court conditions and expectations prior to each Court appearance. The Drug Court Judge listens to the reports and identifies key areas of conversation to discuss with the participants during their appearance.

Weekly Drug Court Hearings are held at the Meade County Courthouse. Participants must approach the Drug Court Judge, provide verification of AA/NA attendance, and verification of a combination of full-time employment, approved training or education, and/or community service. Participants are then engaged in conversation with the Judge to include treatment, twelve-step meetings, family, employment, weekly stressors, or accomplishments. Each participant is required to report his or her "clean" time at these hearings. Court Hearings typically include praise and applause, but also are a time when sanctions are delivered when necessary. Phase one and two participants are required weekly appearances. Phase three participants appear bi-monthly, and phase four participants once per month.

INCENTIVES / SANCTIONS: (Key Component #6)

All participants are subjected to graduated responses both within treatment goals and expectations and throughout intensive supervision standards. The Drug Court Team meets weekly to discuss each participant with a required court appearance. The ICSO may have provided immediate sanctions throughout the course of that week's time. Immediate sanctions range from house arrest or denied privileges, to the extreme situations including local incarceration. The Drug Court Team assesses weekly goals and setbacks and formulates individualized incentives and sanctions as deemed appropriate. Participants are able to make written requests to the Team, which are

discussed during the Team Meeting. The Drug Court Judge formalizes all incentives, sanctions, and requests during the Drug Court Hearings.

The Drug Court Coordinator obtains \$10,000 funding authority per fiscal year. First Interstate Bank awarded the Northern Hills Drug Court Program \$1,000 during this reporting period. Most incentive purchases rely upon such funding. Incentives include medals provided to participants as they are promoted through the phases of the program, various community certificates or coupons, at times can include basic needs or specialized clothing, and pays for ceremonial graduation events.

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

The Northern Hills Drug Court Team meets weekly to discuss the program and individual participant progress. This time also provides the Team with an opportunity to discuss strategic vision and program efficiency. Referrals and potential applicants are discussed and eventually reviewed and voted upon once all requirements of applicants have been established. The Team is currently making plans to attend a Drug Court retreat to occur at a new Deadwood conference facility. The purpose of the retreat is to provide social opportunities for the Team, receive specific areas of training, and review program accomplishments and discuss future planning.

The Drug Court Coordinator remains active on the Unified Judicial System's (UJS) technology team, currently assessing and prioritizing the new Odyssey Case Management System. The ICSSO remains an active member of the UJS Motivational Interviewing (MI) and Level of Service Inventory (LSI) team. In addition, the ICSSO attended defensive tactics training, and the annual Court Services training during this reporting period. The Drug Court Assistant attended Survival Skills for Women made available through the Department of Criminal Investigations (DCI).

Ongoing outreach to state and local attorneys, judicial employees, judges, and community agencies continues to evolve. Prosecutors from Butte, Lawrence, Harding, Meade, and the Attorney General's (AG) Office are frequently in communication with the Drug Court Coordinator. Numerous defense attorneys contact the Drug Court Office each month. The Drug Court Coordinator attends every Court hearing of all active and potential participants.

EVALUATION: (Key Component #8)

Mountain Plains Evaluation continues to serve as the Drug Court Program's independent evaluator. 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.

Participants are required to meet with the Drug Court Coordinator on at least five specific intervals throughout the course of the program. The aforementioned assessments and evaluations are completed at this time. In addition, each participant is required to

establish a multi-faceted payment plan with the Coordinator to include planning in regards to frequent drug screens, court-ordered financial obligations, and the participant's financial treatment obligations. Participants are also able to vocalize benefits or concerns about the program, and the Drug Court Coordinator is able to assess levels of change.

POST-GRADUATES: (Key Component #8)

The majority of postgraduates maintain connections with the Drug Court Team via telephone contact, visiting court sessions, or simply stopping by the office. One graduate leads the Northern Hills Alumni Group, and posts a monthly schedule of meetings. Seven of ten graduates have participated in these alumni activities. Two of these graduates are full-time college students. A third recently dropped out of college, although vows to resume her academics in the State of Oregon. Eight of the ten have maintained full-time employment, and one is in the process of purchasing his first home.



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PARTICIPANT NEWS:

Participant 12 recently obtained a court hearing in regards to establishing full custody of her youngest child. She currently shares custody of her other child. This participant returned to a full time position at a local nursery, and recently purchased a trailer home rather than continuing to pay monthly rent. She reports 18 months "clean time" at the end of this reporting period.

Participant 13 admitted to consuming alcohol and was sanctioned within this reporting cycle. After feeling guilty of reporting his "clean time" to the Judge, he processed his relapse through treatment and announced his relapse at a drug court hearing. This participant remains employed as an electrician and although probably our highest wage earner, he remains in a very difficult financial situation. This participant reports 29 days of "clean time" at the end of this reporting period.

Participant 15 returned to a seasonal construction job after working at a local ski resort for the duration of the winter. This participant maintains weekly visitation with his son, and appears to be excelling in the program. He is an extremely hard worker, typically busy with two, if not three, employers at any given time. He reports 14 months "clean time" at the end of this reporting period.

Participant 17 was recently sanctioned after failing a PBT from his Court Service Officer. After several weeks in jail and being set back to an earlier phase in the program, he is now rebuilding his recovery. This participant maintains his own apartment with his significant other and the couple is expecting their first child. He announced 39 days "clean time" at the end of this reporting period.

Participant 18 is employed at a local meat processing plant and also assists his mother on the weekends with her cleaning business. He is very involved with his 8-yr-old daughter and maintains daily contact and weekly visitation. This participant is doing very well in the program and maintains a leadership role in his N/A involvement. He reports 13 months "clean time" at the end of this reporting period.

Participant 19 is a proud father of his firstborn child. With the financial assistance of the Children's Miracle Network and Whitewood Police Department, a tumor was removed from the infant's neck. This participant excels at compliance with all expectations of Drug Court rules and regulations, however continues to struggle with his inter-familial roles as being the husband-figure and a father. He reports 13 months "clean time" at the end of this reporting period.

Participant 20 is slowly progressing within the Drug Court Program. She maintains weekly visitation and daily communication with her two minor children; however, the children's father maintains primary custody. This participant has clearly resided on others, primarily men, to care for all her needs. She has maintained part time employment, and currently resides with her father. She reports five months "clean time" at the end of this reporting period.

Participant 21 entered the program with methamphetamine track marks up her arms and nothing but the clothing on her back. She completed inpatient treatment for 45 days and then lived at the local women's shelter for a little over a month. She currently maintains her own apartment and is a manager at a fast food restaurant. She has restored connections with both of her children with weekly visitation. She reports 5½ months "clean time" at the end of this reporting period.

Participant 22 is our youngest participant at the age of 19. She is now established in her own apartment and is a fulltime student at Black Hills Beauty College. This participant also maintains part time employment. She came to the program with a methamphetamine diagnosis and was facing up to a twenty years incarceration on a probation revocation and multiple drug charges. She reports eight months "clean time" at the end of this reporting period.

Participant 23 is actively engaged in reunification efforts for her two minor children. Her husband remains incarcerated on a federal indictment carrying a mandatory minimum of seven years. He also is pending sentencing for a Class IV State felony, as well as, a parole revocation. This participant is now a fulltime employee at an assisted living facility. She has been authorized extended overnight visitation of her two daughters, and is anxiously anticipating a May 3 hearing in which she expects to retain physical custody of her children. The Drug Court and the Department of Social Services recently joined in a Safety Plan for the reunification of the children. She reports six months "clean time" at the end of this reporting period.

Participant 24 joined the program following a felony DUI arrest. This participant was already under felony supervision in Pennington County for a Grand Theft charge. While attending inpatient treatment she was identified as having a poly-substance diagnosis to include alcohol, cocaine, and methamphetamine. She is a single parent and sole provider to her 8-yr-old son. This participant remains on a SCRAM alcohol monitor at this time. She reports three months "clean time" at the end of this reporting period.

Participant 25 is currently undergoing inpatient treatment at Behavior Management System's Full Circle Program for pregnant women. This participant previously lost her parental rights to her child after choosing her addiction over Department of Social Services' expectations.

Participant 26 is our newest member of the Drug Court Program. She is a single mother of three minor children entering the Program with a methamphetamine charge and diagnosis. The Drug Court joins other agencies currently involved with the family to include the Department of Social Services, Division of Child Protection, and Behavior Management Systems Family Pathways Program. This participant and her paramour are both serving local jail sentences at this time.

Our mission is to increase community safety, foster healthy families, and proficiently utilize public funds by coordinating services to felony offenders whose crimes are related to abuse or dependency upon a controlled substance and methamphetamine. The Drug Court Program will increase long-term abstinence by holding offenders accountable and ultimately reduce drug-related crimes.