# 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

**Brown County DUI Court** was established in 2012, followed by **Drug Court** in 2015. The public is invited to observe **Drug** and **DUI Court** on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. at the Brown County Courthouse at 101 First Ave. SE in Aberdeen.

## MISSION

To provide public safety and reduce costs by providing a judicially-supervised program of intensive treatment and accountability for substance dependent participants, with the goal of transforming them into contributing members of our community.

## TO APPLY

Ask the attorney, probation officer or judge for an application or visit https://ujs.sd.gov. 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. This process typically takes less than two weeks.

## LEARN MORE

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# BROWN COUNTY DRUG & DUI COURT

SOUTH DAKOTA UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM

# WHAT WE DO

**Brown County Drug & DUI Court** provides an innovative approach to rehabilitating those substantially impacted by a substance use disorder or mental health disorder who are likely to continue to commit crimes without intervention.

This is a public health approach to justice reform in which treatment providers partner with probation, defense, prosecution, law enforcement and the judge to ensure individuals before the courts receive personalized and evidence-based treatment, ongoing support and recovery services.

## 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 willing to live within 13 miles of the Brown County Courthouse.
- Each program is divided into five phases, each ranging from two to four months, and takes a minimum of one year 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.