

Problem-Solving Courts Guide



Tracking problem-solving issues across the country

Welcome to the Problem-Solving Courts Community. Here you can find a wealth of resources for the numerous and various problem-solving courts located throughout the nation. See our [General Information Resource Guide](#) on problem-solving courts for an overview.

What's in this guide?

Problem-solving courts are specialized dockets within the criminal justice system that seek to address the underlying problem(s) contributing to certain criminal offenses. Generally, a problem-solving court involves a close collaboration between a judge(s) and a community service team to develop a case plan and closely monitor a defendant's compliance, imposing proper sanctions when necessary, see our [General Information Resource Guide](#). While the most widely recognized problem-solving court is the drug court, there are a multitude of other various problem-solving courts located in every state and territory.



Community Courts

[Community courts](#) are neighborhood-focused courts that address quality of life or "nuisance" cases and takes a more proactive approach to public safety.



Drug/DWI Courts

[Drug courts](#) are problem-solving courts that target criminal defendants who have alcohol and other drug dependency problems.



Fathering Courts

[Fathering courts](#) are specialized dockets that use alternatives to incarceration in an attempt to assist non-custodial parents with unpaid child support.



Homeless Courts

[Homeless courts](#) are special court sessions, typically held at shelters or other on-site locations, whereby homeless defendants can resolve outstanding misdemeanor criminal offenses.



Human Trafficking Courts

[Human trafficking courts](#) are specialized dockets that are beginning to exist throughout the U.S. that attempt to address the special needs of criminal defendants who are simultaneously victims of human trafficking.

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Mental Health Courts

[Mental health courts](#) are criminal diversion dockets that link qualifying offenders with community-based treatment services.



Truancy Courts

[Truancy courts](#) are juvenile problem-solving dockets that bring together the schools, law enforcement, social service providers, etc. to help stabilize families and reengage youth in their education.



Veterans Courts

[Veterans courts](#) work with community-based veterans' services to treat substance abuse or mental health issues as an alternative to incarceration.



Reentry Courts

[Reentry courts](#) assist individuals released from incarceration and their families in reintegrating the individual into the community by using the authority of the court to address behavioral health issues contributing to a cycle of addiction or criminal activity.



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