GOODHUE COUNTY

Two-Year Comprehensive Plan Update

Court Services | Minnesota Department of Corrections

One county, two supervision partners

GOODHUE COUNTY COURT SERVICES

- Adult misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor supervision
- All juvenile probation and parole
- Sentence to Service (STS) administration
- Evidenced-based programming and partnership

MINNESOTA DOC FIELD SERVICES

- All felony supervision
- Specialized high-risk and sex-offense caseloads
- Treatment Court supervision
- Evidenced-based programming and partnership

Shared mission: safer communities

COURT SERVICES

- Mission: Advancing public safety by empowering change and restoring lives
- Vision: A safe community through accountability, restorative practices, empowerment, and lasting change

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

- Mission: Transforming lives for a safer Minnesota
- Vision: Justice through racial equity, restoration from harm, and community connectedness

Changes since the 2024 plan

- STS transitioned from DOC to Court Services administration in 2025.
- DOC increased locally housed felony agents from four to five.
- Waseca and Wabasha counties transitioned to CCA agencies.
- DOC district administrative support was reorganized and shared.
- Court Services created an EBP Coordinator/Probation Officer role in 2026.

Staffing and service delivery

Court Services

- Adult and juvenile supervision; minimum-, medium-, and high-risk
- EBP Coordinator providing coaching and quality assurance
- STS crew leaders and coordinator/case administrator
- Specialized high-risk female caseload

DOC Felony Agents

- High-risk and Treatment Court caseload
- Medium-and minimum-risk caseloads
- Specialized sex-offense supervision
- Full Time administrative specialist

Staff

Court Services

Brooke Rheault—Juvenile Case Administrator
Lindsey Frost—Adult Case Administrator
Madeline Ursino—STS Coordinator/Case Administrator
Kate Hanley—Office Manager
Andrea Emery—High-Risk Female, EBP Coordinator, Moving on Facilitator, Cognitive Skills Facilitator
Aric Walsh—Adult Agent, Cognitive Skills Facilitator
Brandon Wipperling—Adult Agent, Juvenile Agent
Emily Ostlund—Adult Agent, Pre-Trial EAM/EHM
Janet Ferguson—Adult Agent
Kristin Diercks—Juvenile Agent
Pat Ebert—Juvenile Agent

DOC

Samantha Milvestedt—Office Support Staff
Amanda Mrozek—Enhanced Supervision and Goodhue County Treatment Court. Decision Points Facilitator
Aarah Saugen—Medium and Minimum Supervision. Moving On Facilitator
Chris Ewald—Sex Offender Supervision. Decision Points Facilitator
Emily Reich—Sex Offender Supervision. Pre-trial treatment
Megan Nadeau—Medium, Minimum. Decision Points Facilitator. Pre-Trial EAM/EHM.

Evidence-based practice is foundational to both Court Services and DOC

- 40 training hours annually, including at least 16 EBP hours.
- Risk/needs assessment, motivational interviewing and case planning.
- Cognitive behavioral interventions, Carey Guides and Decision Points.
- Coaching, quality assurance and ongoing skill reinforcement.
- Additional focus on safety, trauma, culture and gender responsivity.

Implementation and fidelity

- Court Services Director and 1 agent and attended ACJI implementation leadership training in 2024.
- 2 DOC agents attended ACJI implementation leadership training in 2025.
- Case Plan Roadmap supports individualized, skill-based plans.
- Normative feedback is practiced with medium- and high-risk clients.
- Court Services and DOC Monthly coaching circles use recorded practice and peer feedback.
- A specialized sex-offense case-planning pilot became standard practice.

Assessment and documentation

- Court Services and DOC agents completed LS/CMI and YLS/CMI proficiency work and refreshers in 2026.
- A four-step chronological note template supports case-planning documentation.
- A new case-plan module to strengthen intervention and outcome data will be coming.

Cognitive programming and engagement

CURRENT DELIVERY

- Court Services and DOC utilized individualized Carey Guides
- Court Services: in-house male and female cognitive skills groups with 28 completing in 2025
- DOC: Decision Points co-facilitation with 19 graduates since 2024
- Joint Moving On curriculum for higher-risk women started 08/2026

NEXT STEPS

- Continue case-planning skill fidelity
- Use assessment results to target criminogenic needs

Treatment Court outcomes

14

ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS

6

GRADUATES IN TWO YEARS

4

TERMINATIONS IN TWO YEARS

Felony-level, high-risk/high-need participants with substance use challenges; minimum program duration is 19 months.

Sentence to Service: County transition

- Court Services assumed administration following the state program change.
- Two crew leaders and an STS Coordinator/Case Administrator support delivery.
- STS offers a work alternative in lieu of eligible fines and fees.
- Priority: long-term stability, reliable projects and effective service capacity.
- Program development continues despite changing jail and probation participation.
- 73 participants from January-July 2026

Collaboration and community voice

- The local advisory board is planned to meet every six months.
- Membership spans courts, law enforcement, corrections, education, social services, lived experience, tribal community and the public.
- Court Services and DOC is strengthening relationships with the Prairie Island Indian Community.
- Court Services participates in MACPO, JRI Phase II, statewide EBP, CSAC, The Workload Study/Funding Formula, safety, and juvenile initiatives.

Emerging and expanded services

VETERANS COURT

- Explore participation in First Judicial District Veterans Court
- Partnership with Dakota County Community Corrections
- Grant-funded pilot under development

MOVING ON

- Joint gender-responsive cognitive skills programming
- One county agent already trained; DOC agent training planned

Minnesota Rehabilitation and Reinvestment Act-DOC

- DOC began piloting MRRA on March 2, 2026.
- Eligible individuals released from state facilities can earn supervision abatement.
- Progress is tied to following rules, programming and building prosocial skills.
- Supervision intensity can respond to demonstrated progress and needs.

Fees and service sustainability

- DOC stopped imposing new felony supervision fees in January 2023.
- Court Services plans to sunset probation fees in 2029.
- STS can be used in lieu of eligible fines and fees.
- Fee elimination requires planning to preserve operations, testing and access to programming.
- Funding sustainability remains important as service expectations expand.

Priorities for the next two years

- Strengthen fidelity in risk assessment, normative feedback and case planning.
- Expand coaching, responsivity training and quality assurance.
- Improve outcome reporting and intervention documentation.
- Expand STS operations and develop sustainable service capacity.
- Advance Veterans Court and Moving On partnerships.
- Maintain tribal and cross-system collaboration.

How progress will be monitored

PRACTICE QUALITY

- Training completion and skill coaching
- Case-plan consistency and documentation
- Assessment proficiency and fidelity

SERVICE AND OUTCOMES

- Program participation and completions
- STS capacity and program development
- CSTS reporting and assessed risk trends
- Partnership development and implementation progress

Our shared direction

Accountability + evidence-based intervention + community partnerships

A coordinated approach to public safety, meaningful behavior change and lasting community outcomes.