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2007 Collaborative Courts Annual Report Now Available Online

Data compiled for the Superior Court of Orange County Collaborative Courts 2007 Annual Report shows that specialty courts continue to be successful in reducing recidivism and improving the lives of the program participants.

The Collaborative Courts include adult and juvenile Drug Courts, Dependency Drug Courts for parents whose children have been removed from the home by the County because of the parents' substance abuse, DUI Courts for second and third-offense drunk drivers, mental health courts, Homeless Outreach Court, Truancy Court, and Domestic Violence Courts. These specialized court tracks involve partnerships that include the Court, the Probation Department, Health Care Agency, the District Attorney, the Public Defender, the Social Services Agency, and a number of law enforcement and community agencies.

The success of these programs during the year is reflected in many ways:

- a) The Drug Court, Juvenile Drug Court, and DUI Court programs graduated 226 participants during the year – saving 42,058 jail and prison bed days, and resulting in a cost savings of over \$3,842,500.
- b) The Dependency Drug Court program re-united 71 children with their parents, now clean and sober, an average of 183 days earlier than families who did not participate in the program, resulting in a savings of more than \$2,221,200 in the costs of out-of-home placement.
- c) The DUI Courts successfully treated 91 DUI offenders, each of whom had been arrested for the second or third time. Of the 201 people who have graduated from the DUI Court program, only four have been re-arrested for drunk driving.

The full report is available on-line at <http://www.occourts.org/geninfo/collaborative>