



JUVENILE COURT

Juvenile Drug Court Program Continues to Grow

The North Dakota Juvenile Drug Court Program marked its 12th year of operation in 2012 and also celebrated the Bismarck Juvenile Drug Court 10th anniversary.

“During the past decade, North Dakota’s Drug Courts have made a positive impact on the lives of many young people who have found both support and recovery through the court’s unique and innovative approach,” U.S. Senator John Hoeven said in recognition of the program’s milestones. “The successes achieved through this system are a credit to the many hardworking, dedicated individuals who first worked to implement the program in North Dakota and have continued to give of their talents and energy to further the scope of our drug courts for the benefit of the court’s participants.”

Juvenile Drug Courts are currently located in Fargo, Grand Forks, Bismarck, Minot, and Devils Lake. Since its inception in May 2000, there have been 476 participants in the program. Forty-three percent of those graduated, 50 percent were terminated for noncompliance and further offenses, 6 percent are currently active, and 1 percent were suspended for various reasons.

Following is the 2012 statewide data for the Juvenile Drug Courts:

- 14 graduations
- 24 terminations
- 24 female participants
- 44 male participants
- 57 Caucasian participants
- 1 Hispanic participant
- 8 Native American participants
- 2 Other races
- 68 total participants in 2012 with 28 of those still active in December 2012
- 1,582 community service hours completed

Cumulative Juvenile Drug Court Totals

Court Location	Year Started	Participant # to Date
Fargo	May 2000	161
Grand Forks	May 2000	149
Bismarck	October 2002	102
Minot	January 2007	35
Williston*	January 2008	11 (on hold)
Devils Lake	January 2009	18

*Williston Court inactive since October 2010