

Oregon Problem-Solving Courts



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Problem-Solving Courts

Problem-solving courts are specialized court dockets that seek to address underlying issues that contribute to criminality by providing a combination of treatment, services, and supervision.

Types of Courts

- Adult Drug
- Domestic Violence
- DUII
- Family Drug
- Juvenile Drug
- Mental Health
- Veterans
- Community Court
- Hybrid (combination)



Dynamics of a Team

Problem-solving courts involve close collaboration between the judge and a team.

The judge is the focal point of the court, providing encouragement and holding the participant accountable.

A team generally consists of:

Judge

Court Coordinator

District Attorney

Defense Attorney

Probation Officer

Law Enforcement Officer

Treatment Provider

Defining Problem-Solving Courts: *10 Key Components*

- Integrate treatment services with justice system case processing.
- Using a non-adversarial approach, prosecution and defense counsel promote public safety while protecting participants' due process rights.
- Eligible participants are identified early and promptly placed in the court program.
- Provide access to a continuum of alcohol, drug, mental health, and other related treatment and rehabilitation services.
- Abstinence is monitored by frequent alcohol and drug testing.
- A coordinated strategy governs court response to participants' compliance.
- Ongoing judicial interaction with each participant is essential.
- Monitoring and evaluation measure the achievement of program goals and effectiveness.
- Continuing interdisciplinary education promotes effective planning, implementation, and operations.
- Forging partnerships among courts, public agencies, and community-based organizations generates local support and enhances program effectiveness.

Criminal Justice Commission (CJC): *Specialty Courts Role*

Serves as a “clearinghouse and information center for the collection, preparation, analysis, and dissemination of the best practices applicable to specialty courts.” (ORS 137.680)

- ❖ Provides grant funding
- ❖ Coordinates research
- ❖ Co-coordinate training programs
- ❖ Supports the implementation of programs consistent with evidence-based practices.

Oregon Judicial Department (OJD): *Specialty Courts Role*

Courts dedicate judges, staff, and court time to these dockets in an effort to better serve their communities. OJD supports these courts by providing judicial training, best practices, standardized forms, and supporting the establishment of new courts.

- ❖ Judicial education and training
- ❖ Staffing
- ❖ Daily management of court docket
- ❖ Day-to-day interaction with participants
- ❖ Preserve confidentiality
- ❖ Maintain the official court record

Working Together

Criminal Justice Commission & Oregon Judicial Department

- Developed evidence-based standards for specialty courts
- Chief Justice Order (CJO 2017-086) issued December 2017

- **Oregon Specialty Court Standards:**

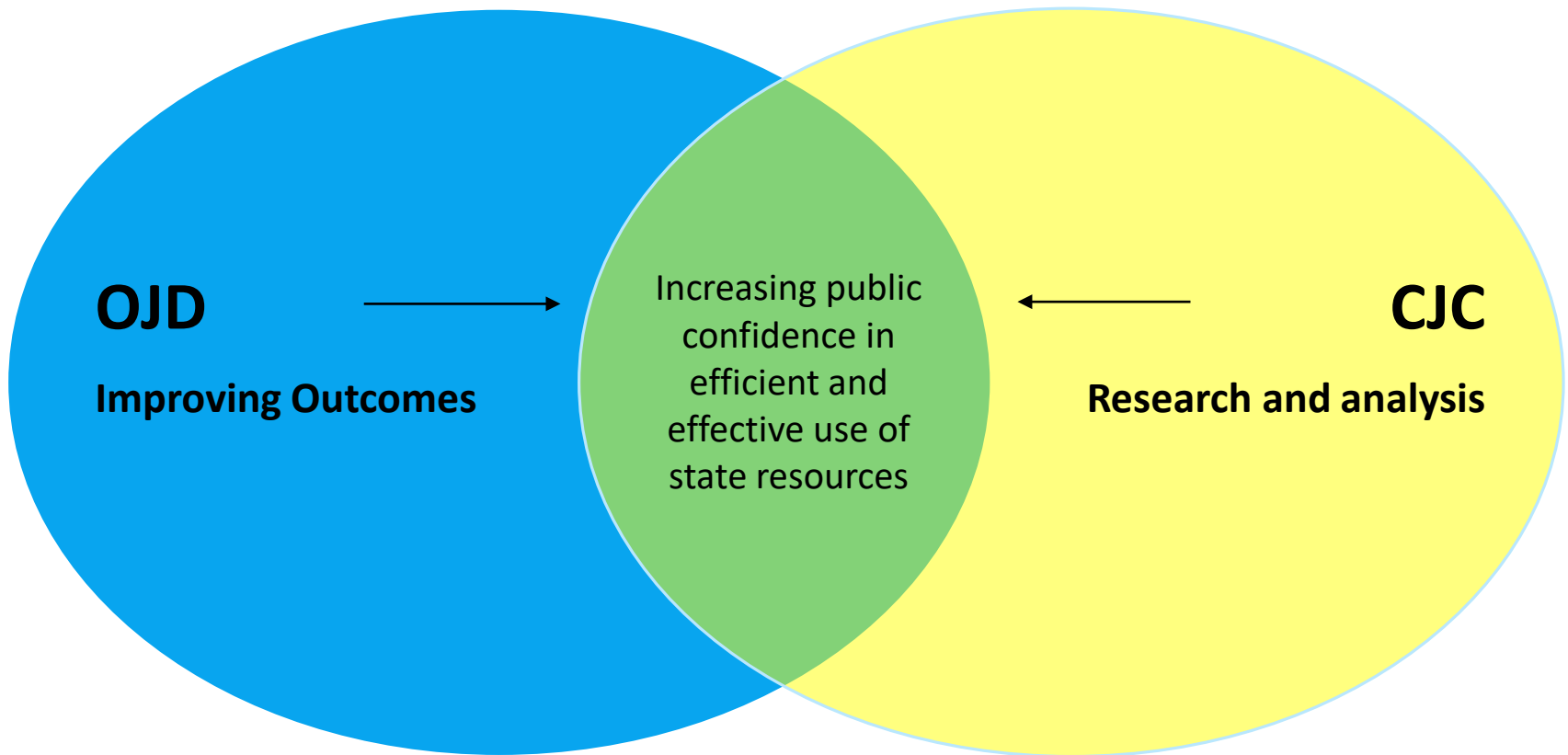
- Create consistent practices
- Provide guidance to all types of specialty courts
- Focus on continuous improvements

- **Partnership:**

- Ongoing training for problem-solving court teams
- Specialty Courts Case Management System (SCMS)



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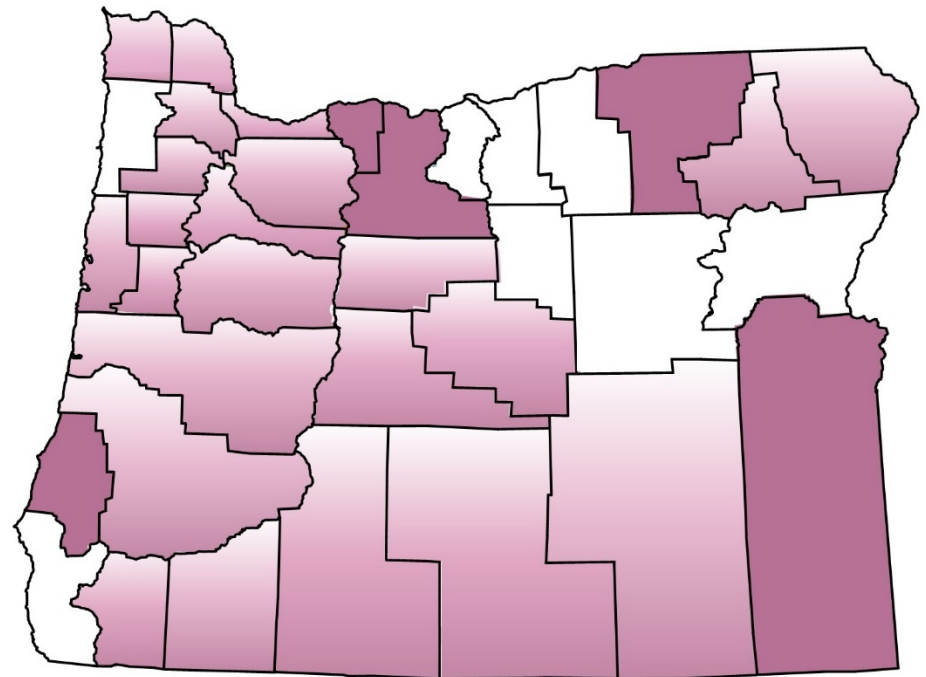
Statewide Problem-Solving Courts

81 Problem-Solving Courts in Oregon – 70 will receive SCMS

- ■ 28 counties w/ Problem-Solving Courts
- 23 counties receive CJC grant funds
- ■ 28 counties will implement SCMS
- 8 have no Problem-Solving Courts

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- Juvenile Drug
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Collaboration



Better Statistics – *Example*

Target Population

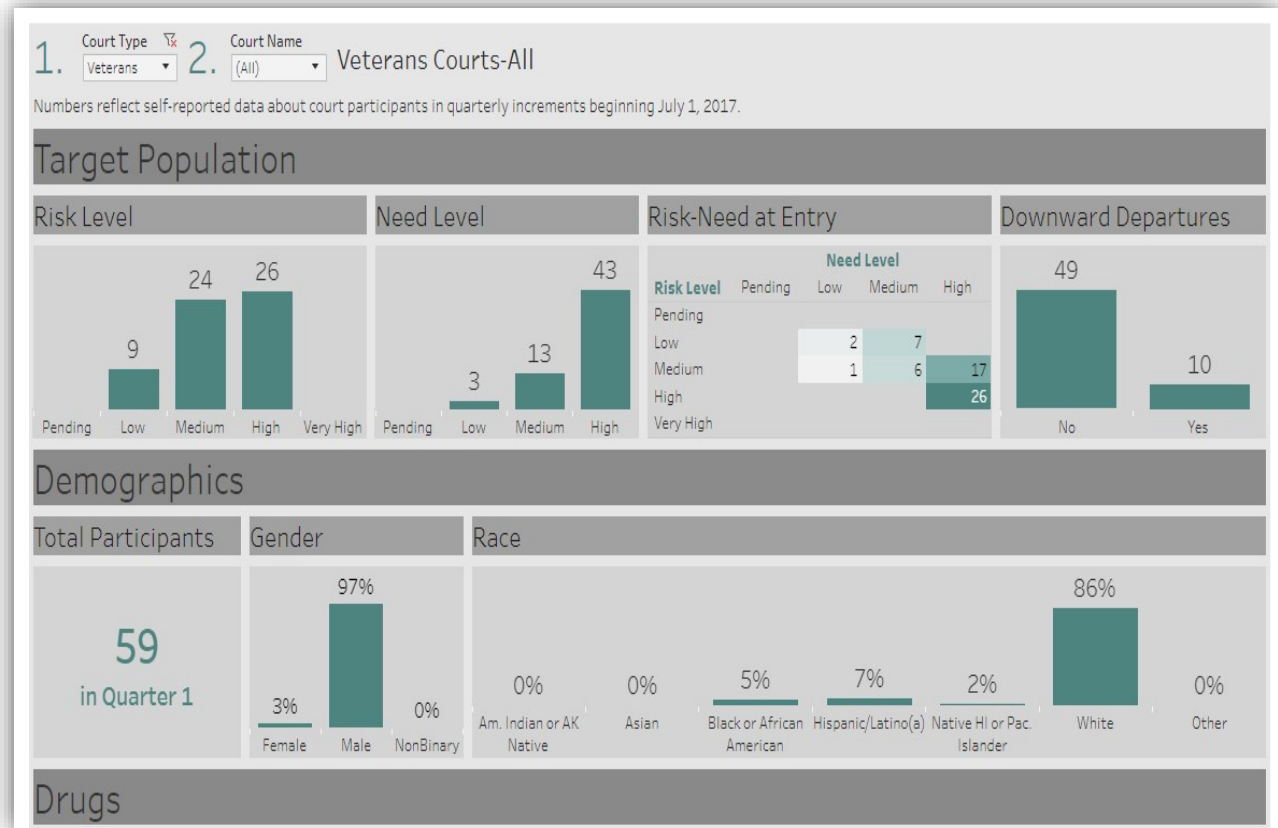
- Risk Level
- Need Level
- Risk-Need at Entry
- Downward Departures

Demographics

- Total Participants
- Gender
- Race

More...

- Drug Use
- Jail Sanctions



SCMS Statewide Rollout

Implementation

- OJD coordinates all training events
- In-person training for courts and team members
- Vendor leads training
- OJD & CJC on-site to answer questions at each training event
- Training materials available
- Pilot court Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) assist at all go-live events

Circuit Courts	Go-Live Date
Klamath	10/24/18
Lane	11/19/18
Douglas	12/12/18
Columbia; Marion	01/28/19
Crook; Deschutes; Hood River; Jefferson; Wasco	03/18/19
Clatsop; Multnomah	04/08/19
Coos; Jackson; Josephine; Lake	04/29/19
Benton; Lincoln; Linn; Polk; Yamhill	05/20/19
Clackamas; Washington	06/03/19
Harney; Malheur; Union; Umatilla; Wallowa	06/24/19

SCMS and Increasing Court Efficiency



- Improve communication between team members
- More time for coordinator to focus on participants
- Statewide problem-solving court statistics
- Measure effectiveness and compliance with best practices
- Embedded support and resources in SCMS

Improving Outcomes

- Reduce Recidivism
- Reduce Use of Prison and Jail Beds
- Improve Participants' Lives
- Improve Public Safety



Questions



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