



Goodhue County Treatment Court

Board Presentation
September 2, 2025

What is Treatment Court?

- 18-24 months in length (Each participant is different)
 - Target population is high risk/high need
- Provides intensive treatment and other services required to be sober and crime free
 - High accountability
- Regular and random drug testing
 - Frequent court appearances
- Rewarded for doing well or sanctioned when needing direction or not in compliance

Why Treatment Court?

30 years; most
successful justice
intervention

4,000+
operational
treatment courts

150,000+
individuals
served each year

58% reduction in
crime

\$6,000 tax
dollars saved per
participant

Treatment Court Components

Supervision

- Frequent court hearings
- Frequent probation and coordinator contact with random law enforcement checks
- Frequent drug testing
- High accountability; program sanctions are addressed as soon as possible

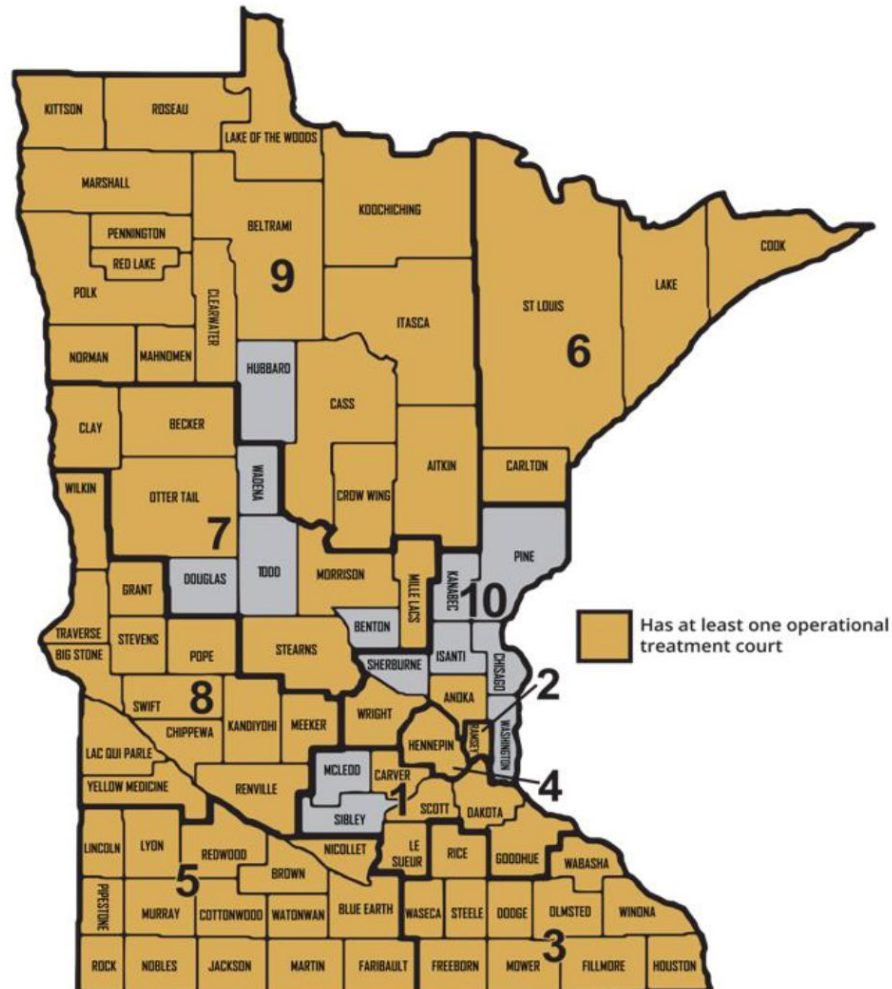
Services

- Intensive and responsive chemical and mental health treatment
- Therapeutic responses
- Cognitive skills programming
- Mentors/sponsors/peer support specialists
- Referrals for jobs, housing, education, driver's license, etc.

Treatment Courts in Minnesota

Treatment Courts in Minnesota

Minnesota has 70 operational Treatment Courts, covering 73 counties.



- 70 total Treatment Courts
- 22 Adult Drug Courts

Need for Treatment Court in Goodhue County

Increase in overdose deaths

Substances becoming more potent and deadly; substance use not slowing down

Court system has repeat individuals regarding issues due to their addiction

What can Treatment Court help with?

- Chemical health services
- Mental health services
- Employment
- Driver's license
- Housing
- Health insurance
- Basic needs (clothing, shoes, food)
- General Assistance
- Other (social security, transportation, referrals, etc.)

Eligibility Requirements

Felony level crimes
where
drugs/alcohol
substantial factor

Felony level
probation
violations

Diagnosis of
moderate to
severe substance
use

Must meet
residency
requirements

Must be assessed
as high risk/high
needs

Goodhue County Statistics

YEAR	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2023	2024
<u>Controlled Substance related Cases</u>	75	212	308	313	338	223	198	224	151	82

Goodhue County Treatment Court Team

- Judge Douglas Bayley
- Steve O'Keefe (County Attorney)
- Jess Perkins (Assistant County Attorney)
- Amanda Mrozek (Dept. of Corrections)
- Jessica Schumacher (Coordinator)
- Joan Fluegel (Defense Attorney)
- Collins Voxland (Sheriff's Dept.)
- Mark Mandelkow (Red Wing PD; drug testing)
- Chloe Resendez (Jail Programs)
- John Hanson & Jodie Weiss (Common Ground)
- Sam Hovden (Valley View Recovery)
- Jennifer Mechelke (Drug testing, Peer support)
- Tony Booth (PIIC)
- Dennis Otto (Mentor)



Data since kick-off in 2019

213 clients have been referred

9 active participants, 56 total, 3 pending

29 clients have graduated

18 Terminations

Of the 29 graduates, 11 known relapses, 3 re-offended and are currently executing sentences; 4 were re-admitted into Treatment Court due to relapse

Impressive Stats:

- 20 of the participants that came in without driver's license, gained them; 3 currently in process; 8 had DL prior to entering and maintained it
- ALL participants gained employment (unless terminated prior to gaining work) or receive other forms of income
- 16 participants worked with family services and/or regained child custody/visitation/contact
- ALL gained supportive housing (unless terminated)

Financials

- Just completed our first State fiscal year under the grant, ending June 31, 2025.

State Grant Funds:

- Total actual cost of program: \$124, 201
- Total expenses invoiced to State: \$122,042
- State grant award: \$110,000

Financials

Grant requires minimum 30% County match, or \$33,000

Match can be a combination of “in kind” and actual expenses

County Match Funds

- Actual expense over state grant: \$12,042
- Actual expenses not covered by grant funds: \$2159
- In-kind match (employee salary and space): \$19,480

Other additions:



Adopt-A-Highway road clean up twice a year; a way for participants to give back and build rapport with our team. Current and past participants look forward to this and our annual picnic each year.



2025 GCTC Picnic



More than 11 current and past participants came with their families! They ate, played yard games, and spent time with fellow participants and the treatment court team.



Learning that there are fun, sober activities is a large part of recovery. Spending time with those they once feared, builds trust and support for their future.

Alumni Group and Graduations



Teannas
graduation
pic here



Alumni group currently consists of 6 participants. They meet monthly to encourage others and help give back to the community; this month, they cleaned up after the Goodhue County Fair and were there to support GCTC.

Graduations are a huge part of their recovery journey. GCTC puts together a basket of various gifts to remind them of why they chose sobriety and celebrate with sweet treats and smiles.

Updates from other participants:

- Former Graduate started 2 NA meetings in town
- 6 members in the new Alumni Group; meet monthly to encourage others; went to the fair and volunteered this year and handed out flyers for GCTC
- Former graduate will celebrate 6 years sobriety tomorrow! Works at Goodhue County ADC, runs alumni group, sponsors women in recovery, and remains a huge support for other women in GCTC
- Many former graduates continue to bring their families to annual picnic and road clean up and enjoy spending time with others and the team; visit court sessions sporadically
- Participants trust the team and feel comfortable calling at any time they feel they need to

Questions?

