



MINNESOTA JUDICIAL BRANCH HENNEPIN COUNTY MODEL DRUG COURT FACT SHEET

MODEL DRUG COURT PROGRAM MISSION: 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 is used to facilitate short and long term behavioral change. From 2007 to 2017, approximately 1,080 participants were admitted to Model Drug Court (MDC).

PROGRAM GOALS



Reduce Criminal Reoffending/ Recidivism[^]

61%

No new convictions during the program^{*}

65%

Completers who did not reoffend within two years^{**}



Increase Community Engagement

39%

Increase housing stability during MDC^{*}

37%

Increase employment level during MDC^{*}



Reduce Illegal Chemical Use

229

Average days in chemical dependency treatment during MDC^{*}

84%

Negative drug tests^{*}

2018 PARTICIPANT SURVEY

93% of participants agreed they would recommend MDC 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.”

2017 KEY PROGRAM STATISTICS

213

Participants served in 2017[†]

18 to 62

Age range of participants in 2017[†]

52%

Represent communities of color[†]

83%

Have a severe Substance Use Disorder^{*}

15.7

Average months in MDC[†]



64% Men[†]

36% Women[†]



76% Felony Drug Referrals[†]

24% Felony Property Referrals[†]



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 2017 completers. Completers include both graduates and terminated participants.

[†] All 2017 program participants.

^{**} All 2015 completers, which allows for two years to calculate recidivism. Completers include both graduates and terminated participants.