



# Superior Court of California, County of Orange

## ***News Release***

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### **Superior Court Releases 2016 Annual Report of the Collaborative Courts**

**Santa Ana, CA** – The Orange County Superior Court has released and posted to its website the [2016 Annual Report of the Collaborative Courts](#), which describes each of these cost-effective treatment alternatives to incarceration and recounts the outstanding results and benefits they achieved during the past calendar year.

The Collaborative Courts, which began in 1995 as a single Drug Court at the Central Justice Center in Santa Ana, have expanded to include a variety of programs at five Justice Centers – including Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts, DUI Court, Veterans Treatment Court, mental health courts, Homeless Outreach Court, Truancy Court, and supportive services for youth in the dependency system.

As set forth in the Annual Report, program graduates have significantly lower rates of recidivism, and during 2016 the programs avoided more than 73,000 jail bed days, which translates to a cost savings of more than \$11 million. In addition to these public safety and economic benefits, the programs have resulted in the rehabilitation of thousands of Orange County residents – addicted criminal offenders transformed into responsible taxpayers; repeat offense drunk drivers changed into dedicated advocates of sobriety; deeply troubled combat veterans helped to re-integrate into society; mentally ill offenders now leading stable, productive lives; homeless people given the tools they need to regain their self-sufficiency; at-risk youth steered from the path of delinquent behavior; and reformed parents proud to have had drug-free babies.

The outstanding results and benefits of Orange County's Collaborative Court programs are a tribute to the steadfast support of the Board of Supervisors, and to the dedication of the judicial officers, management, and staff of the Court and the partner agencies.