

## **APPENDIX C: BEST PRACTICES COMPARING YES TO NO WITH N SIZES**

The following table provides the detailed results for each best practice. “Yes” means the courts do perform that practice and “no” means the courts do not perform that practice. Specifically, the reductions in recidivism are the percent reduction in number of re-arrests in the drug court group compared to the comparison group for courts that do perform a specific practice (yes) and for courts that do not perform a practice (no). Similarly, the increase in cost savings are the percent reduction in outcome costs for the drug court group compared to the comparison group. The N denotes the number of drug courts that did perform a practice (yes) and did not perform a practice (no).

## Best Practices Detailed results

KC	Court Performs Practice	% decrease in # of re-arrests		% increase in cost savings		Recidivism N		Outcome Cost N	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Law Enforcement is a member of the drug court team	0.45*	0.24	0.39†	0.27	20	29	20	29
1	Judge, both attorneys, treatment, program coordinator, and probation attend staffings	0.42*	0.28	0.30	0.25	31	38	30	36
1	The defense attorney attends drug court team meetings (staffings)	0.35	0.29	0.29*	0.15	54	11	51	11
1	A representative from treatment attends drug court team meetings (staffings)	0.39†	0.19	0.29	0.29	50	11	49	11
1	Coordinator attends Drug court team meetings (staffings)	0.38†	0.24	0.31	0.22	46	15	45	15
1	Law Enforcement attends Drug court team meetings (staffings)	0.45*	0.27	0.34~	0.24	26	35	26	35
1	Judge, attorneys, treatment, probation, and coordinator attend court sessions (status review hearings)	0.42†	0.31	0.34~	0.25	20	49	19	47
1	A representative from treatment attends court sessions (status review hearings)	0.38†	0.19	0.29†	0.16	57	10	55	9
1	Law Enforcement attends court sessions (status review hearings)	0.53*	0.29	0.41*	0.25	14	48	14	47
1	Treatment communicates with court via email	0.46*	0.21	0.32	0.23	31	14	31	13
2	Drug Court allows non-drug charges.	0.41*	0.21	0.30	0.23	42	24	40	23
3	The drug court excludes offenders with serious mental health issues	0.37	0.32	0.21	0.37*	32	19	31	19
3	The time between arrest and program entry is 50 days or less	.39*	.24	.26	.32	15	26	13	25
3	Program caseload (number of individuals actually participating at any one time) is less than 125	0.40*	0.06	0.27	0.20	29	13	26	13

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4	The drug court works with two or fewer treatment agencies	0.40*	0.23	0.32	0.27	36	22	35	22		
4	The drug court has guidelines on the frequency of individual treatment sessions that a participant must receive	0.41*	0.27	0.25	0.31	33	29	33	26		
4	The drug court offers gender specific services	0.36†	0.30	0.28	0.31	42	17	41	17		
4	The drug court offers mental health treatment	0.36†	0.20	0.29	0.26	52	10	51	10		
4	The drug court offers parenting classes	0.38*	0.23	0.32~	0.21	44	17	43	17		
4	The drug court offers family/domestic relations counseling	0.38†	0.23	0.29	0.33	35	15	35	15		
4	The drug court offers anger management classes	0.37	0.25	0.33~	0.23	37	13	37	13		
4	The minimum length of the drug court program is 12 months or more	0.47*	0.30	0.32	0.23	18	37	17	36		
5	Drug test results are back in two days or less	0.38*	0.22	0.32*	0.19	21	18	21	16		
5	In the first phase of drug court, drug tests are collected at least two times per week	0.36	0.26	0.29~	0.18	54	13	53	12		
5	Participants are expected to have greater than 90 days clean (negative drug tests) before graduation	0.37~	0.14	0.30†	0.20	57	9	54	9		
6	Only the judge can give sanctions to clients.	0.34~	0.26	0.24	0.23	23	22	20	22		
6	Sanctions can be imposed outside of court by team members other than the Judge	0.26	0.42*	0.27	0.22	29	26	29	26		
6	Sanctions are imposed immediately after non-compliant behavior. (e.g., Drug court will impose sanctions in advance of a client's regularly scheduled court hearing.)	0.37	0.28	0.28*	0.14	38	18	36	17		
6	Team members are given a copy of	0.45†	0.29	0.31~	0.18	33	11	33	11		

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6	In order to graduate participants must have a job or be in school	0.42	0.34	0.33*	0.18	34	18	33	18
6	In order to graduate participants must have a sober housing environment	0.41	0.36	0.31~	0.21	32	20	32	19
6	In order to graduate participants must have pay all court-ordered fines and fees (e.g., fines, restitution)	0.43~	0.29	0.30	0.23	30	21	29	21
7	Participants have status review sessions every two weeks in first phase	0.46†	0.31	0.23	0.30	14	35	14	34
7	Judge spends an average of 3 minutes or greater per participant during status review hearings	0.43*	0.17	0.30	0.22	23	12	23	12
7	The judge was assigned to drug court on a voluntary basis	0.35~	0.19	0.24	0.23	27	11	24	11
7	The judge's term is indefinite	0.35*	0.26	0.28	0.24	52	12	50	11
8	The results of program evaluations have led to modifications in drug court operations	0.37†	0.20	0.36*	0.18	21	13	18	13
8	Review of the data and/or regular reporting of program statistics has led to modifications in drug court operations	0.41*	0.20	0.37*	0.16	22	16	20	15
9	All new hires to the drug court complete a formal training or orientation	0.40†	0.26	0.29	0.27	30	17	28	16

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