

FRESNO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - OUTCOMES - Attachment A

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult Criminal Drug Courts

PROVIDER: Fresno Superior Court

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The Fresno County adult criminal drug court program has three components: Post Conviction, PC1000/Deferred Entry of Judgment, and Prop 36. Program length varies from 12 to 18 months, depending on the specific court. In all three courts, however, participants plead guilty to their drug charges and agree to enter treatment and court supervision in lieu of incarceration. In some instances, participants may have their records expunged after completing court-ordered treatment and supervision programs. County funding partially covers the cost of the Drug Court Services Care Coordinator who serves all drug court participants but particularly targets those with co-occurring mental health disorders. The coordinator provides intakes, screens, and needs assessments. The information provides an understanding of the participants' substance abuse, mental health, and ancillary service needs to the drug court judicial officer and the professionals from a variety of organizations who work with the court. Other coordinator responsibilities include case management, direct services, and linking drug court participants to a range of programs and services that support wellness and recovery.

AGES SERVED:

Children
 Adult

TAY
 Older Adult

DATES OF OPERATION:
October 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

DATES OF DATA REPORTING PERIOD:
October 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

OUTCOME GOAL

- A. To provide crisis-specific assessment and interventions to address needs and engage support systems.
- B. To assist drug court participants improve overall functioning and move toward less restrictive settings.
- C. To link drug court participants with SSI and/or Medi-Cal benefits to support long-term wellness and recovery goals.
- D. To provide or coordinate services that reduce the incidence of homelessness for drug court participants.

OUTCOME DATA

- A. Five hundred forty-two drug court participants were screened through the Global Assessment of Individual Need Short Screen, which indicated their initial level of mental health therapy and assessed wellness and recovery needs. In addition, all of the participants were provided a needs assessment. This helped the

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- E. To provide or coordinate a comprehensive array of treatment and services that help drug court participants move to and maintain lower levels of care.**
- F. To increase confidence, functioning, and coping skills for drug court participant and family members, as sought.**

drug court teams identify treatment and supportive necessities for the participants and link them to available community resources to address these needs.

- B. Ninety-three participants completed and/or graduated from the adult drug court during this reporting period. They transitioned from residential care, outpatient, aftercare, sober living and, eventually, into independent living situations. Each gradual and incremental step produced a less restrictive setting and promoted stability, responsibility and independence.**
- C. Twenty-six participants received assistance with the SSI and/or Medi-Cal applications (online and through General Relief) and guided to follow-through with additional information that was mailed to them.**
- D. One hundred forty-four participants needed permanent housing and were referred to property managers, emergency housing, sober living and**

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transitional homes as well as the Fresno County Housing Authority.

- E. Services, resources and support were provided, resulting in a reduction in participants' level of care as they attained progressive phases of security and stability in their treatment programs. Of the 542 participants engaged in services through the Service Care Coordinator, 22 were referred to medical resources to accommodate their physical needs, 9 received dental referrals to the Poverello House, 281 received employment services, 393 received transportation assistance (bus tokens, metro and rural bus passes), and 29 received clothing that were donated to the drug court program and they were also referred to thrift stores. The 12 participants who requested food were referred to Catholic Charities and other community organizations to receive it. Three participants were provided assistance with children's supplies and**

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referrals to child care.

- F. Two participants requested couples' counseling and received referrals for family stability and maintenance. Participants also received case management, supportive counseling, guidance, and direction, which promoted satisfaction and self-sufficiency.**