

MINNESOTA JUDICIAL BRANCH HENNEPIN COUNTY MODEL DRUG COURT FACT SHEET

PROGRAM MISSION: The mission of the Hennepin County Drug Court is to increase public safety, improve chemical health, and reduce crime by targeting the population of chemically dependent felony property and drug offenders who are at high risk to re-offend. A coordinated and comprehensive approach will be used to facilitate short and long term behavioral change.

Between 2007 and 2020, there have been 1,246 admissions to Model Drug Court (MDC).

PROGRAM GOALS



Reduce Criminal Recidivism^a

58%

Have no new convictions during the program*

76%

2018 completers who did not recidivate within two years**



Increase Community Engagement 41%

Have an increase in housing stability during MDC*

33%

Have an increase in their employment level during MDC*



Reduce Illegal Chemical Use 205

Average days of chemical dependency treatment during MDC *

83%

Percentage of total negative probation issued drug tests*

------ 2018 PARTICIPANT SURVEY -----

93% of participants surveyed agreed they would recommend Model Drug Court to a friend in a similar situation.

"My drug of choice is killing people so it was extremely important for me to get into MDC and treatment. If it weren't for this, I'd probably be dead." "[MDC provides] the encouragement and accountability to make positive life changes. They believed in me when I didn't believe in myself."

------2020 KEY PROGRAM METRICS -----

161

Total participants†

58%

Participants from communities of color[†]

20 to 70
Age range of participants†

91%
Have a severe
Substance Use
Disorder†

Average months in MDC*



68% men 32% women[†]



55% enter for drug felony 45% enter for property felony[†]



42% Graduate^{*}

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[∆]New convictions for misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor and felony level offenses. Excludes all traffic and vehicle related offenses except DWI.

^{*}All 2020 completers. N=43. Completers include both graduates and non-completers. † All 2020 program participants including active and completers. N=161

^{**}All 2018 completers (N=82), which allows for two years to calculate recidivism (criminal convictions). Completers includes graduates and program non-completers.