

Overview

The Vermont Department of Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs (VDH/ADAP) presently funds a number of initiatives designed to prevent penetration into the criminal justice system or to reduce recidivism for those Vermonters who are involved in the justice system. Research has identified several “dynamic risk factors” which correlate with crime and which are amenable to intervention. These factors largely involve prior antisocial acts, beliefs and associates, limited social engagement and self- regulation skills, lack of personal achievement in areas such as employment or leisure, and substance abuse. Through addictions treatment and exposure to meaningful recovery related activities it is believed that VDH/ADAP funded services may have an impact on several of these dynamic risk factors.

About Treatment Court

The treatment court model requires participants to follow a defined court and treatment structure based upon both time and individual response to the interventions, as well as to engage in various activities to reduce their risk of recidivism. This structure and these interventions require regular monitoring for compliance with program structure requirements as well as frequent monitoring for the effectiveness of the interventions utilized. VDH/ADAP funds the case management staffing necessary to ensure timely and effective linkages to needed services, monitoring of compliance and cessation of substance use as well as the participation in the court hearings and communication of relevant clinical information to ensure that the treatment court team is fully aware of the participants progress or need for increased interventions.

Funding

Presently VDH/ADAP funds the judiciary \$195,000 annually toward its currently operational treatment court programs via an MOU. This funding is largely used to support the treatment court infrastructure, particularly court coordination services to manage the alternate dockets required for the treatment court structure. The court coordinators ensure all required legal and judicial information is in place, they maintain the schedule for the specialized docket, assure all required documentation occurs and essentially oversee all functions of the treatment court as directed by the court.

Rutland:	\$77,200 (coordination)
Chittenden:	\$73,000(coordination)
Washington:	\$35,566 (1/2 time coordination)
Franklin:	\$4,234 (Juvenile Treatment Court coordination)

The Howard Center receives \$81,875 for case management staffing while Rutland Mental Health Services receives \$49,000 annually for these services. It should also be reiterated that VDH/ADAP authorizes the Medicaid payment for the addiction services received by the participants as well as providing funding for treatment related services for uninsured participants.