

PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS COURTS

Problem Solving Court (PSC)

- A specially designated court facilitating intensive therapeutic treatment to monitor and assist participants in making positive lifestyle changes and reducing the rate of recidivism.

Illinois PSC

- Drug Court= 62
- Mental Health Court= 28
- Veterans Court= 21
- DUI Court= 3
- Hybrid= 7

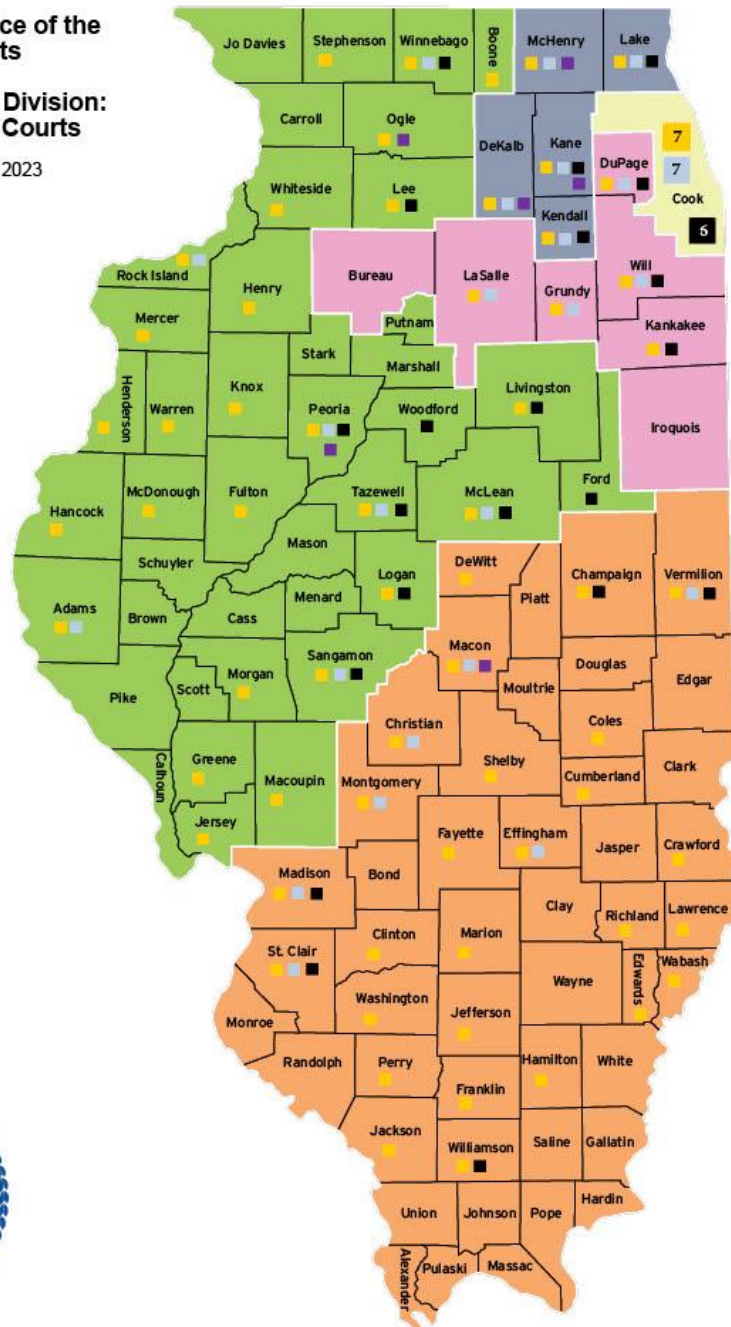
TOTAL = 121

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Probation Services Division: Problem-Solving Courts

Effective November 2023

- First District
 - Second District
 - Third District
 - Fourth District
 - Fifth District
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- Drug Courts
 - Mental Health Courts
 - Veterans Courts
 - DUI Courts



Drug Court

- Specialized program allowing court-involved individuals to enter long-term drug treatment supervised by the court rather than receive a jail sentence.
- Voluntary program

Target Population & Eligibility

- High Risk & High Need individuals
- Substance use dependence diagnosis
- 18+ with a pending felony or Petition to Revoke
- Residency requirements

Team Members

- Judge
- State's Attorney
- Public Defender/Private Counsel
- Probation Officer
- Treatment Provider
- PSC Coordinator

Referral Process

- Each court has policy & procedures outlining how a person enters the program
- Validated risk and clinical assessment tool-Adult Risk Assessment
- Assessed for eligibility on a timely basis (30 days from referral to program entry is ideal)

Case Management

- Individualized Case Management Plan
- Individualized Clinical Treatment Plan
- Phase progression by skill
- Incentives, Sanctions and Service Adjustments
- Drug/Alcohol testing

Program Outcomes

- Successful= graduation
 - Possible dismissal of felony charges
- Unsuccessful= violation
- Neutral= no violation, unable to complete
- Voluntary withdrawal= possible legal consequences

How to form a Drug Court

- Form a stakeholders group: Judiciary, Prosecutor & Public Defender's office, treatment providers, law enforcement, local government.
- Review statistical data and form policies & procedures: establish goals, objectives, target population, implementation timeline.
- Observe established Drug Courts
- Submit application for certification to AOIC

Community Relationships

- Build relationships between drug court and local ROSC Councils, County board, Lions Clubs, etc.
 - Creates awareness of drug court in the community
 - Education on substance abuse & overdose awareness
 - Fosters drug court success & sustainability
- Provide resources and opportunities for drug court participants: employment, recovery support groups, transportation, education

Why are Drug Courts Beneficial?

- Rehabilitation
- Incarceration reduction
- Crime reduction
- Substance abuse & overdose awareness

