



DRUG COURTS REDUCE CRIME

Drug courts hold offenders accountable and significantly reduce crime.

DRUG COURTS SAVE MONEY

Drug Courts generate cost savings from reduced jail/prison use, reduced criminality and lower criminal justice system costs.

DRUG COURTS RESTORE COMMUNITIES

Drug courts restore communities by providing intensive treatment and comprehensive services to drug court participants and their families, transforming substance abusing offenders into productive, law-abiding citizens.

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Kankakee County Drug Free, Inc. serves at the capacity of The Kankakee County Drug Court which is a court monitored program for Drug Treatment.

The program is one of diversion from the criminal court and results in a dismissal of a drug charge at the successful conclusion of the treatment program.

Once an individual enters the program they must abstain from alcohol and drug use, attend all court appearances, attend all treatment sessions and outside meetings and meet with the Probation Case Manager deemed appropriate. Graduation from the program takes 12 to 24 months.

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Drug Courts serve approximately 120,000 clients annually across America including 200 in Kankakee County alone. However with an estimated 7 million alcohol and drug dependent offenders in the American justice system, inadequately funded drug courts cripples the capacity of the programs to provide treatment to an increasing population of those in need. With this access the disease of addiction continues unabated directly impacting the public safety and public health of our communities. I committed to assisting Kankakee County Drug Free, Inc. and wish to support the organization by the enclosed donation:

\$10.00 Name _____

\$25.00 Address _____

\$50.00 City/IL _____ Zip Code _____

\$100.00

Other Amount

*Kankakee County Drug free, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) charity. Donations give to Kankakee County Free, Inc. are tax deductible

HOW ARE YOUR DOLLARS SPENT LOCALLY

- It cost \$3,000 for an addict to go through the Drug Court program versus \$25,000 to \$30,000 annually to house an addict in jail or prison.
- Kankakee County Drug Free, Inc. provides \$2,500 annually to a graduate from Kankakee County Drug Court for continuing education through the John F. Michela Scholarship
- Provide supportive funds for clients in the program for housing, transportation, etc.
- Continuing education for judges, states attorney, public defenders, treatment providers and others to keep up to date on latest trends and developments

RESULTS OF KANKAKEE COUNTY DRUG COURT

- Only a 14% Recidivism Rate
- 147 Graduates of Kankakee County Drug Court to date
- Every Graduate is gainfully employed at the time of graduation
- 5 drug free children were born while mother was in Kankakee County Drug Court



Kankakee County Drug Free, Inc. Board of Directors holding one of their monthly board meetings

HISTORY OF DRUG COURT

In the late 1980's, many courts in the United States were overwhelmed by drug-related cases. In 1989, in an effort to stem the tide of drug-related cases, the court system in Miami, Florida created an intensive drug treatment program, designed as an alternative to incarceration. The program was called drug court. By 1994, there were 12 drug courts in the United States which is also the same year Kankakee County Drug Court was born.



Judge Michael J. Kick presiding over a drug

Over the past two decades, the drug court movement has flourished. At present, close to 2,000 drug courts are operating all over the country, including 27 in the State of Illinois. Currently Joe Ewers, Coordinator of Kankakee County Drug Court is President of the Illinois Association of Drug Courts.

WHAT IS DRUG COURT?

Drug Courts blend the oversight of the court with the therapeutic capabilities of drug treatment. To successfully complete a drug court, participants must complete an intensive regimen of drug treatment, coupled with comprehensive case management, frequent and random drug testing, and close supervision. During participation in the drug court, participants must regularly appear before the drug court judge, who will either reward them for progress or sanction them for noncompliance. The judge typically leads a team of professionals who oversee the court and its caseload. This team may consist of one or more judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, treatment providers, law enforcement officers, supervision officers, program coordinators, and case managers. Participants are typically nonviolent. Upon successful completion, participants receive a variety of benefits, which depend on their legal status in the program. Rewards include: dismissal of charges, dismissal from probation, and reunification with children.