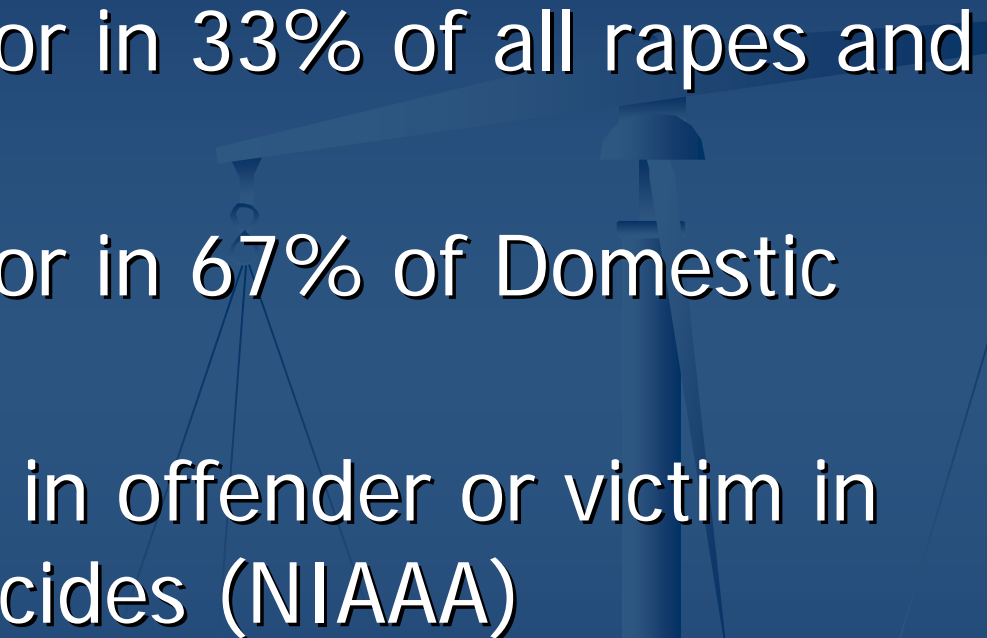


Otter Tail County DWI Court

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Alcohol & Criminal Justice System

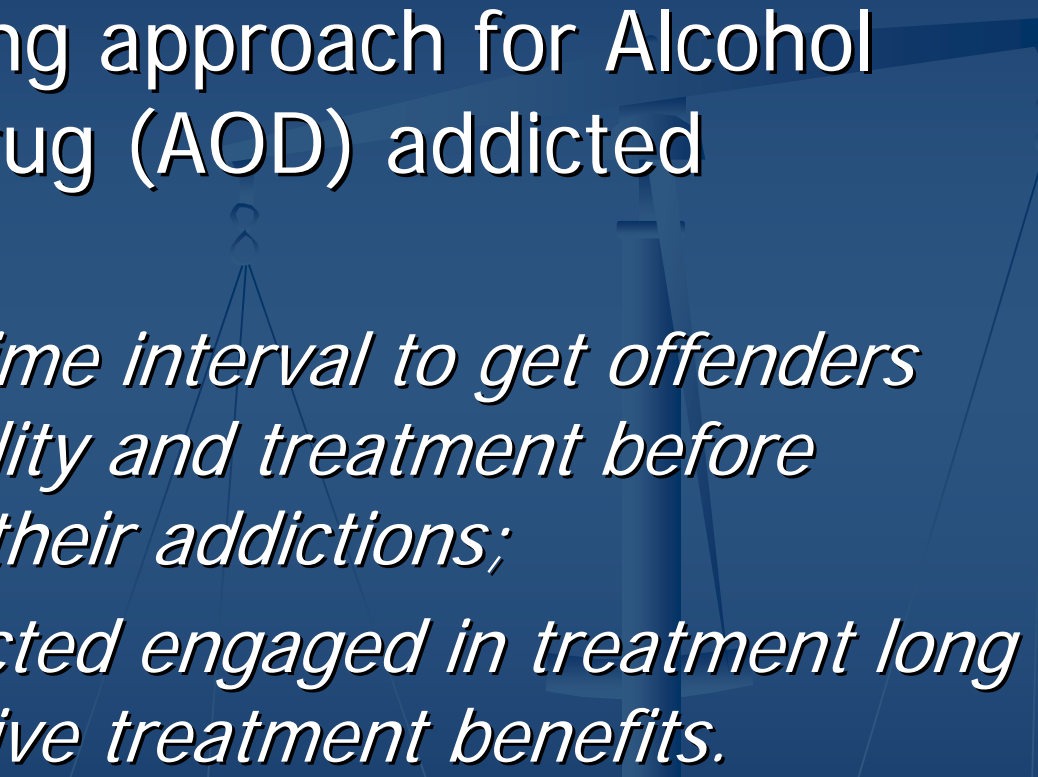
- Alcohol is a factor in 33% of all rapes and sexual assaults.
 - Alcohol is a factor in 67% of Domestic Violence.
 - Alcohol is found in offender or victim in 50% of all homicides (NIAAA)
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We Need To Do More

- 21.6 million (9/1% of population 12 and older) are substance abuse dependent (alcohol &/or drugs)
- 3.1 million are seriously addicted to illicit drugs in this country.
- 3.3 million people (1.4% of the population) received some kind of treatment in 2003

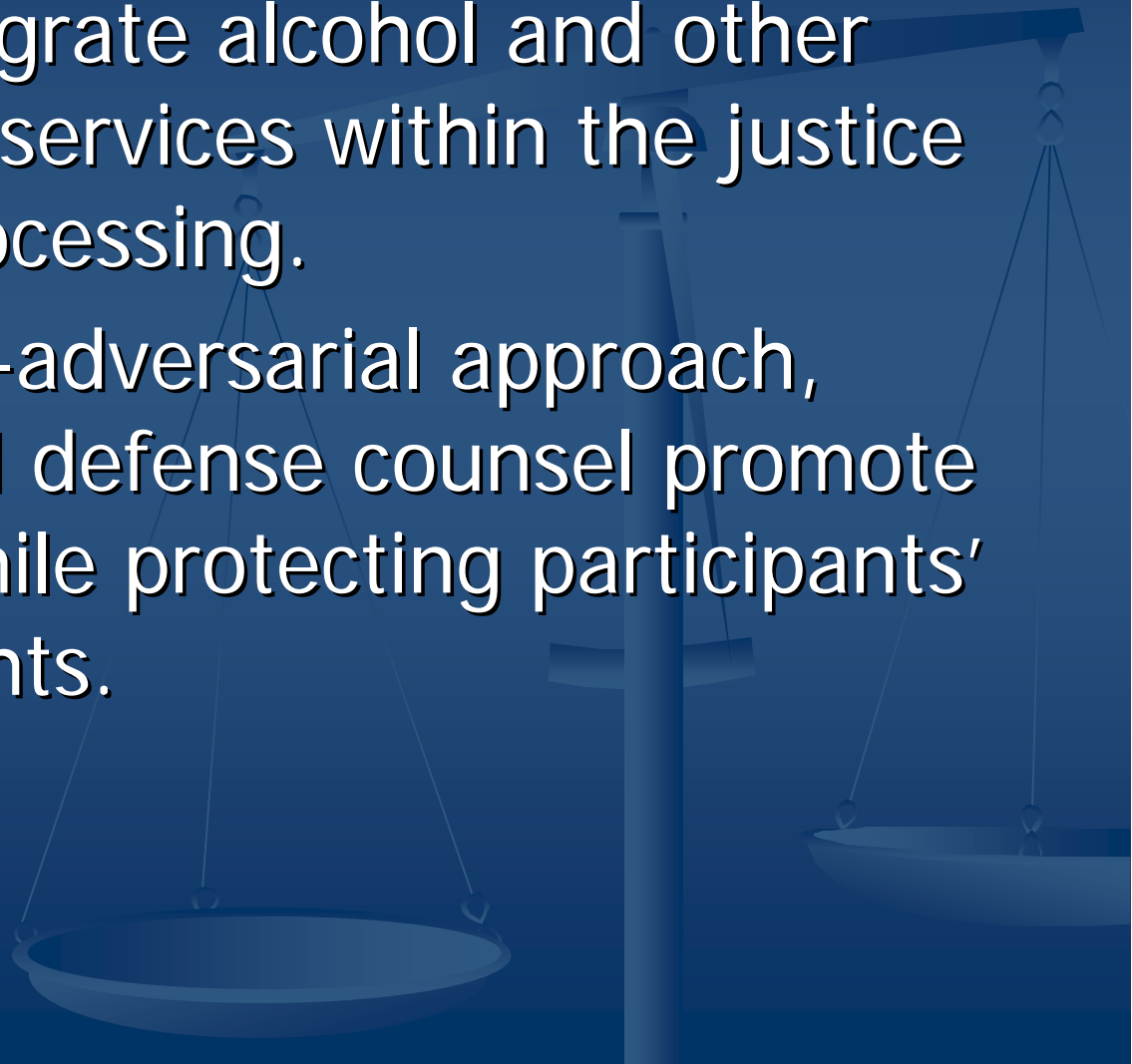
(National Survey on Drug Use and Health)

What Is DWI Court?

- A problem solving approach for Alcohol and/or Other Drug (AOD) addicted offenders.
 - *Expedites the time interval to get offenders into accountability and treatment before losing them to their addictions;*
 - *Keeps the addicted engaged in treatment long enough to receive treatment benefits.*
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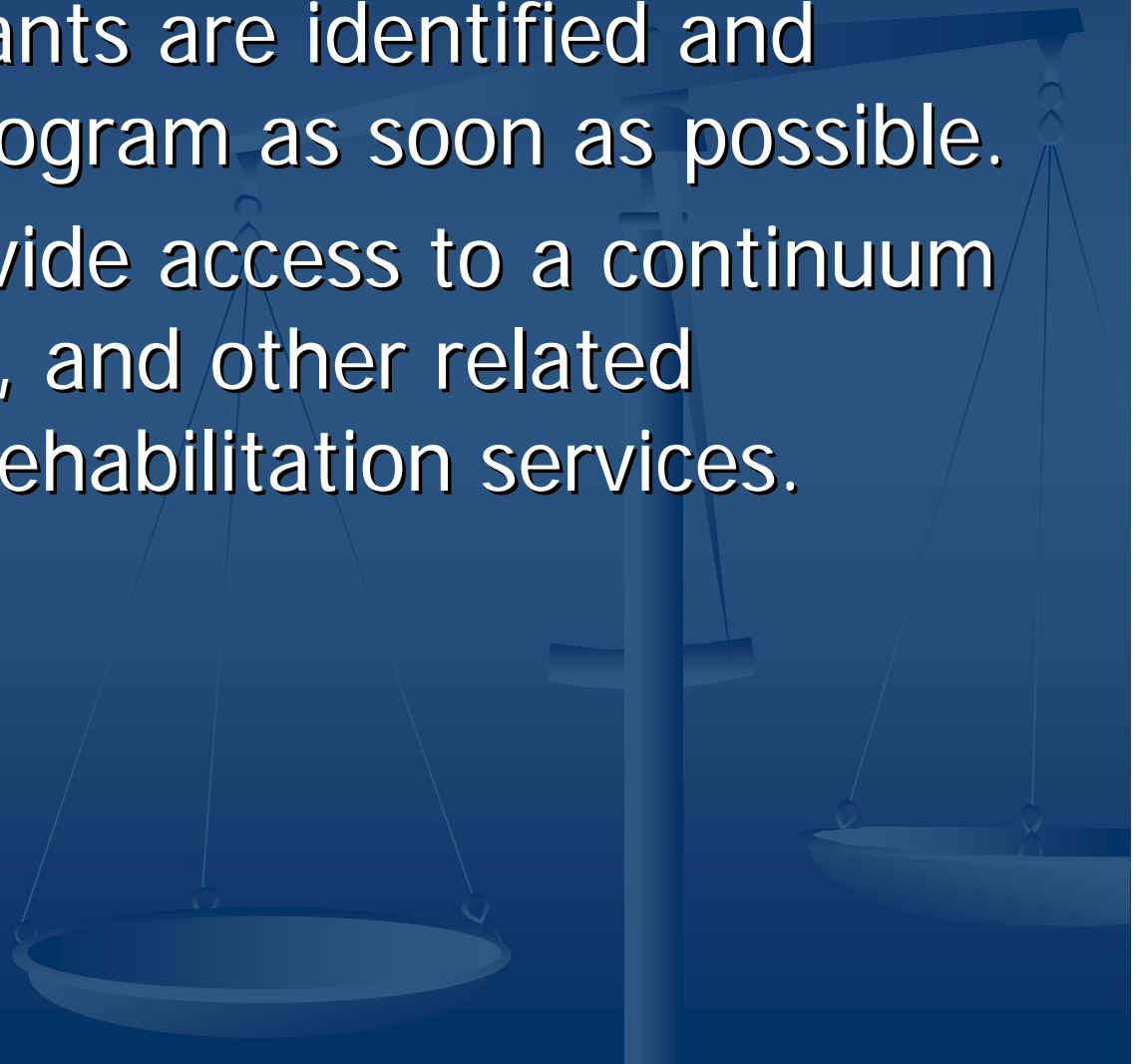
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- DWI courts integrate alcohol and other drug treatment services within the justice system case processing.
- It utilizes a non-adversarial approach, prosecution and defense counsel promote public safety while protecting participants' due process rights.



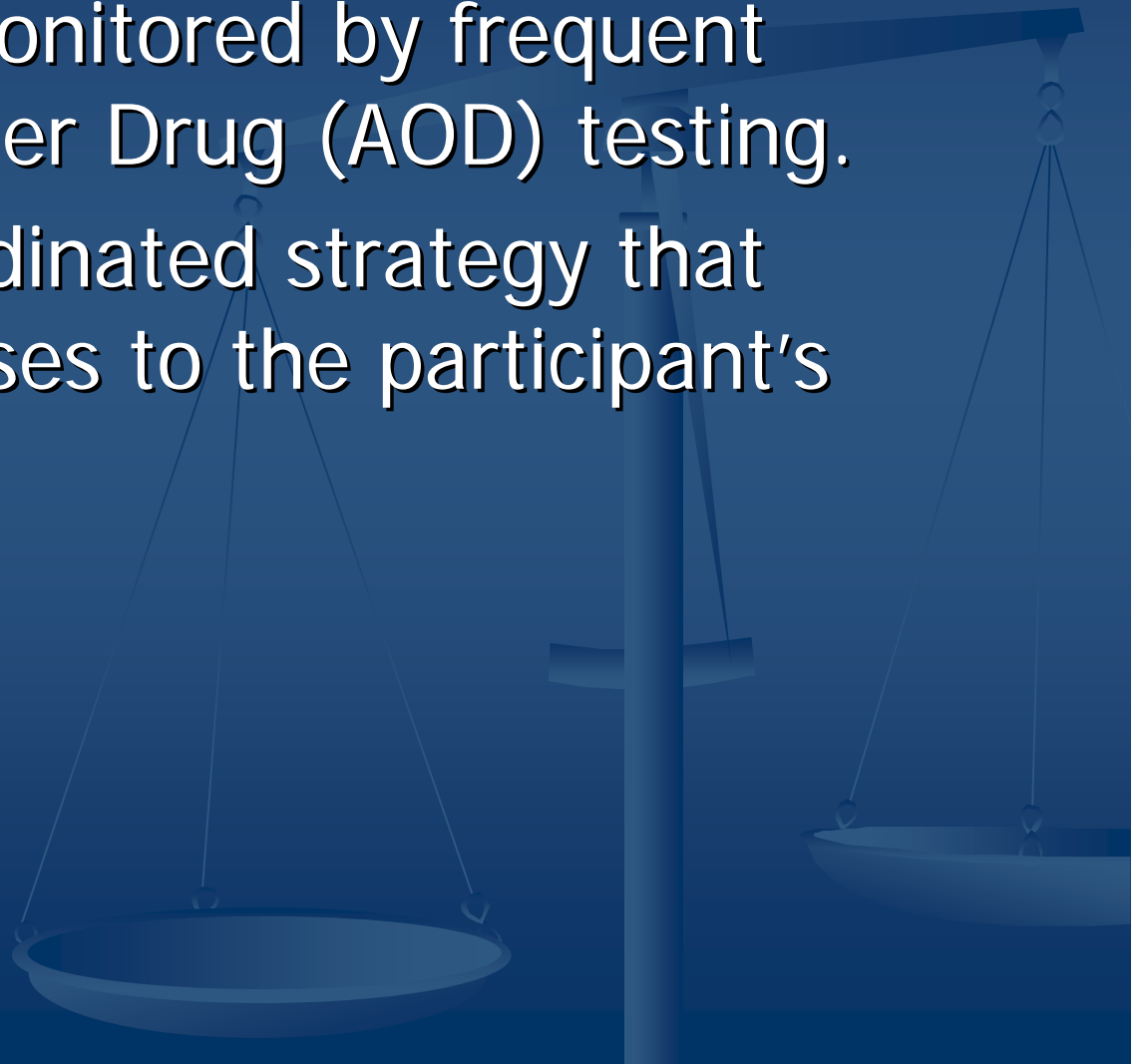
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- Eligible participants are identified and placed in the program as soon as possible.
- DWI courts provide access to a continuum of alcohol, drug, and other related treatment and rehabilitation services.

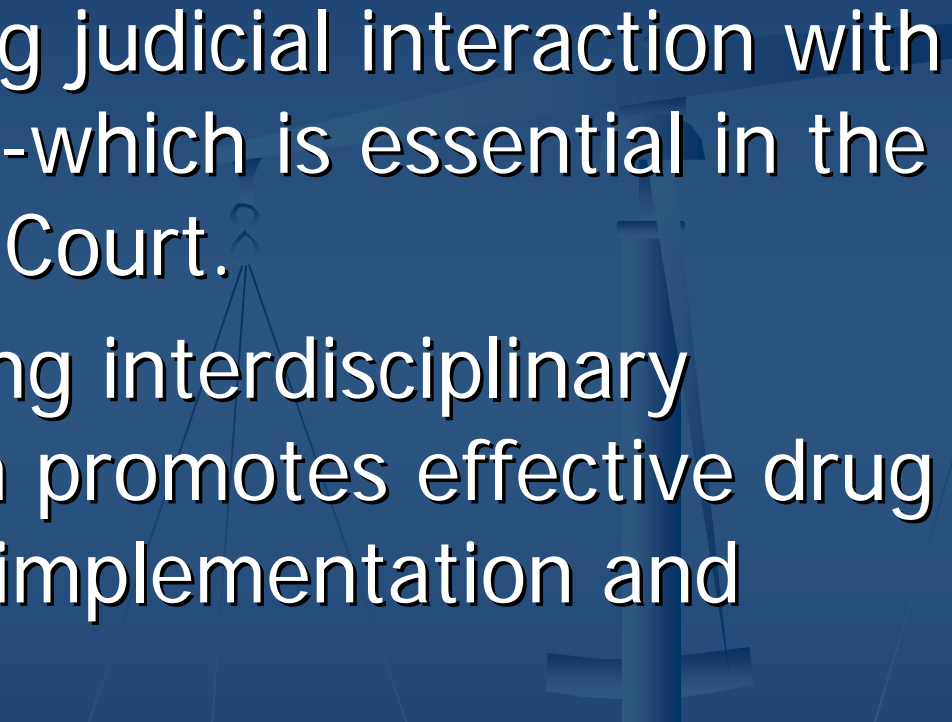


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- Abstinence is monitored by frequent Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) testing.
- Provides a coordinated strategy that governs responses to the participant's compliance.

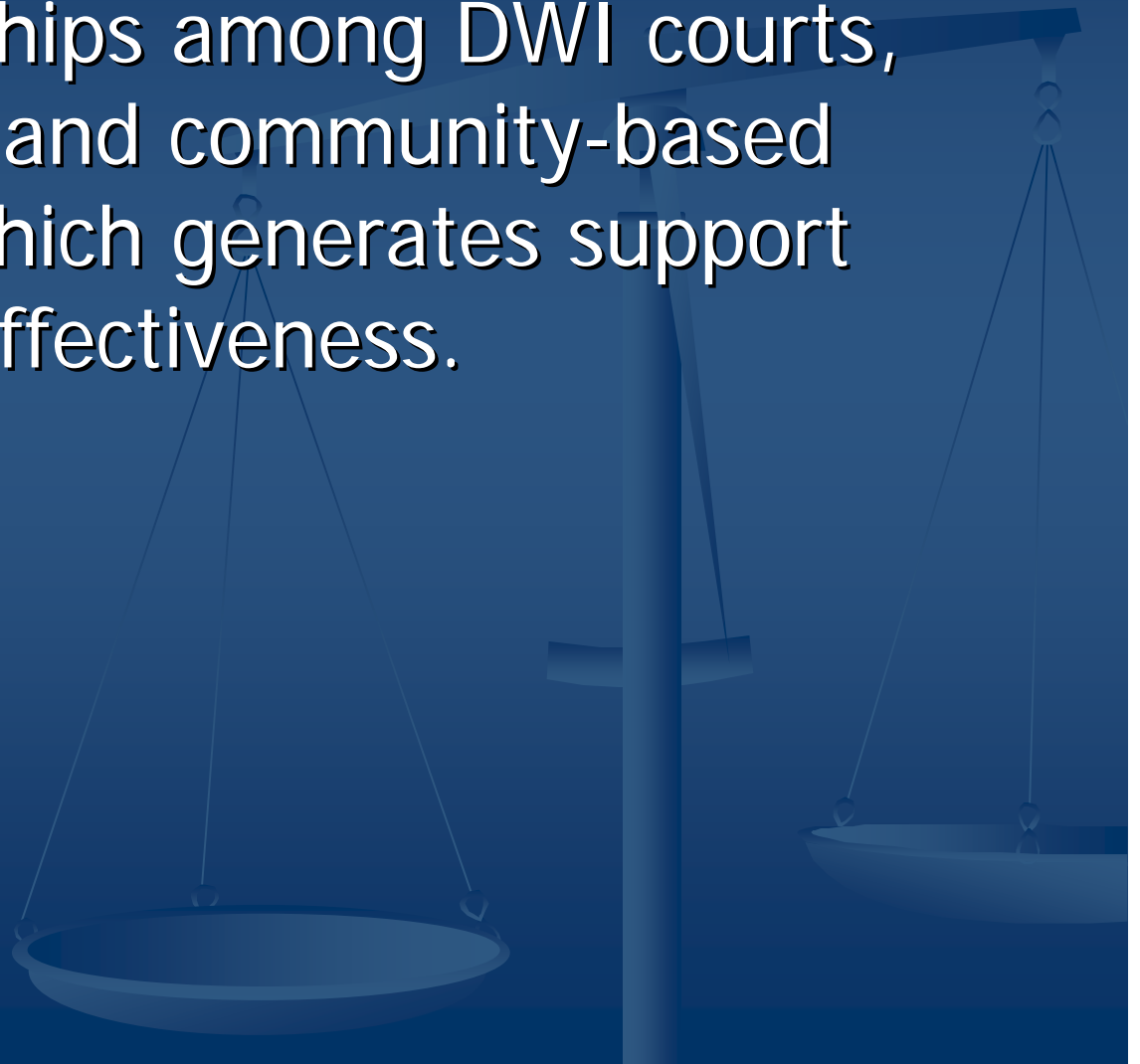


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- Provides ongoing judicial interaction with each participant-which is essential in the success of DWI Court.
 - Provides on-going interdisciplinary education which promotes effective drug court planning, implementation and operation.
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What Is DWI Court?

- Forges partnerships among DWI courts, public agencies and community-based organizations which generates support and increased effectiveness.



Problem-Solving Courts Today



- Nationally, there are 1,565 drug courts in operation:
 - 788 Adult Drug Courts
 - 346 Juvenile Drug Courts
 - 148 Family Dependency Treatment Courts
 - 176 DWI/Drug Courts
 - 54 Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts
 - 64 Reentry Drug Courts
 - 1 Campus Drug Courts
 - 212 drug courts about to begin planning in 2005

Benefits of DWI Court

- What if we JUST put them in PRISON? National data shows:
 - Criminal Recidivism in 6 months:
 - 29.9% of prisoners release in 1998 in 15 select states were rearrested.
 - Criminal Recidivism in 3 years:
 - 67% arrested for new crime
 - 47% convicted of new crime
 - 25% incarcerated for new crime
 - 50% re-incarcerated for new crime
 - Relapse to Substance Abuse in 3 years:
 - 95% relapse

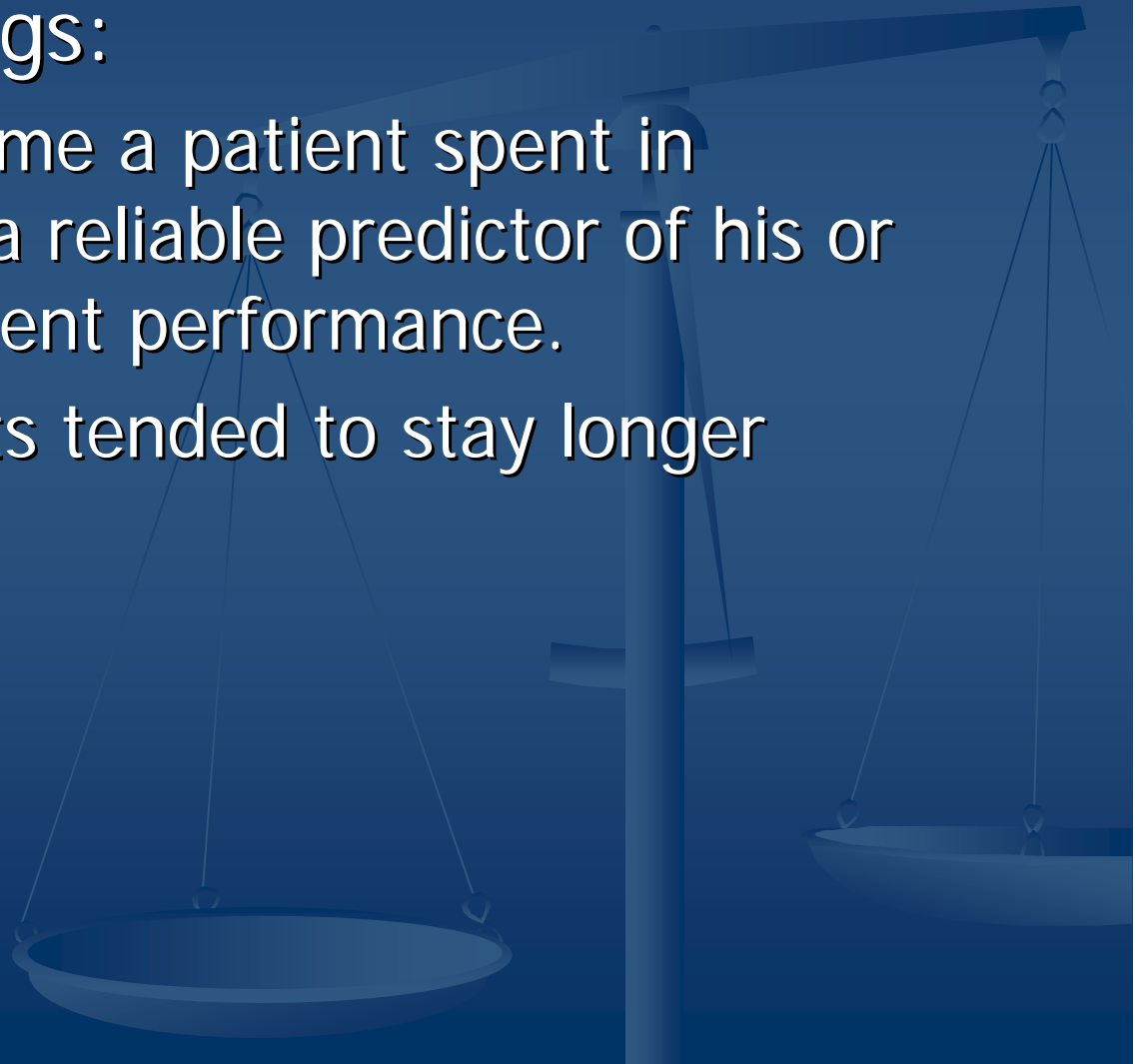
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- What if we JUST refer them to TREATMENT?
- Attrition:
 - 50% to 67% don't show for intake
 - 40% to 80% drop out in 3 months
 - 90% drop out in 12 months
- Outcomes:
 - 40% to 60% of clients abstinent at 1 year

Benefits of DWI Court

- Research Findings:
 - The length of time a patient spent in treatment was a reliable predictor of his or her post treatment performance.
 - Coerced patients tended to stay longer



Otter Tail County DWI Court Mission Statement

The mission of the Otter Tail County DWI Court is to enhance public safety by reducing the number of fatal and severe injury traffic crashes related to substance use and to reduce the number of repeat offenders while reducing financial and societal costs by providing a judicially-supervised program of coordinated, effective treatment and supportive services to substance-abusing offenders with the goal of returning sober, productive, law-abiding citizens to the community.

