

# WHAT ARE PROBLEM- SOLVING COURTS

**Problem-Solving Courts** are an effective strategy for treating substance abuse and mental illness while reducing recidivism and saving taxpayer dollars. These courts have proven that a combination of supervision, treatment and support can lead people with substance use and/or mental health disorders into lives of stability, wellness and recovery.

Instead of prison time, **Problem-Solving Courts** deliver services for lifelong recovery, keep our roads safe from impaired drivers, give parents tools they need to stay sober and maintain custody of their children, and divert individuals from a life of substance abuse, mental illness and crime. They have been proven to reduce use of jail and prison beds, emergency room admissions, family conflicts associated with domestic violence and child abuse, and foster care placements.

## OUR HISTORY

**Codington County Drug & DUI Court** was established in 2014. The public is invited to observe **Drug** and **DUI Court** on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. at the Codington County Courthouse, 14 First Ave. SE, Watertown.

## MISSION

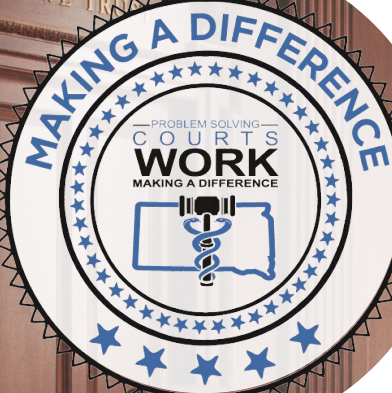
To enhance public safety with the goal of developing sober, productive, law-abiding citizens by holding participants accountable while providing supervision, treatment and life skills in a judicial setting.

## TO APPLY

Ask the attorney, probation officer, judge, police department or correctional officer for an application. The attorney will assist the client in reviewing and filling out the application. Once necessary assessments are completed, the Drug/DUI Court will meet to review the application and be in contact with the attorney regarding the status of the application.

## LEARN MORE

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PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS  
CODINGTON COUNTY  
DRUG & DUI COURT

SOUTH DAKOTA  
UNIFIED JUDICIAL  
SYSTEM

# WHAT WE DO

**Codington County Drug & DUI Court** is a court-managed, alcohol/drug intervention treatment program, designed to provide a cost-effective alternative to traditional criminal case processing. If individuals are eligible and have been chosen to participate in this program, they must be willing to commit to the entire program.

**Codington County Drug & DUI Court** is designed for persons whose problems stem from a substance abuse disorder. As an individual enters this voluntary, intensely supervised program, they must be motivated to work toward changing their lifestyle and becoming free of alcohol and chemical abuse.

## Changing Lives, Improving Communities



# OUR PROGRAMS

**Drug and DUI Court** are voluntary programs that provide intensive supervision and treatment services.

- Participation is voluntary.
- Participants must be a resident of Watertown.
- Each program is divided into five phases, each ranging from one to four months, and takes a minimum of 14 months to complete.
- Alcohol and drug testing is a major component of each program.
- Intensive supervision is provided as directed by the court.
- Treatment is provided for substance use disorders, as warranted by evidenced-based assessments.
- Incentives are given for accomplishments, and sanctions are given for infractions.
- Participants make regular court appearances in front of the judge throughout the program.
- Participants are connected with recovery support services in the community.
- Participants are referred to services to improve their emotional, physical, occupational, social, spiritual, intellectual, environmental and financial wellbeing.



## COURT GOALS

- Help participants achieve **RECOVERY**, not just sobriety.
- Give participants the chance to break the cycle of substance abuse and crime.
- Give participants the tools to change their lives by improving their emotional, physical, occupational, social, spiritual, intellectual, environmental and financial wellbeing.
- Increase participants' length of involvement in treatment and other maintenance systems.
- Connect participants with positive support networks within their community.
- Increase public safety.
- Reduce incarceration time.
- Reduce recidivism.

