



# RICE COUNTY DRUG COURT



Established July 2014

- Drug Courts Promote Recovery through a Coordinated Response to Participants who are Dependent on Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Using a Nonadversarial Approach, Prosecution and Defense Council Promote Public Safety while Protecting Participants' Due Process
- Drug Courts Provide Access to a Continuum of Treatment Services- Multi- Phased Process.

## What Are Drug Courts?

# Fewer Days of Total Incarceration

- Fewer average days incarcerated – **55 fewer days**
  - Also fewer (half of comparison group) average days in prison – **69 fewer days**
- Reduced Total Incarceration Costs Over 2 ½ years = **\$3,189 per participant**

Drug Court  
Cohort Costs



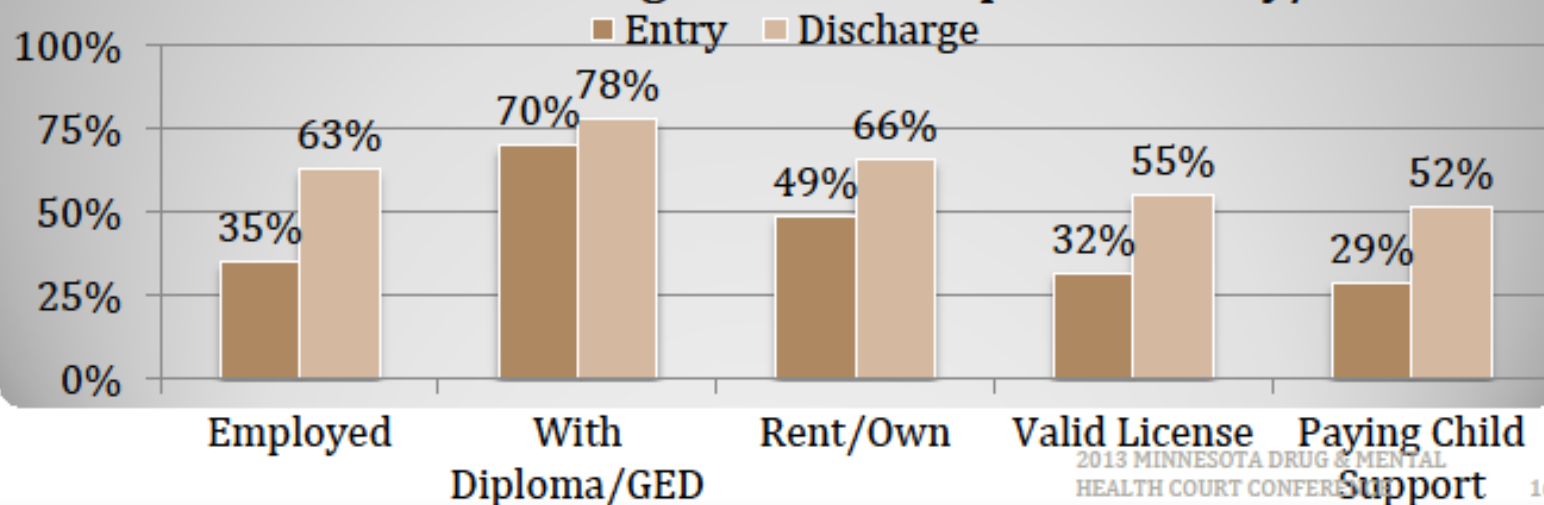
Comparison  
Group Costs



# Improving Social Engagement

- Non-metro participants more likely to have a valid license at exit
- Three in four homeless participants had other housing at discharge (facility, apartment, etc.)
- All completers have at least 90 days sobriety
  - 77% completers over 1 year of sobriety

## Status for Drug Court Participants - Entry/Exit



Serious Repeat  
Offender  
(LSCMI 25 or Higher)


Substance Use Disorder  
Diagnosis  
(Moderate or Severe)

Preference Given to Parent  
of Minor Child and/ or  
Pregnant

Rice County Resident

Team Approves  
Unanimously

## RCDC Model

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- Judge
  - Prosecutor- County Attorney
  - Defense Attorney
  - Rice County Community Corrections
  - Rice County Social Services
  - Law Enforcement- Sheriff and Municipal Police Departments
  - Treatment Providers
  - RCDC Staff- Coordinator
  - RCSS Mental Health Staff

**RCDC TEAM MEMBERS**

- Participants Plead Guilty-RCDC is a Condition of Probation
- Participants Complete Three Phases to Graduate- Minimum of 180 Days of Sobriety
- Team Meetings Every Thursday, 12:15 to 1:00
- Hearings Scheduled Every Thursday, 1:30



**RCDC Model**

- Ongoing Judicial Interaction with Each Drug Court Participant is Essential
- Eligible Participants are Identified early and Promptly Placed in the Drug Court Program
- Abstinence is Monitored by Frequent Chemical Testing

From "The Ten Key Components" NDCI



- Rice County Drug Court Team Members Appreciate Community Support and Communication
- Please Inform Other Community Members
- Consider Supporting RCDC

**Thank- you**

## Steering Committee

- Guides Implementation
- Oversees Program Development Procedures and Budget
- Maintain Community Collaboration

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**RCDC- You Can Help**

- Employ RCDC Participants
- House RCDC Participants
- Donate to RCDC Participant Incentive Fund-Healthy Community Initiative
- Donate In- Kind Services (Haircuts, Car Repair)
- Support Scholarships for Community Activities
- Contact [rcdrugcourt@co.rice.mn.us](mailto:rcdrugcourt@co.rice.mn.us)

**RCDC- You Can Help**

- Rice County Community Corrections
- Rice County Social Services
- Rice County Attorney
- Third District Court Services
- Public Defender's Office
- Rice County Sheriff
- Police Departments- Faribault and Northfield
- Treatment Providers
- Rice County Family Services Collaborative

**COLLABORATION AND OUTREACH**

- Community Partners crucial to success of the Participants and the Court!



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