

JUVENILE DRUG COURT PROGRAM 2013 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2013, the North Dakota Juvenile Drug Court Program added its sixth operational court. The Stutsman – Barnes County Juvenile Drug Court began operation in October using interactive video conferencing to provide the program in both counties.

Participants and team members from Barnes County are joined by video conferencing with participants and team members in Stutsman County. This approach is new for drug courts in North Dakota and hopefully will open the door for more substance abusing offenders who live in smaller communities to enter a drug court.

Team members from the Adult Drug Courts, Juvenile Drug Courts, Healing to Wellness Tribal Courts, DWI Courts, Back on Trac College Courts, and legislators attended the Upper Midwest Drug Court Conference in Bismarck in October 2013. National and local speakers presented on issues and challenges involved in operating drug courts.

Carolyn Hardin, Executive Director of the National Drug Court Institute, and the Hon. Henry Weber (Ret.) from

Kentucky provided training on the Juvenile Drug Court 16 Strategies to a juvenile drug court training team consisting of a judge, prosecutor, defense counsel, juvenile court officer, juvenile court director, school representative, law enforcement officer, and a coordinator. This team will provide training for new and existing juvenile drug court teams and individual role training for existing team members.

Justice Mary Muehlen Maring, the director of juvenile drug court, retired from the bench in December. Justice Maring's vision for starting juvenile drug courts in the state began in 1998, when a committee began to study juvenile drug courts and determine whether to recommend the implementation of a juvenile drug court pilot program. From the findings of this study, juvenile drug courts were established in Grand Forks and Fargo in May 2000. Juvenile drug courts have now been established in Bismarck, Minot, Williston, Devils Lake, and Jamestown/Valley City.

The Williston court has been inactive since October 2010.

2013 STATISTICS

Court	Current	Graduations	Terminations	Suspended	Totals	Court Sessions
Grand Forks	5	5	2	2	14	42
Fargo	9	4	10	4	27	39
Bismarck	6	1	6	0	13	44
Minot	2	3	1	1	7	43
Devils Lake	5	1	3	1	10	41
Stutsman/ Barnes	2	0	1		3	13
Totals	29	13	23	8	74	

RACE AND GENDER STATISTICS BY INDIVIDUAL COURTS FOR 2013

Court	Caucasian	Native American	Hispanic	African American	Other	Male	Female	Totals
Grand Forks	11	1	1	1		9	5	14
Fargo	22	0	3	1	1	19	8	27
Bismarck	8	3			2	9	4	13
Minot	6				1	5	2	7
Devils Lake	9	1				7	3	10
Stutsman/ Barnes	3					2	1	3
Totals	48	5	4	2	3	51	23	

OVERALL STATISTICS FROM START DATE

Started	Court	Current	Graduations	Terminations	Suspended	Deceased	Total Participants
May - 2000	Grand Forks	5	70	77	4		156
May - 2000	Fargo	9	70	93	5	1	178
Oct - 2003	Bismarck	6	50	54			110
Jan - 2007	Minot	2	16	19	1		38
Jan - 2008	Williston		2	8		1	11
Jan - 2009	Devils Lake	5	10	9	1		25
Jan - 2013	Stutsman/ Barnes	2	0	1			3
	Totals	29	218	261	11	2	710