

# 1997 Drug Court Survey Report:

## Executive Summary

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## **Foreword**

*The 1997 Drug Court Survey Report* provides a comparative profile of ninety-three operating drug court programs and

revises our *1996 Drug Court Profile* prepared for the State Justice Institute's 1995 National Symposium on the Implementation and Operation of Drug Courts, which reflected the experiences of 45 responding drug courts then in operation. The *1997 Drug Court Survey Report*, focusing on critical operational elements and implementation issues that have emerged, is designed to be updated, periodically, to reflect the continuing evolution of the drug court concept, as new programs emerge and existing programs refine their operations.

The information in the *1997 Drug Court Survey Report* was derived from responses from ninety-seven drug courts in operation as of January 1997 to a survey distributed by the Office of Justice Programs/U.S. Department of Justice's Drug Court Clearinghouse and Technical Assistance Project at American University. The 1997 survey, an expansion of previous drug court surveys, consisted of six sections to be completed by the principal agencies involved in the drug court operations in each of the jurisdictions surveyed: (1) general program information to be completed by the court; and more specific information relating to (2) prosecution activities; (3) defense activities; (4) law enforcement activities; (5) correctional agency activities; and (6) the treatment, rehabilitation and related services provided for the program.

The *1997 Drug Court Survey Report* is presented in four volumes: **Volume One** contains general program information provided primarily by drug court judges and judicial staff. **Volume Two** provides information relating to the activities and perspectives of prosecutors, public defenders, law enforcement officials and correctional agency administrators involved with drug courts in their local jurisdictions. **Volume Three** focuses on the treatment and rehabilitation services provided for drug courts programs and reflects the comments of treatment professionals providing services to drug courts in their respective jurisdictions. **Volume Four** provides the perspectives of 256 participants in the final phases of 53 drug court programs in 23 different states plus the District of Columbia regarding critical aspects of drug court program operations.

This *Executive Summary Report* provides a synopsis of the major findings presented in the *1997 Drug Court Survey Report* volumes.

The ninety-three drug courts reflected in the *1997 Drug Court Survey Report* include ninety-one state courts, one tribal court and one federal district court. The reporting programs operate in 31 different states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and one federal district, and represent 72% of the 130 drug courts in operation at the time the survey was distributed. Between the time of the survey's distribution and the publication of this report, an additional 74 drug courts have become operational, for a total of 371 programs now in operation or being planned.

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Bakersfield	CA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
El Monte/Rio Hondo	CA	Y	--	--	--	--	Y	Y
Los Angeles Mun.	CA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--	Y
Oakland Mun.	CA	Y	--	--	--	--	--	--
Oakland Sup.	CA	Y	--	--	--	--	--	--
San Bernardino	CA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Laguna Nigel	CA	Y	--	--	--	--	Y	--
Pasadena	CA	Y	--	--	--	--	Y	Y
Roseville	CA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
San Francisco	CA	--	--	--	--	--	Y	--
Salinas	CA	Y	Y	--	--	--	Y	--
San Jose/ Santa Clara	CA	Y	Y	Y	--	Y	Y	Y
Santa Barbara	CA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Santa Maria	CA	Y	--	--	--	--	--	--
Santa Monica	CA	Y	--	--	--	--	Y	Y
Santa Rosa/ Sonoma	CA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Stockton	CA	Y	Y	Y	--	--	Y	Y
Woodland/ Yolo	CA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Modesto	CA	Y	--	--	--	Y	Y	Y
Richmond	CA	Y	--	--	--	--	Y	--
Santa Ana	CA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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