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The Research

- In the past 15 years NPC has completed over 125 drug court evaluations and research studies nationally
- Adult, Juvenile, DWI/DUI and Family Treatment (Dependency) Drug Courts
- Including California, Guam, Idaho, Indiana, Florida, Michigan, Maryland, Missouri, New York, Nevada, Oregon and Vermont



What We Already Know

Recidivism

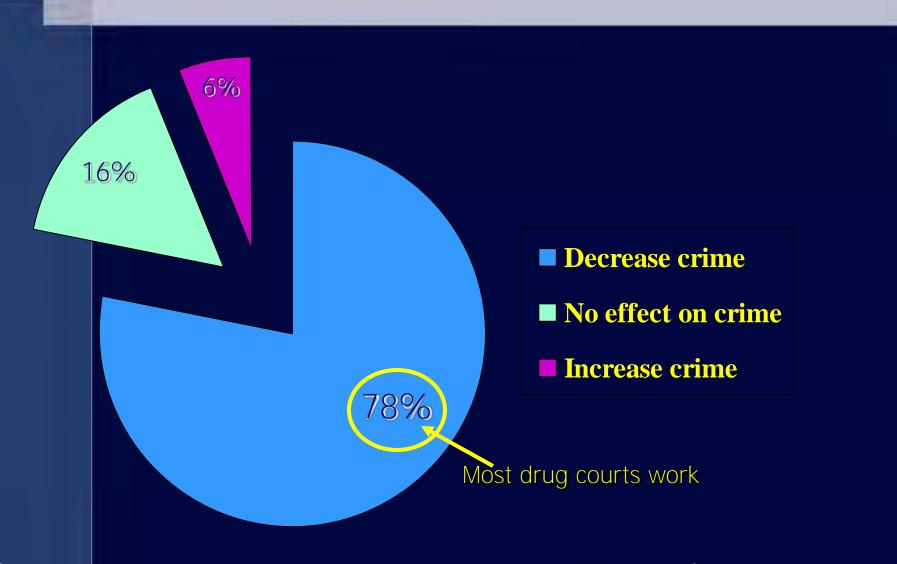
- Drug Courts reduce recidivism
- Recidivism is decreased up to 14 years after participation



- Average reduction is about 18%
- Some courts more than 60%



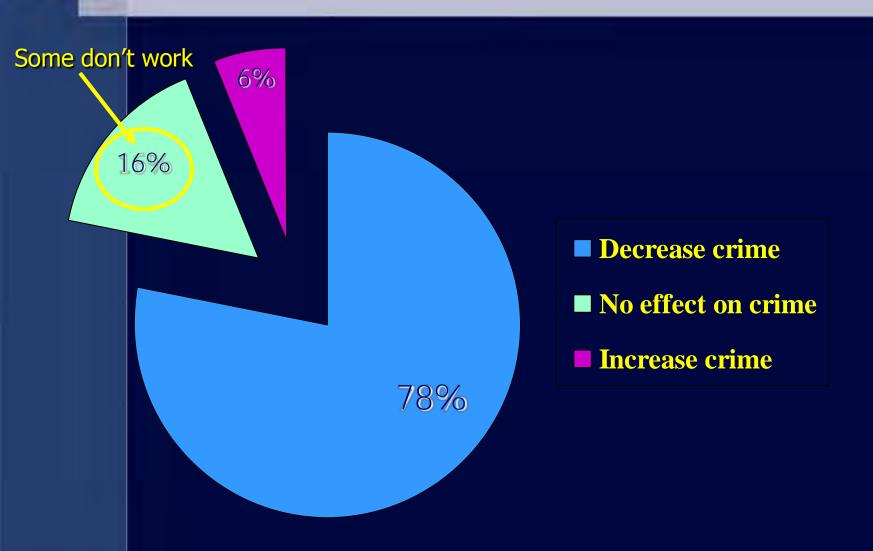
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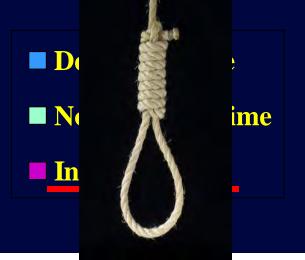


Let's do the math:

2,559 drug courts (as of 12/31/10)

x .06

= 154 harmful drug courts!



another 409 ineffective drug courts

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What is Working?



What is Working?

- Looked at 101 drug courts around the nation (detailed process studies/10 KC)
- 69 included recidivism and cost evaluations
- Trying to make the 10KC understandable in a much more specific way – through specific practices
- What are the best drug courts doing?

Found <u>over 50</u> practices that were related to significantly lower recidivism or lower costs or both



What is Working?

Drug Court Top 10

 Top 10 Best Practices for Reducing Recidivism

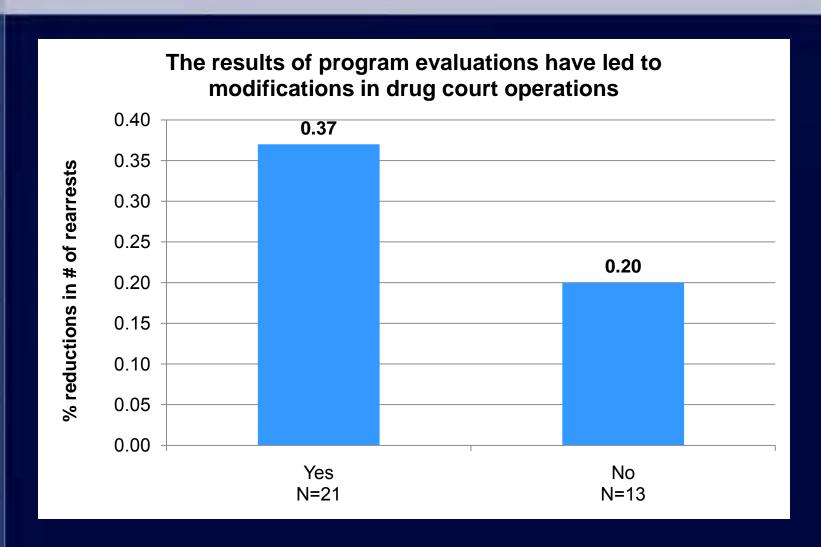
 Top 10 Best Practices for Reducing Cost (Increasing Cost Savings)



10. The results of program evaluations have led to modifications in drug court operations



10. Drug Courts that used program evaluations to make modifications in drug court operations had 85% reductions in recidivism



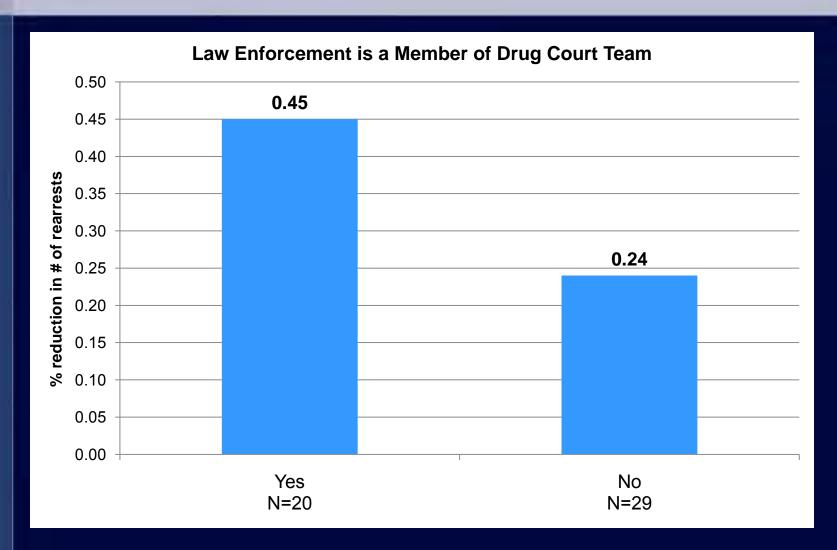
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- 10. The results of program evaluations have led to modifications in drug court operations
- 9. Law Enforcement is a member of the drug court team



9. Drug Courts where Law Enforcement is a member of the drug court team had 88% reductions in recidivism



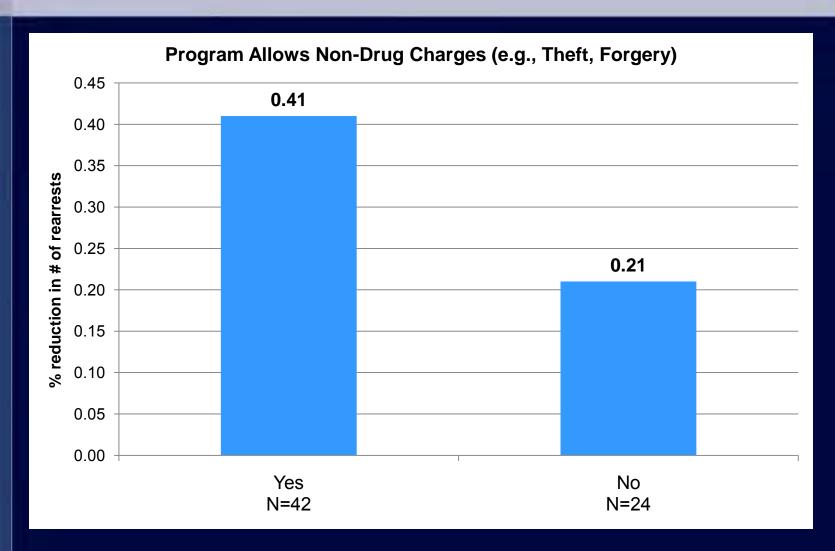
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- 10. The results of program evaluations have led to modifications in drug court operations
- 9. Law Enforcement is a member of the drug court team
- 8. Drug Court allows non-drug charges



8. Drug Courts That Allow Non-Drug Charges had 95% reductions in recidivism



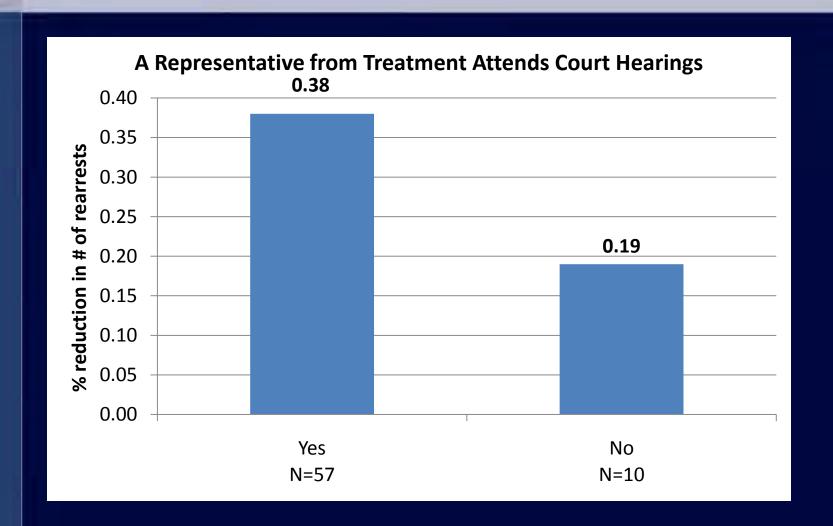
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- 9. Law Enforcement is a member of the drug court team
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- 7. A representative from treatment attends court sessions



7. Drug Courts Where a Treatment Representative Attends Court Hearings had 100% reductions in recidivism



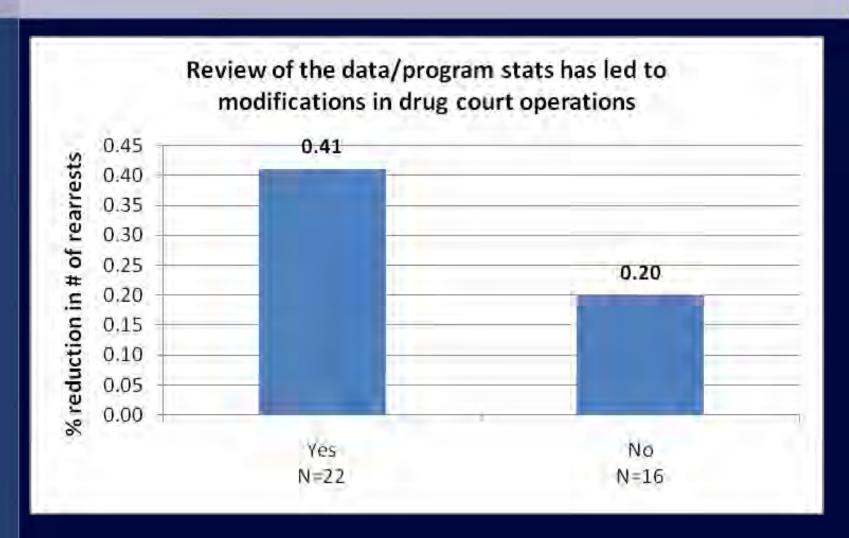
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- 10. The results of program evaluations have led to modifications in drug court operations
- 9. Law Enforcement is a member of the drug court team
- 8. Drug Court allows non-drug charges
- 7. A representative from treatment attends court sessions
- 6. Review of the data/program stats has led to modifications in drug court operations



6. Drug Courts Where Review of the Data and/or Program Statistics Led to Modifications in Program Operations had 105% reductions in recidivism



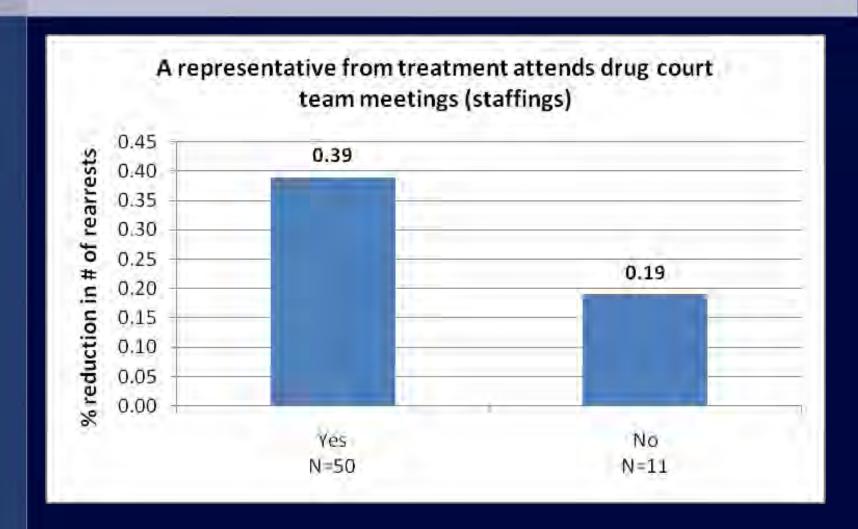
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5. A representative from treatment attends drug court team meetings (staffings)



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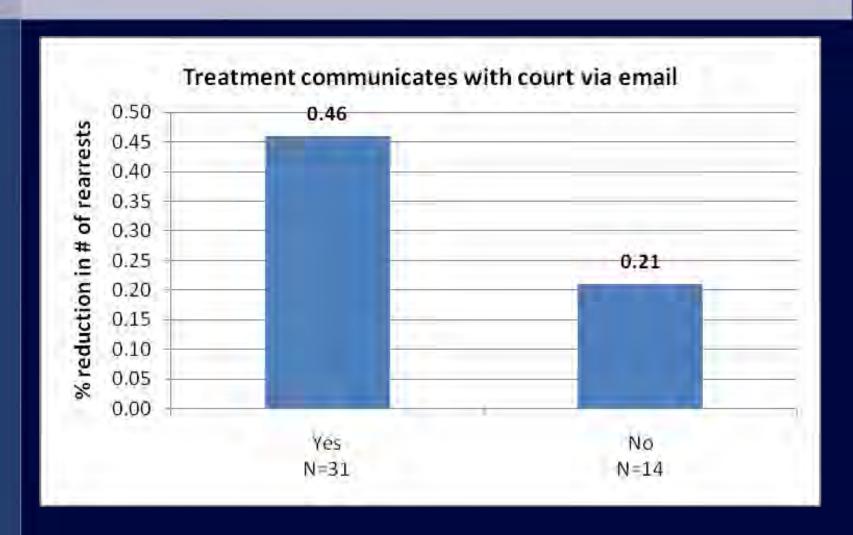
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- 5. A representative from treatment attends drug court team meetings (staffings)
- 4. Treatment communicates with court via email



4. Drug Courts Where Treatment Communicates with the Court via Email had 119% reductions in recidivism



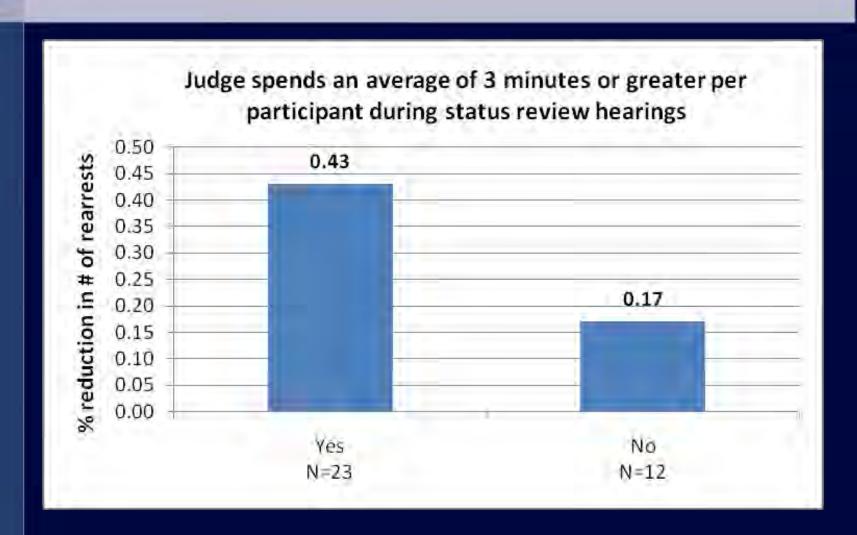
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- 3. Judge spends an average of 3 minutes or greater per participant during status review hearings



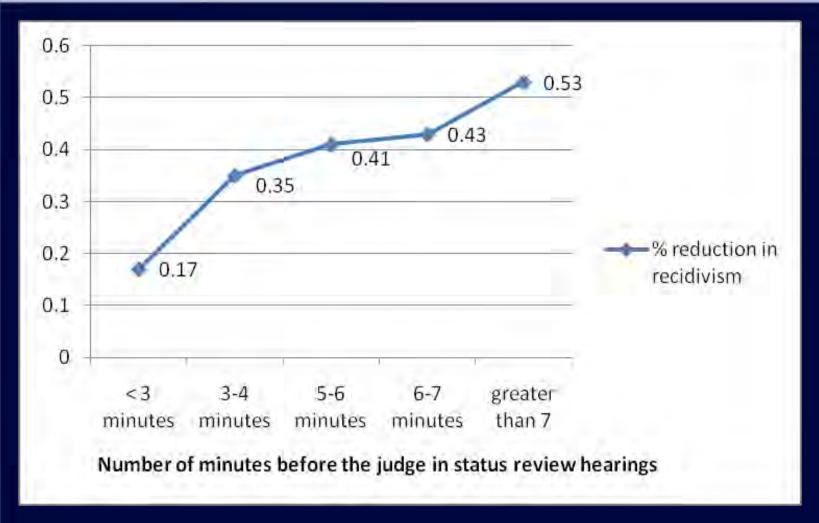
3. Drug Courts Where the Judge Spends an Average of 3 Minutes or Greater per Participant During Court Hearings had 153% reductions in recidivism



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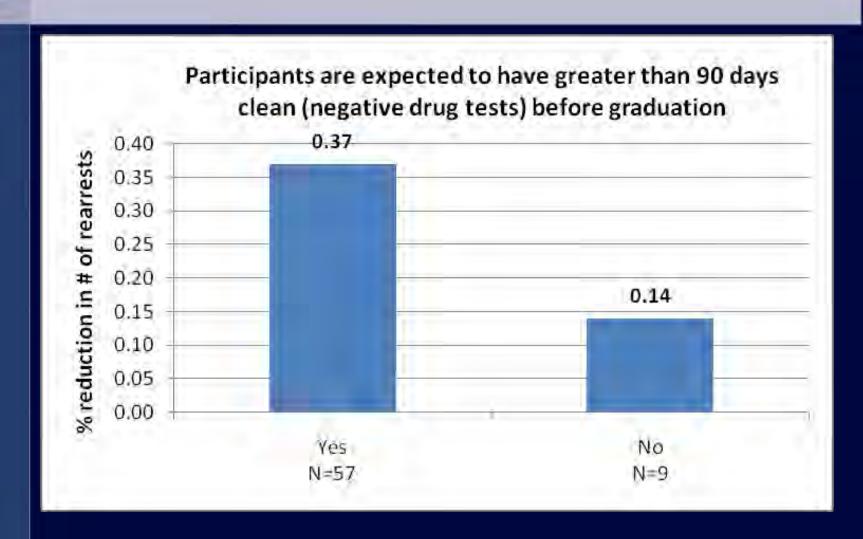
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- 5. A representative from treatment attends drug court team meetings (staffings)
- 4. Treatment communicates with court via email
- 3. Judge spends an average of 3 minutes or greater per participant during status review hearings
- 2. Participants are expected to have greater than 90 days clean (negative drug tests) before graduation



2. Drug Courts Where Participants are expected to have greater than 90 days clean (negative drug tests) before graduation Had 164% reductions in recidivism



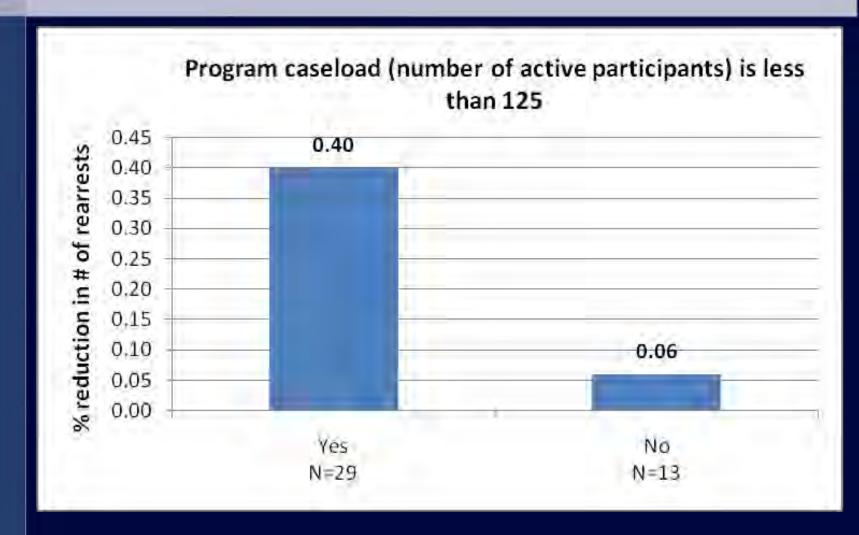
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- 5. A representative from treatment attends drug court team meetings (staffings)
- 4. Treatment communicates with court via email
- 3. Judge spends an average of 3 minutes or greater per participant during status review hearings
- 2. Participants are expected to have greater than 90 days clean (negative drug tests) before graduation
- 1. Program caseload (number of active participants) is less than 125



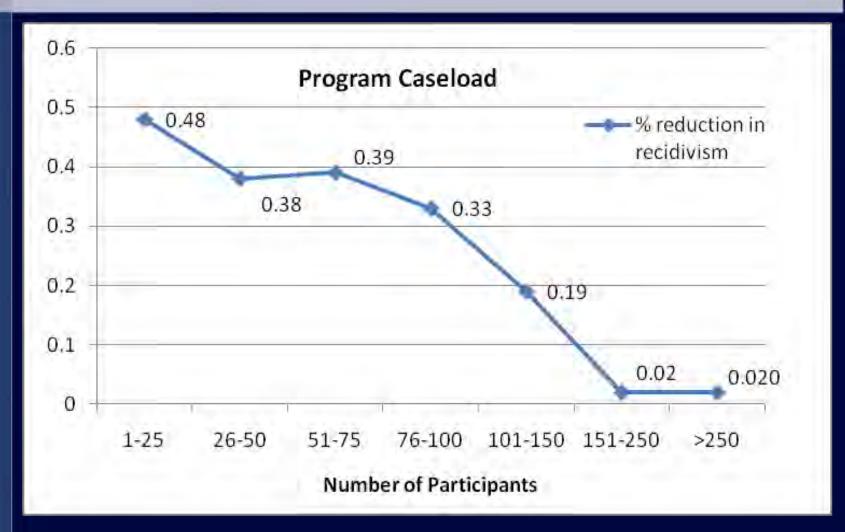
1. Drug Courts with a Program Caseload (Number of Active Participants) of less than 125 had 567% reductions in recidivism



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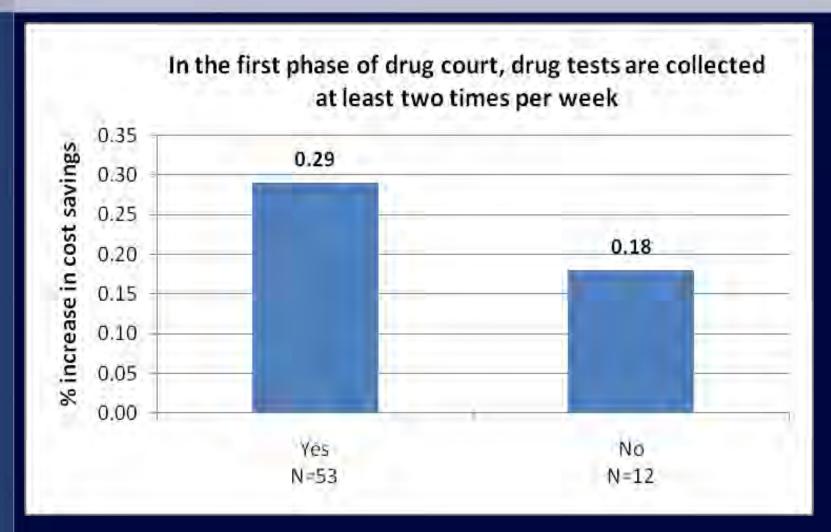


Drug Court Top 10 *Cost Savings*

10. In the first phase of drug court, drug tests are collected at least two times per week



10. Drug Courts Where Drug Tests are Collected at Least Two Times per Week In the First Phase had a 61% Increase in Cost Savings



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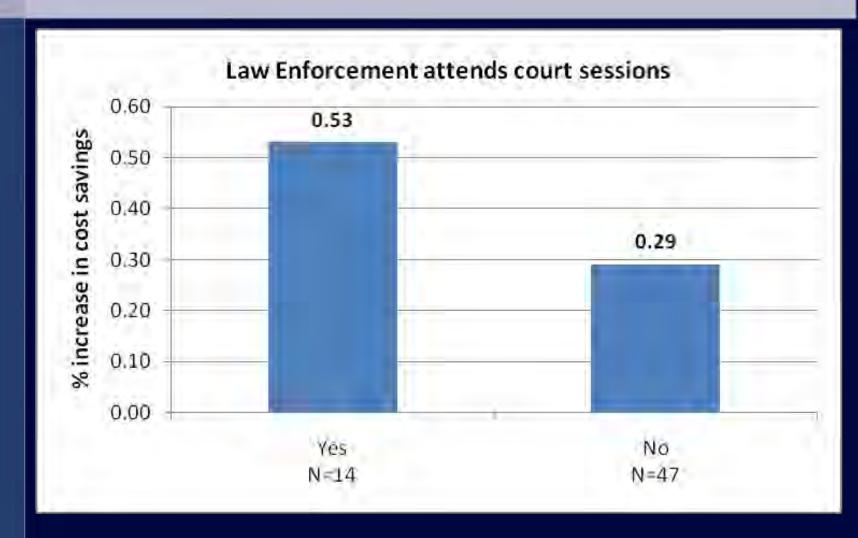


Drug Court Top 10 *Cost Savings*

- 10. In the first phase of drug court, drug tests are collected at least two times per week
- 9. Law Enforcement attends court sessions



9. Drug Courts Where Law Enforcement attends court sessions had a 64% Increase in Cost Savings



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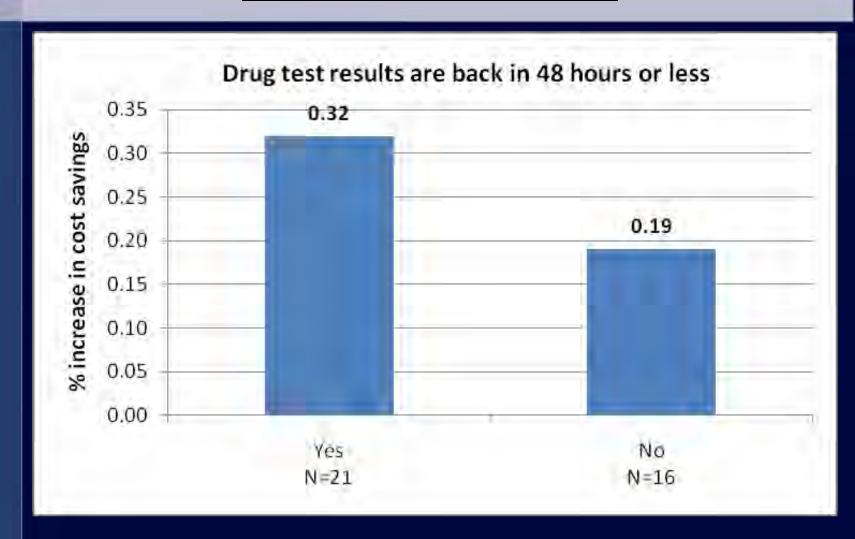


Drug Court Top 10 *Cost Savings*

- 10. In the first phase of drug court, drug tests are collected at least two times per week
- 9. Law Enforcement attends court sessions
- 8. Drug test results are back in 48 hours or less



8. Drug Courts Where Drug Test Results are Back in 48 Hours or Less had a 68% Increase in Cost Savings



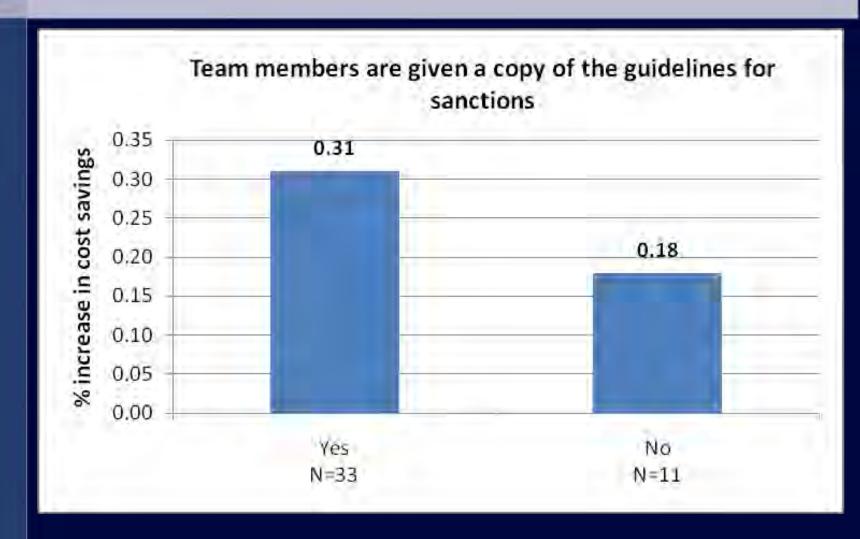
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- 10. In the first phase of drug court, drug tests are collected at least two times per week
- 9. Law Enforcement attends court sessions
- 8. Drug test results are back in 48 hours or less
- 7. Team members are given a copy of the guidelines for sanctions



7. Drug Courts Where Team Members are Given a Copy of the Guidelines for Sanctions had a 72% Increase in Cost Savings



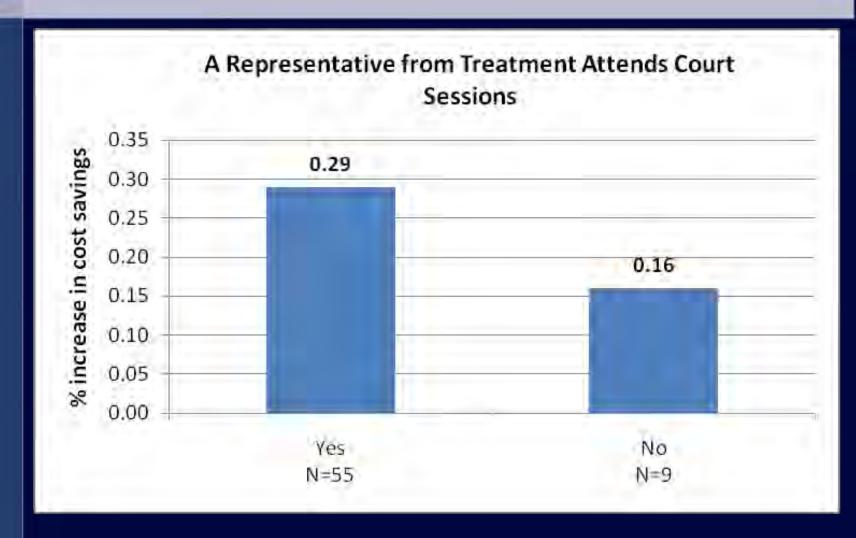
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- 9. Law Enforcement attends court sessions
- 8. Drug test results are back in 48 hours or less
- 7. Team members are given a copy of the guidelines for sanctions
- 6. A representative from treatment attends court sessions



6. Drug Courts Where a Representative from Treatment Attends Court Sessions had a 81% Increase in Cost Savings



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In order to graduate participants must have a job or be in school



5. Drug Courts Where in Order to Graduate Participants Must Have a Job or be in School had a 83% Increase in Cost Savings



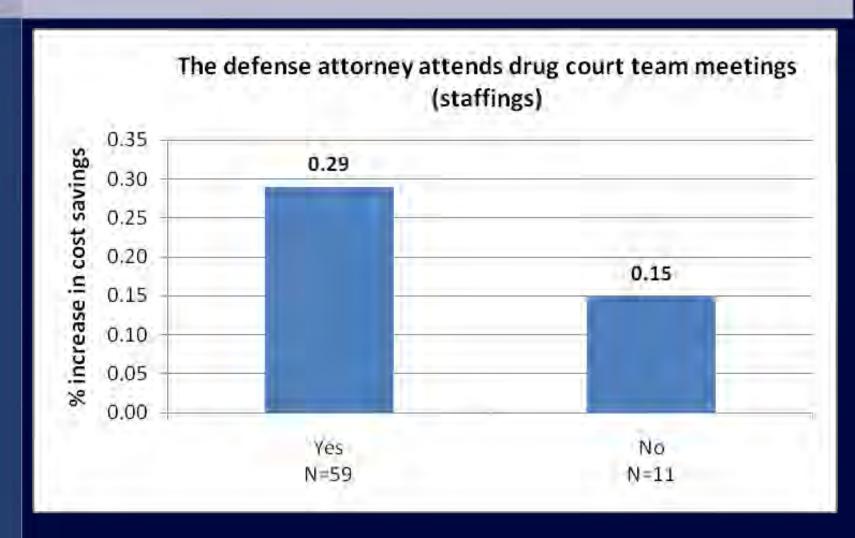
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- In order to graduate participants must have a job or be in school
- 4. The defense attorney attends drug court team meetings (staffings)



4. Drug Courts Where the Defense Attorney Attends Drug Court Team Meetings (Staffings) had a 93% Increase in Cost Savings



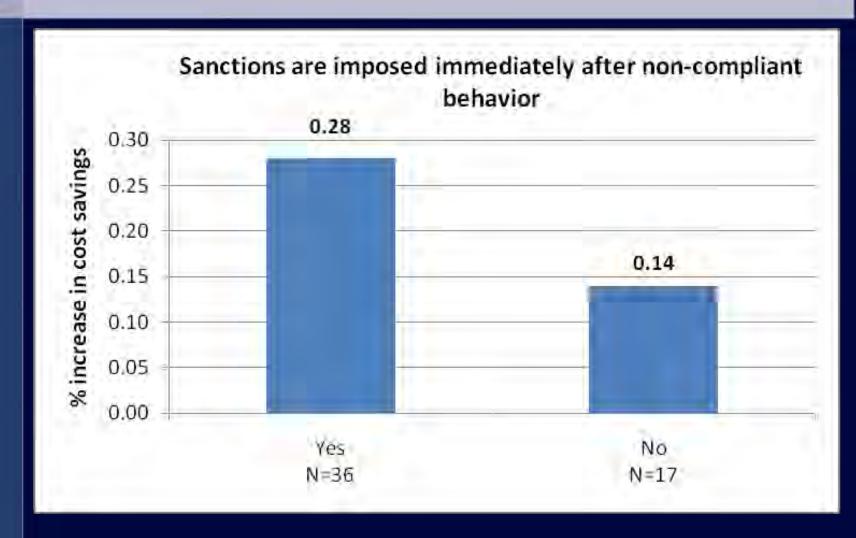
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- In order to graduate participants must have a job or be in school
- 4. The defense attorney attends drug court team meetings (staffings)
- Sanctions are imposed immediately after non-compliant behavior (e.g., in advance of a client's regularly scheduled court hearing)



3. Drug Courts Where Sanctions Are Imposed Immediately After Non-compliant Behavior had a 100% Increase in Cost Savings



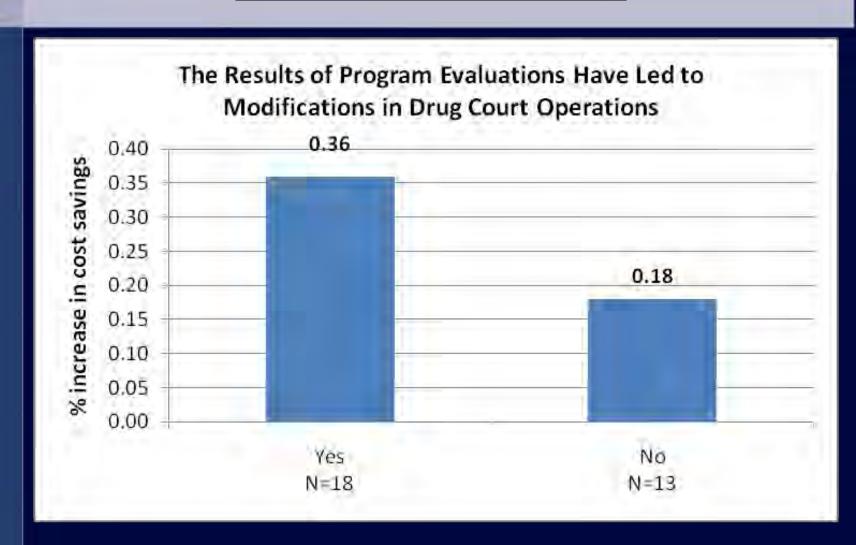
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- 5. In order to graduate participants must have a job or be in school
- 4. The defense attorney attends drug court team meetings (staffings)
- 3. Sanctions are imposed immediately after non-compliant behavior (e.g., in advance of a client's regularly scheduled court hearing)
 - 2. The results of program evaluations have led to modifications in drug court operations



2. Drug Courts Where The Results Of Program Evaluations Have Led to Modifications In Drug Court Operations had a 100% Increase in Cost Savings



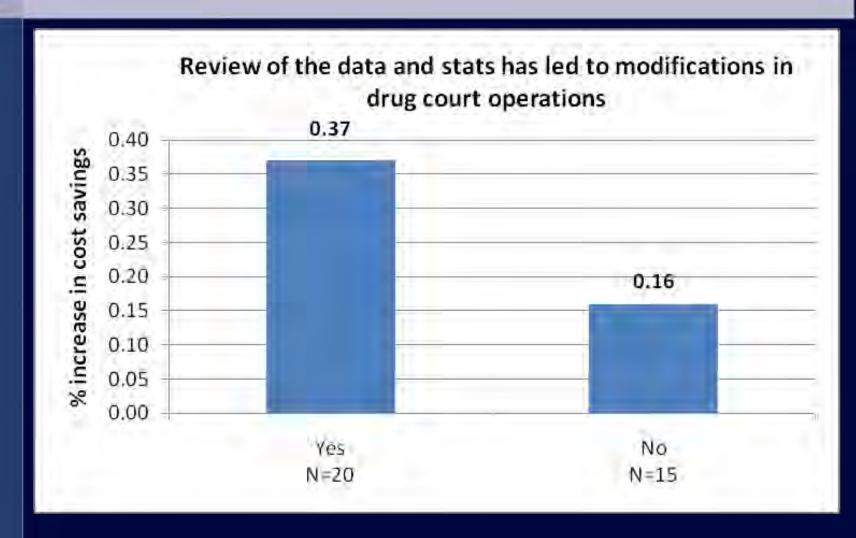
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- 3. Sanctions are imposed immediately after non-compliant behavior (e.g., in advance of a client's regularly scheduled court hearing)
 - 2. The results of program evaluations have led to modifications in drug court operations
 - 1. Review of the data and stats has led to modifications in drug court operations



1. Drug Courts Where Review of The Data and Stats Has Led to Modifications in Drug Court Operations had a 131% Increase in Cost Savings



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Drug Court Top 10

Things to note

- Lowest in Top 10 for recidivism reduced rearrests by 88%
- There are 25 practices that reduce recidivism by over 50%
- Several of the Top 10 practices are significant for both recidivism and costs (some are on both Top 10 lists)



Drug Court Top 10

Significant for both recidivism and cost

On both top 10 lists

- Review of the data and stats has led to modifications in drug court operations
- The results of program evaluations have led to modifications in drug court operations
- A representative from treatment attends drug court appearances



Drug Court Top 10

Significant for both recidivism and cost

- Participants are expected to have greater than 90 days clean before graduation
- Law Enforcement is a member of the drug court team
- Law Enforcement attends court sessions
- Team members are given a copy of the guidelines for sanctions
- Drug test results are back in 48 hours or less

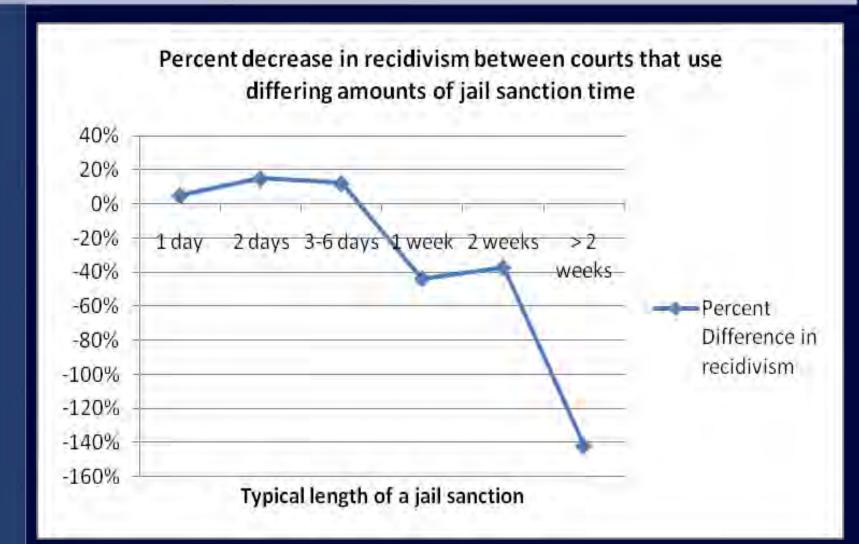


Themes in the Top 10

- Treatment engagement with team
- Law Enforcement engagement
- Drug testing
- Data and Evaluation



*One last practice of particular interest Courts that use jail greater than 6 days actually have worse (higher) recidivism





Questions?



Summary:

Handout: Latest list of best practices

Or download handout online at www.npcresearch.com



Coming Up

Article coming out in Drug Court Review in Fall

Presentation and handout on our Web site at

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Conclusion:





Before DC

After DC



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