





The first drug court in Michigan was started in Kalamazoo County Circuit Court. Michigan now has 185 problem-solving courts: 127 drug/sobriety; 25 veterans; and, 33 mental health. These courts are accessible to 97% of Michigan's population.

The Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals (MATCP) was founded in 1996 and held its 1st annual conference for treatment court personnel in 1999.

MATCP is a 501c4 nonprofit, founded by the first drug and sobriety court members.

In 2018, MATCP's 19th Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan attracted 980 treatment court professionals from across the state.

MATCP

- provides educational training to individual teams one-on-one and at its conference;
- serves as a voice for treatment courts in the state and federal legislature; and,
- works with the private sector and general public on educating and advancing treatment courts.

MISSION

The mission of MATCP is to provide leadership to treatment courts in the State of Michigan

GOALS

To advance the cost savings and life savings philosophies of treatment courts; this new model of justice succeeds where traditional probation and jail sentences have not.

About Treatment Courts in Michigan



from State Court Administrative Office FY17 Annual Report

Problem-solving courts are special court programs that focus on providing treatment and intense supervision to offenders instead of locking them in prison. These include drug and sobriety, mental health, veterans, and other nontraditional courts.

The Michigan Supreme Court (MSC), through its State Court Administrative Office (SCAO), assists trial court judges in the management of these courts by providing training, education, operational standards, monitoring, certification requirements, and funding.

Support for these courts is part of MSC's "driving change" initiative to measure performance, implement best practices, and improve outcomes.

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- Michigan is a national leader with 25 veterans treatment courts.

Improve the quality of life for both graduates and for the community at large. They also reduce crime and make communities safer because graduates are much less likely to commit another offense. Finally, problem-solving courts save money by avoiding costly incarceration.

The Michigan Supreme Court recognizes the many judges across the state who voluntarily take on these additional dockets to truly solve problems and save lives.

FROM 10.01.16 TO 09.30.17

1,814

PERSONS

WERE SUCCESSFUL GRADUATES OF MICHIGAN DRUG AND SOBRIETY COURTS

Maps of Michigan's Problem-Solving Courts
All Problem-Solving Courts
As of November, 2016



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We engage in a variety of advocacy efforts – at both the state & federal levels, ranging from:

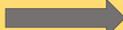
- Testifying at committee hearings;
- Assisting in the drafting of legislation;
- Working in partnership with SCAO Problem-Solving Courts division on certification, best practices, funding issues;
- Meeting with legislators who introduce bills that affect treatment courts;
- Collaborate and communicate with others on broader criminal justice and health initiatives; And more!

Recent examples of our advocacy efforts include:

- Writing letters and submitting comments to LARA and DHHS on policy changes that would impact licensing for SUD providers and the provider enrollment fitness criteria (e.g., peer recovery coaches);
- Working with the Governor's Office and MSHDA on a housing pilot for opiate addicts in treatment courts – the 1st site is slated to break ground in Jackson in 2019!
- Advocating for the preservation of treatment funding under the ACA and Medicaid programs.

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Role of Defense Counsel in Treatment Courts

Being a member of the team in a non-adversarial manner, though, does not mean that defense counsel relinquishes their professional duty and ethical responsibility to their client. It is essential that defense counsel and all team members recognize and actualize this element of defense counsel's representation of individual clients. It should be noted that while a member of the team, defense counsel's primary obligation is to represent and advocate for individual clients, protect their constitutional rights, and represent them zealously and individually, not collectively on behalf of a program.



Commitment to the program, does not supersede or replace defense counsel's commitment to the client. The most important issue for a defense attorney is ensuring the client's Sixth Amendment right to counsel: a client must have a lawyer each and every time he/she is before the court or interacts with the prosecutor. The possibility of incarceration is real at many stages of the program, and therefore it is critical that a defense attorney is present at all hearings to provide effective representation and protect the record and the client's constitutional rights throughout the duration of the program.

From National Drug Court Resource Center – "The Role of Defense Counsel in Drug Courts" Fact Sheet, 2016 <https://ndcrc.org/topic/defense/>

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