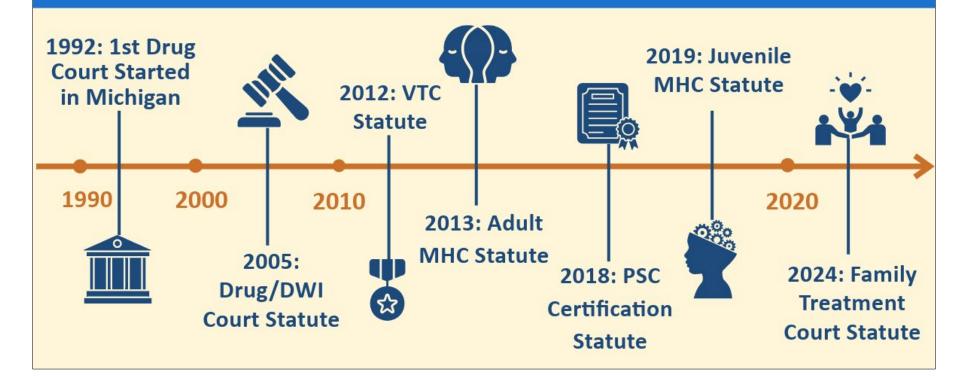




Chief Justice Elizabeth T. Clement Michigan Supreme Court

Michigan PSC Timeline

Michigan Problem-Solving Courts





Michigan Problem-Solving Courts

Solving Problem, Saving Lives:

- By reducing recidivism
- By promoting recovery and healing
- By improving employment and education
- By facilitating positive life changes



Justice Kyra H. Bolden MSC Liaison to PSCs

Making Communities Safer:

- Drug court graduates were **3 TIMES LESS LIKELY**;
- Sobriety court graduates were **5 TIMES LESS LIKELY**; and,
- Mental health court graduates were more than 2 TIMES LESS LIKELY to be convicted of a new offense within three years of admission to a program.



NUMBER OF PSCs (FY 2024)

209 total:

- 132 drug treatment, DWI/ sobriety courts:
 - 114 adult
 - 10 juvenile
 - 8 family treatment
- 50 mental health courts:
 - 42 adult
 - 8 juvenile
- 27 veterans treatment courts

Giving Second Chances:

• Unemployment dropped:

- **by 94%** among drug court graduates
- **by 76%** among MHC graduates
- by 88% among VTC graduates
- Overall quality of life improved by 98% among MHC graduates
- Overall mental health improved by 98% among MHC graduates



Michigan Problem-Solving Courts

Third Circuit Court Specialty Court Services:

The mission of Specialty Court Services (SCS) is to oversee the operation of its three treatment based programs; Hybrid Drug/DWI Court, Mental Health Treatment Court and Veterans Treatment Court.

In doing so, we are to ensure that eligible defendants, for any of our programs, are identified at the earliest point in the judicial process and referred for alternative programming to address any underlying substance abuse and/or mental health issues which have led to their criminogenic behavior.

Each program has its own target population as its focus; however, the goals of the programs are similar:

- Reduce drug and alcohol use during program participation
- Retain participants in substance abuse and mental health treatment
- Reduce drug and alcohol related crimes in the jurisdiction and
- Alleviate jail or detention overcrowding by engaging participants in evidence based, effective treatment

SCS achieves these goals through intense judicial supervision and case management, as well as, with the assistance of community partners who provide participants with intensive out-patient and/or in-patient services and who teach them valuable life skills in order to maintain their sobriety and manage their mental health so that they can be productive members of their community.



Michigan Problem-Solving Courts

Third Circuit Court Specialty Court Services:

Referrals–Judges, Prosecutors, Defense Counsel, and Probation Agents

Program Length – 18 to 24 months (routinely gets extended)

Eligibility – non violent history and non-violent offense

- MHC Participant must be seriously and persistently mentally ill (an actual diagnosis is required)
- Drug Ct history of substance abuse
- Veteran's Ct criminal behavior is linked to their military service and they have underlying issues; such as mental health and substance abuse

Probation is tailored to the individual but Includes:

- Bi-monthly / monthly status conference with Judge
- Frequent drug testing
- Graduated incentives and sanctions
- Counseling / Therapy
- Medication reviews (MHC participants)

PHOENIX TREATMENT COURT:

The Development of a Specialized Court to Serve Commercially Sexually Exploited Children

What is Phoenix Treatment Court?

Phoenix Court is a treatment court specializing in youth who have sexual exploitation and/or human trafficking backgrounds. We partner with our youth to offer services and opportunities that foster personal growth and development in a safe and nurturing environment. Phoenix Court offers a compassionate, trauma-informed approach to change, offering a therapeutic environment with an emphasis on understanding, empathy and respect.

OUR MISSION

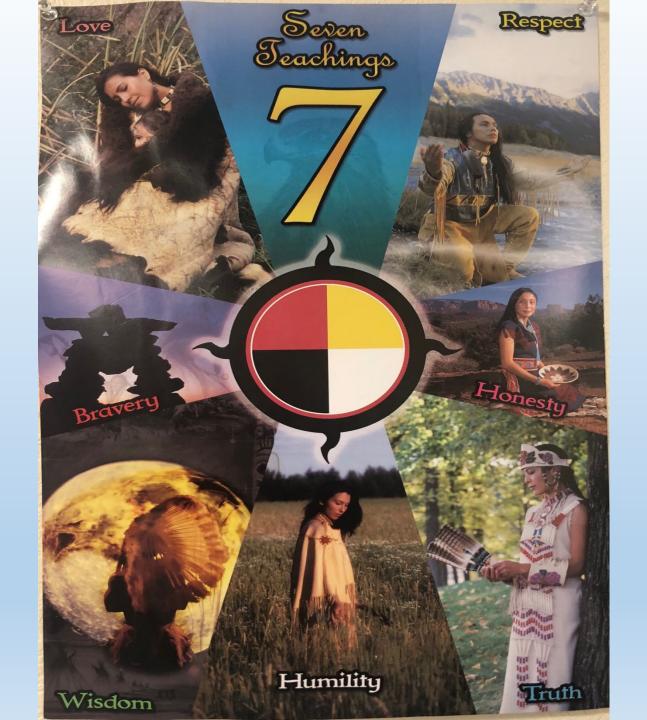


To partner with our youth offering services and opportunities that foster:

Healing and Resiliency Empowerment and Stability Value in relationships that are Secure, Trustworthy, and Enriching

Through providing a supportive and nurturing environment our youth will do more than survive;

Like the Phoenix, they shall rise from the flames and ashes of their past, take flight and soar.



Smudging



Sweetgrass Picking



FUNCTIONAL SENTENCING

Giving people the opportunity to address the root causes of their behavior and drivers of their criminogenic risk results in better public safety outcomes than continually punishing people does.



Psychological Theories Criminology Theories

- **Biological** 1.
- 2. Psychoanalytic/Psychosocial
- Behavioral 3
- Cognitive 4.
- 5. Humanistic

- 1. Biological
- 2. Labeling
- 3. Social learning
- 4. Rational choice
- 5. **Positive criminology**

Sentencing Models - Philosophy

Traditional

Without a strict system of compliance, people will act badly.

Specialty

Without strict compliance, people will act badly, but there might be biological, labelling, or learned behaviors that can be corrected and lower chances of future bad behavior.

Functional

People need support and access to opportunity which will reignite their inherent desire to better their lives.

Sentencing Models - In Practice

Standard

Standardized sentences per offense

Specialty

Standardized sentences and intervention plans per offense, with in-court or specialized case management

Functional

Pre or post plea adjournments...

giving time to access in-community services...

that are selected by the defendant yet meet court objectives

How Street Outreach Court Detroit Works

- Participant works with an in-community case manager to develop and begin an Action Plan to address the root causes of their homelessness.
- 2. Case manager submits for Participant's admission into program after completion of Action Plan.
- 3. Informal pretrial to assent to Action Plan completion
- 4. At hearing held at soup kitchen, proofs and relief put on record, i.e. dismissal or closure of all eligible cases.



186

graduates

Street Outreach Court Detroit

In 2024...

2,156

cases closed

Implementation Theory & Strategies

Sentencing Methodology Comparison Charts Street Outreach Court Detroit model

- v1 Defense Counsel
- v2 Bench-driven
- v3 Self-help
- v4 Functional Sentencing app



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