

# Opioid-Related News and the Courts

## Weekly Review

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### National

[Out with the old and in with the new: preventing child opioid addiction through over-the-counter medications](#)

Family Court Review

Opioids are killing America's youth. New data confirms that children under 18 who are prescribed opioids by a medical doctor develop a heightened risk of future drug addiction. Currently, there are no national prescribing guidelines for opioids in the pediatric population. However, doctors recently started to administer an over-the-counter medicine combination of Advil and Tylenol to patients because it is more effective at relieving pain than prescription opioids and prevents addiction. Thus, drafting national legislation to limit the circumstances under which a child is eligible to receive an opioid prescription will save countless children from a life of future addiction.

### Oklahoma

[OSU-CHS receives DOJ award to combat opioid use in at-risk youth](#)

Oklahoma State University

“Our hardworking law enforcement, court services, and youth organizations are stretched to capacity. Our goal with this grant is to develop programs for our underserved youth to protect the most vulnerable in our communities.”

The target population will be youth at risk for opioid use disorder or substance use disorder who are served by Tulsa area law enforcement, courts, and youth-serving organizations. Those agencies include Tulsa County Juvenile Bureau, Tulsa County District Court, Tulsa County Family Drug Court, and Youth Services of Tulsa. The agencies all serve the Tulsa Metropolitan Service Area (MSA) and youth from all seven Tulsa MSA counties.

### Virginia

[One year in: Culpeper County's drug court on course for success](#)

Rappahannock News

Designed for county residents to get clean and possibly receive reduced/no jail time, the county's drug court thrives in its first year.

“Watching people go through drug court, we can actually see behavior change happening,” said Drug Court Coordinator Donna Frazier. “We can also see relationships with families being restored.”

Despite receiving its first participant last February, the preparation for the launch of the program was years in the making, according to Director of Criminal Justice Services Andrew Lawson.

Lawson and Culpeper County Commonwealth’s Attorney Paul Walther joined forces about five years ago to petition the Supreme Court of Virginia with a docket for the implementation of an Adult Drug Court. In doing so, the program was awarded \$549,094 for the 48-month program.