

# SPECIALTY TREATMENT COURTS

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## WHY WERE SPECIALTY TREATMENT COURTS CREATED?

- 85% of those incarcerated are substance involved.
- The US makes up 5% of the world's population but consume 2/3 of the world's drugs.
- Judges began to recognize the problem is treatable.
- Provide intensive SUD Treatment as an alternative to incarceration for non-violent offenders.
- The results were remarkable.

## WHAT IS A SPECIALTY COURT?

- Therapeutic Jurisprudence
- Treatment courts divert non-violent offenders with SUD from incarceration into supervised programs with treatment and standards of accountability.
- The courts connect the judicial, law enforcement, and treatment communities with other systems through comprehensive case management to address participants' needs, such as education, housing, job training, and mental health.
- These intensive programs help participants recover from addiction and aim to prevent future criminal activity while also reducing the burden and costs of repeatedly processing low-level, non-violent offenders through courts, jails, and prisons.
- First Drug Court Miami, FL 1989
- First Drug in Louisiana, 1998

## WHO CAN BE SERVED?

- Adult Drug Court
- Juvenile Drug Court
- Family Preservation Court
- DWI Court
- Veterans Treatment Court
- Reentry Court
- Behavioral Health/Co-Occurring Courts

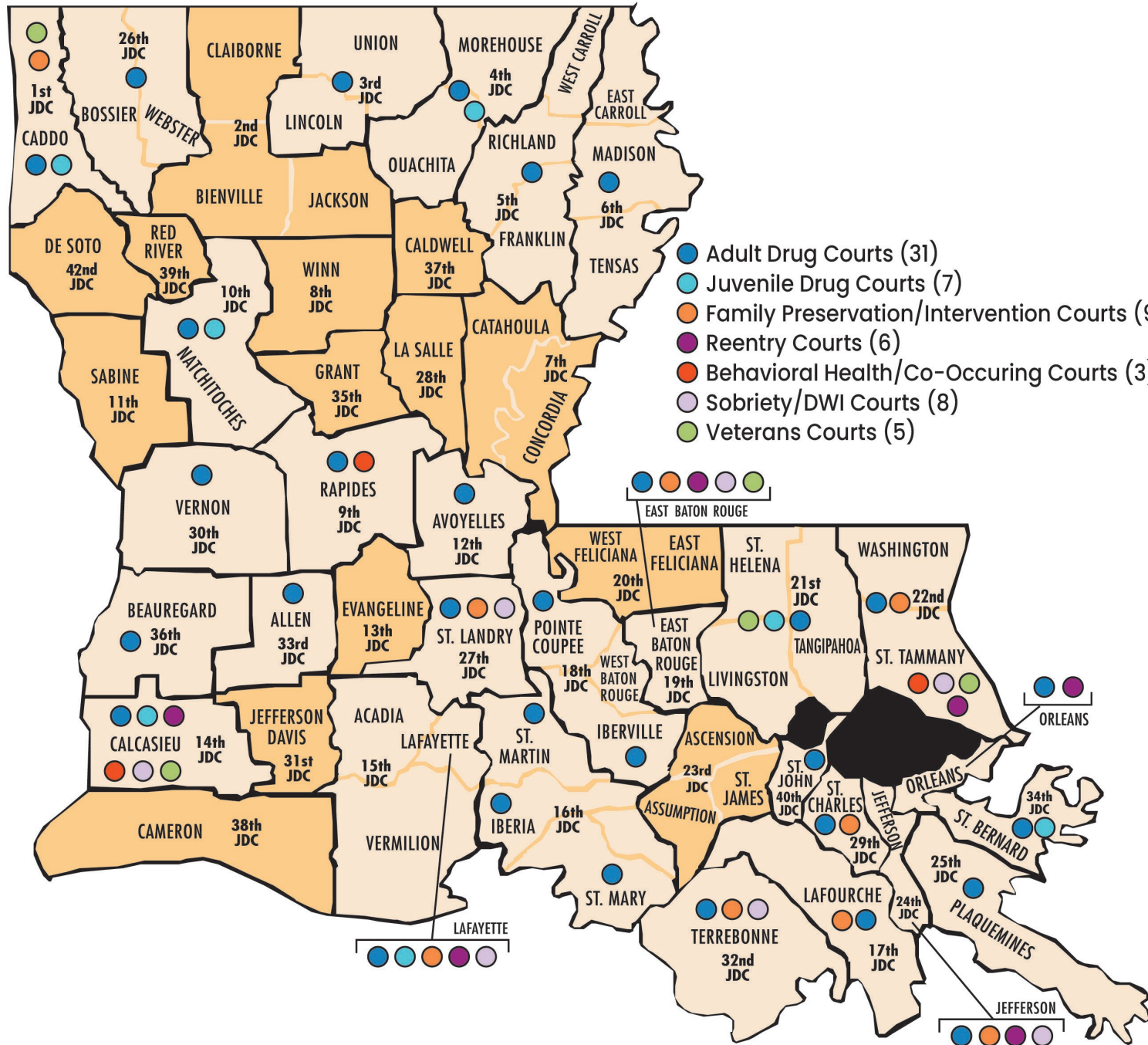
## HOW TO START?

- Identify Target Population:
  - Who do you want to serve?
  - Gather data
- Find a willing, dedicated judge.
- Get the band together- Assemble your team.
- Hit the Road- Visit programs.
- Meetings and Manuals.
- Apply for Funding.
- Training, Training, Training!

## 2024 SPECIALTY COURTS

# 69 Operational Programs

- 31 Adult Drug Courts
- 7 Juvenile Drug Courts
- 9 Family Preservation
- 6 Reentry Courts
- 3 Behavioral Health/Co-occurring
- 8 DWI/Sobriety Courts
- 5 Veterans Courts



# STATISTICAL COMPARISON 2021/2024

	2021	2024
Individuals Screened	2775	3552
New Admissions	1,850	2381
Participants Served	4,384	5015
Treatment Hours	226,391	278,287
Drug Tests	120,442	164,560
Graduates	832	1,032
Average Months in Program	24	20
Drug Free Births	58	69
Recidivism	7.2%	8%
Community Service Hours	28,762	35,683
Participants Employed or Obtained GED/HiSet	931	990



## ROLE OF SUPREME COURT DRUG AND SPECIALTY COURT OFFICE

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Louisiana Supreme Court Drug and Specialty Court Office is to provide a unified framework that determines, promotes, and improves the quality, accessibility, and administration of Louisiana Specialty Courts

- Provide programmatic and fiscal oversight
- Promulgate best practice standards
- Conduct research
- Provide technical assistance
- Collaborate with State level stakeholders
- Administer case management software
- Provide Community Supervision Application.

# COMMUNITY SUPERVISION APPLICATION

Celebrate Milestones

Benchmarks

Messaging

Video Chat

Forms uploaded

Curfew and spot checks

Location Monitoring

Drug Test Randomization

Calendars

Reminders

Action plans

QUESTIONS?

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