



# *Will County Problem Solving Courts*

*1998-2023: Celebrating 25 years!*

**314**

Current Program Participants

**809**

Graduates

**30**

Problem-Solving Court Team Members

**\$3,000**

Approximate Yearly Cost Per Participant

(Source: Adult Redeploy Illinois)

**\$39,000**

Approximate Yearly Cost Per Individual  
in IDOC Custody

(Source: Institute for Illinois' Fiscal Sustainability, SFY19)

**14%**

Recidivism Rate for Problem-Solving  
Court graduates Three Years After  
Graduation

(Source: Problem Solving Courts internal data, 2016-2023)

**39%**

Recidivism Rate for Traditional  
Sentences Three Years After Release

(Source: Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Committee)

**\$151K**

Average Cost Per Recidivism Event

(Source: Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Committee)

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## Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Will County Problem Solving Courts is to provide comprehensive mental health and addiction services as well as therapeutic judicial intervention through a team approach in order to promote public safety, reduce recidivism, and enhance the quality of life for the community and the individual.

## History:

In 1998, Will County State's Attorney James W. Glasgow spearheaded a \$30,000 planning grant through the United States Department of Justice to establish a Drug Court Program in Will County, establishing what is now the Will County Problem Solving Courts.

Will County Drug Court convened in the spring of 2000 through a \$50,000 grant from the State of Illinois and a \$500,000 grant awarded by the United States Department of Justice. It is only through the generous support of the Will County Board that the Problem Solving Courts program continues to operate and flourish.

The Will County Problem Solving Courts expanded to provide Mental Health Court in 2010 and Veterans' Court in 2012. The program expanded again in 2015 with the addition of Adult Redeploy Illinois Grant funding which continues to provide vital funding for the Will County Problem Solving Courts.

There are currently 30 individuals across many county agencies and community partners who make the program a success. The Honorable Judge Frederick Harvey presides over all Problem Solving Courts proceedings. Today, almost 800 participants have successfully graduated from the program.