

Southern Illinois Drug Awareness Conference
Back Bigger Better

Problem Solving Court in Action

Carey C. Gill, Cir. Judge

<http://firstcircuitil.org/drug-and-veterans-court>

Drug / Veteran's Court Team

- ▶ Judge
- ▶ State's Attorney
- ▶ Public Defender
- ▶ PSC Coordinator
- ▶ Probation Officers
- ▶ Law Enforcement
- ▶ Veteran's Justice Outreach Coordinator
- ▶ Substance Abuse Counselor(s)
- ▶ Clinical Supervisor(s)
- ▶ Mental Health Counselor(s)
- ▶ Peer Support Counselors



- ▶ Judge: Carey Gill
- ▶ State's Attorney: Robert Bateson
- ▶ Public Defender: Thomas Moyer
- ▶ Probation Officer: Forrest Lind
- ▶ Counselor: Terese Thien & Denise O'Connor
- ▶ Peer Support: Dorie Warren & Michelle Wilson

Goals of Problem Solving Court:

- ▶ Address high risk/high need individuals, using evidence based practices.
- ▶ Reduce rate of recidivism.
- ▶ Keep community safe/ beneficial to community.
- ▶ Utilization of resources: treatment vs. incarceration.

Incentives

- Verbal praise
- Compliments
- Hand shake or standing ovation
- Restaurant gift certificate
- Curfew, travel, overnight travel
- Letters of recommendation, permit participant to obtain a job
- Candy, chips, or awards

Therapeutic Adjustments

- Increase treatment
 - Counseling
 - Self help meetings or support groups
- Inpatient, or intensive outpatient
- Adjust living arrangements / Transfer location of treatment
- Peer support counseling

Sanctions

- Reading/Writing assignment / Letter of apology
- Community service
- Increase support meetings, hearings, drug testing, probation appointments
- Court observation
- Incarceration
- Termination

Team Meeting & Court

The slide features a white background with a decorative graphic on the right side. This graphic consists of several overlapping, semi-transparent green shapes in various shades, ranging from light lime green to dark forest green. These shapes are primarily triangular and polygonal, creating a dynamic, layered effect. A thin, light gray line also runs diagonally across the lower right portion of the slide, intersecting the green shapes.



Trevor / Sam (Drug Court)

- ▶ Phase 1.
- ▶ Trevor tests positive for THC.
- ▶ Trevor denies use & has explanation.
- ▶ Sam present and upset.



Keith (Veterans Court)

- ▶ Phase 4.
- ▶ Shows up for probation appointment.
- ▶ Probation smelled alcohol & breathalyzer.
- ▶ Breathalyzer is 0.18.
- ▶ Keith honest with probation, and wants to tell Judge in court.



David (Veterans Court)

- ▶ Phase 5.
- ▶ Family struggles.
- ▶ Remaining clean and sober.
- ▶ Maintaining boundaries.
- ▶ Volunteering at Herrin House of Hope

Questions???

<http://firstcircuitil.org/drug-and-veterans-court>