

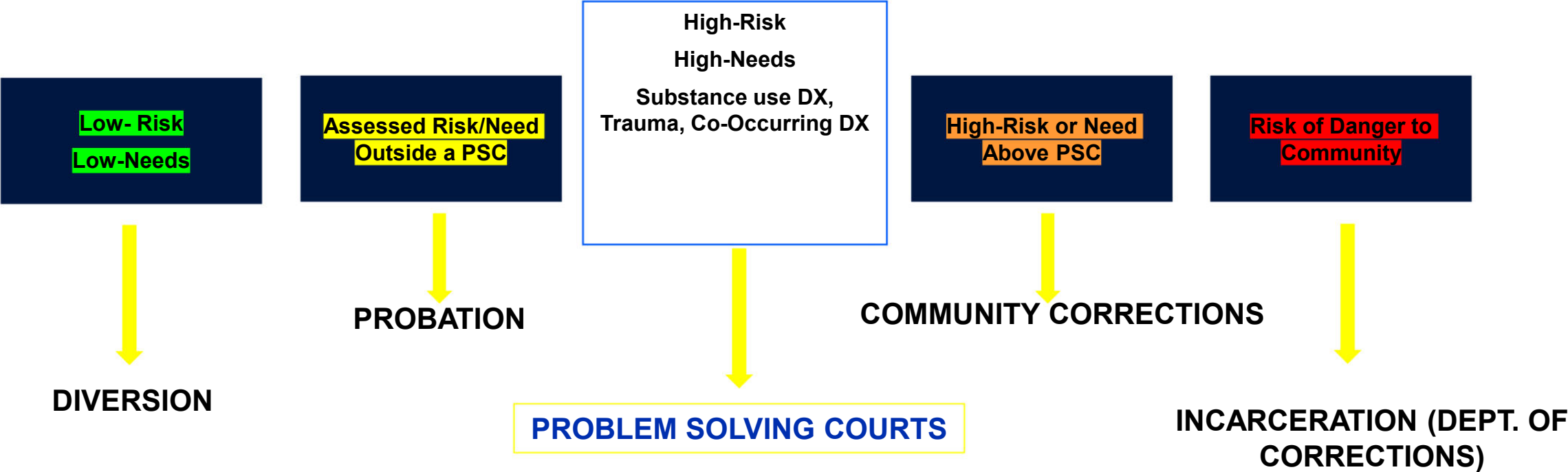


PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS

4TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT CRIMINAL PROBLEM SOLVING COURT (PSC) PROGRAMS



WHERE DO PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS FIT WITHIN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM?

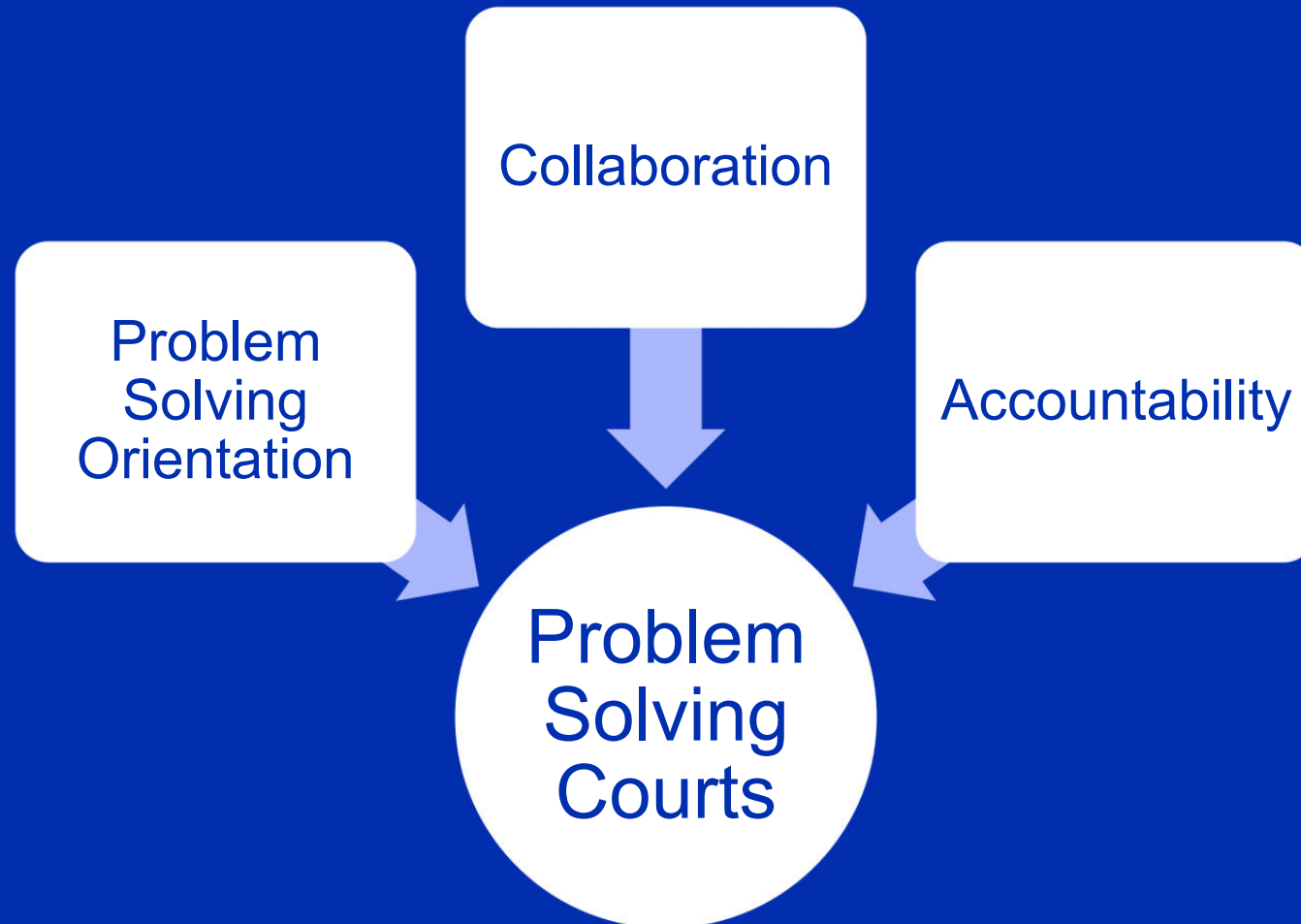


COMMUNITY SUPERVISION



- Standard Probation Supervision (based on assessment scores)
 - Meets with PO between every 90 days and 1 time per week
 - The Level of Supervision Index (LSI) is generally assessed every 6 months, or when there are any life changing or life altering events
 - The number of meetings per month depends on assessed risk and need of probationers
- ComCor
 - Average 9-mos (min. 7-mos) in the residential facility before transferring to non-residential

WHAT MAKES A COURT PROBLEM-SOLVING?



PROBLEM SOLVING ORIENTATION



- Individualized Screening and Problem Assessment
- Individualized Treatment
- Direct Engagement of Participant
- Focus on Outcomes
- System Change



COLLABORATION



- Justice System Collaboration
- Social Service Provider Collaboration
- Community Collaboration



ACCOUNTABILITY



- Participant Accountability
- Service Provider Accountability
- Court Accountability



Research on PSC Program Effectiveness

(Drug Courts are the most researched type of PSC Program)



More than 80% of people charged with a crime in the United States misuse illicit drugs or alcohol ⁶

Best practice research showed that drug courts that had 50 days or less between arrest and program entry had 63% greater reductions in recidivism ³

Drug Courts are expected to have the greatest effects for high-risk offenders who have more severe antisocial backgrounds or poorer prognoses for success in standard treatments ⁴

The most effective Drug Courts perform urine drug testing at least twice per week during the first several months of the program. ⁴

The most effective Drug Courts require regular attendance by the judge, defense counsel, prosecutor, treatment providers and law enforcement officers at staff meetings and status hearings⁴

The imposition of gradually escalating sanctions for infractions, including brief intervals of jail detention, significantly improves outcomes among drug offenders. ⁴

Drug Courts are proven to retain offenders in treatment considerably longer than most other correctional programs ⁴

Drug Courts produce an average of \$2.21 in direct benefits to the criminal justice system for every \$1.00 invested — a 221% return on investment ⁴

\$3.19 saved for every \$1.00 invested in DWI courts ¹

The average graduation rate in respondents' drug courts was 59% in 2014 ⁵

We know beyond a reasonable doubt that Drug Courts significantly reduce drug use and crime and do so with substantial cost savings. Drug Courts reduce recidivism by an average of 10-15% ⁴

DWI court participants are 19 times less likely to reoffend ²

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT



Domestic Violence Court participants have been arrested multiple times for domestic violence offenses or have a single DV charge that requires increased accountability and supervision. This program involves weekly treatment and is intensively supervised by probation with frequent court interaction.



DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE COURT

DUI Court participants have been convicted of a felony alcohol related driving convictions. An increased level of treatment and supervision can be expected if you are in this program. This program involves weekly treatment and is intensively supervised by probation with frequent court interaction.



RECOVERY COURT

Recovery Court is a program for the high-risk defendant who has a substance use disorder (as determined by probation/clinical assessment) that is the primary cause of their criminal behavior. Participants have many types of felony convictions, ranging from DF4s to other non-violent felonies which are drug-related or drug motivated. This program involves weekly drug treatment and is intensively supervised by probation with frequent court interaction.

VETERAN'S TRAUMA COURT



The Veterans Trauma Court program serves those who have previously served who have needs such as PTSD, a traumatic brain injury, depression, anxiety or substance abuse related to their military service. This program involves individualized treatment and is intensively supervised by probation with frequent court interaction.

An Alternative to Prison

Back in Jail?

Did you know there are special programs here in El Paso County, designed to help keep people out of jail or the Department of Corrections? Are you back in jail due to problems with substance use disorder, domestic violence, or military related trauma?

Better than jail!

Check out our Problem Solving Court programs! You may qualify for a program that will offer the intense supervision and focused treatment you need to avoid extensive jail or prison time. All criminal Problem Solving Court candidates must be Probation eligible and meet individual program eligibility.

Our Programs

If you find yourself back here in jail or involved in the criminal justice system because you are struggling with substance/alcohol abuse, domestic violence, or trauma related to military service, you may qualify for one of the following programs:

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Domestic Violence (DV) Court Domestic Violence Court participants have been arrested multiple times for domestic violence offenses or have a single DV charge that requires increased accountability and supervision.

Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Court DUI Court participants have been convicted of a felony alcohol related driving convictions. An increased level of treatment and supervision can be expected if you are in this program.

Veterans Trauma Court (VTC) The Veterans Trauma Court program serves those who have previously served. If you have PTSD, a traumatic brain injury, depression, anxiety or substance abuse related to your service, this may be the program for you.

Do I Qualify?

- ✓ Talk to your Attorney and ask...
- ✓ Do you have a new criminal case or probation revocation pending in the 4th Judicial District?
- ✓ Are you Probation eligible?
 - All candidates must be eligible for Probation
- ✓ Do any of the statements below apply to your situation now?
 - I am actively struggling with substance use disorder
*Consider Recovery Court
 - I have been arrested more than two times for Domestic Violence (DV) and have at least one prior DV conviction. Single DV charges may be considered. Any new charges must be DV related.
*Consider Domestic Violence Court
 - I have a new Felony DUI charge or am facing Probation Revocation on a Felony DUI case
*Consider Driving Under the Influence Court
 - I am a military veteran or active duty service member with a service connected trauma
*Consider Veterans Trauma Court



WHAT ABOUT CHARGES?

Certain high level felonies, sex offenses and crimes of violence do not qualify for some Problem Solving Court programs.

ALUMNI



QUESTIONS?



RESOURCES



STATE AND LOCAL PROBLEM SOLVING COURT LINKS

Colorado State-wide Problem Solving Courts Website

<https://cjpu.colorado.gov/problem-solving-courts>

Colorado 4th Judicial District – Problem Solving Courts Website

<https://tinyurl.com/4thJDProblemSolvingCourtsPage>

NATIONAL PROBLEM SOLVING COURT RESOURCES

National Drug Court Resource Center

<http://ndcrc.org/>

All Rise (Formerly known as: National Drug Court Institute)

<http://www.ndci.org/>

National Association of Drug Court Professionals

<http://nadcp.org/>

National Drug Court Online Learning System

<http://www.drugcourtonline.org/>

Center for Court Innovation

<http://www.courtinnovation.org/>

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