

Opioid-Related News and the Courts

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Arizona

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What is Drug Court and DTAP?

The Pima County Drug Court and Drug Treatment Alternative to Prison program are two separate programs with different screening processes and aim to reduce the recidivism of people with drug-related offenses.

The former is run by the Pima County Superior Court and Adult Probation, and the latter is managed by the Pima County Attorney's Office.

DTAP is for people who have prison-only plea agreements, while Drug Court has a different screening process and is for people with probation-available plea agreements.

Data from the U.S. Department of Justice in 2017 found that among 34 states, including Arizona, 70% of drug offenders were rearrested within five years of release.

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Frankly, I would not agree to enter detox until I was told that a path had been cleared for me to return that did not involve incarceration. My struggle with addiction spans nearly a decade of my life, beginning around the same time I graduated law school in 2014. I had been arrested in 2017 for a low-level drug offense and after completing drug court, I was sentenced to probation. I was, in fact, still on probation during my last relapse. Luckily, a probation officer empathized with my mother's plight and assured her that they would not lock me up if I agreed to detox and rehab.

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Participants are linked with a provider for counseling and substance abuse treatments while checking in with the judge, attorneys, and drug court coordinators assigned to

their case, [Franklin County prosecutor Laurie Arsenault] said. If the program is successfully completed, their felony charges are wiped clean.

“We’ve been able to watch so many families be reunited; we have linked people with such great sober support systems; we help them link up with employment opportunities and education opportunities as well,” she said. “It’s really amazing to watch the path and the journey and to see these wonderful people going back to being productive members of their community.”

