



**Criminal Justice Division
Office of the Governor**

Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division (CJD)

Adult Drug Court Best Practices Standards

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Overview

Criminal Justice Division

The goal of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD) is to improve public safety and support victims of crime by filling system gaps and promoting innovative solutions to common challenges.

Our mission is to support and direct resources to those who are committed to making Texas a safer place and those who help victims of crime to recover and feel safe again.



Guiding Principles

Criminal Justice Division

Leading and exploring innovation. To advance justice, we must dedicate resources to test new ideas.

Focusing on people and impact. We must always remember who we are here to serve and dedicate funding where it can help people in the most meaningful ways.

Acting transparently. We strive to operate in a fair and transparent way.

Operating with simplicity. We work to streamline our processes and lessen burden by focusing on what is important.

Collecting and using evidence. We are dedicated to building good measures for our programs, championing evidence-based practices, and building evidence where it is lacking.

Valuing our stakeholders and their opinions. We know that to succeed we must listen to and leverage the expertise and input of our stakeholders.

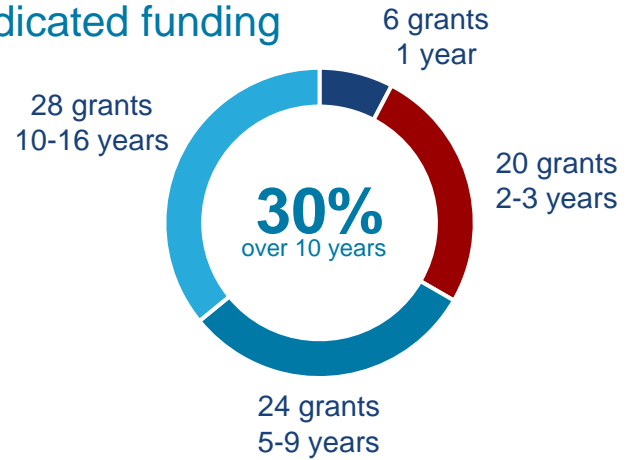


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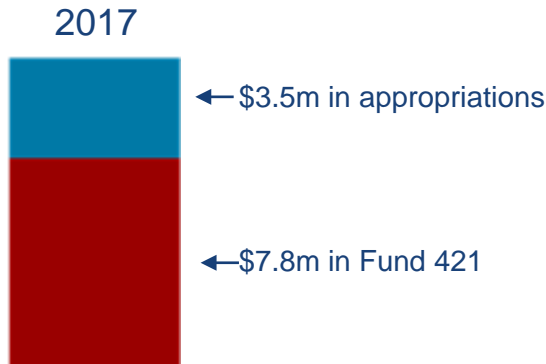
Demand continues to grow well above Legislature-dedicated funding

2017
\$11.3m
 total investment
 in 89 programs

2018
\$13.5m
Total requests

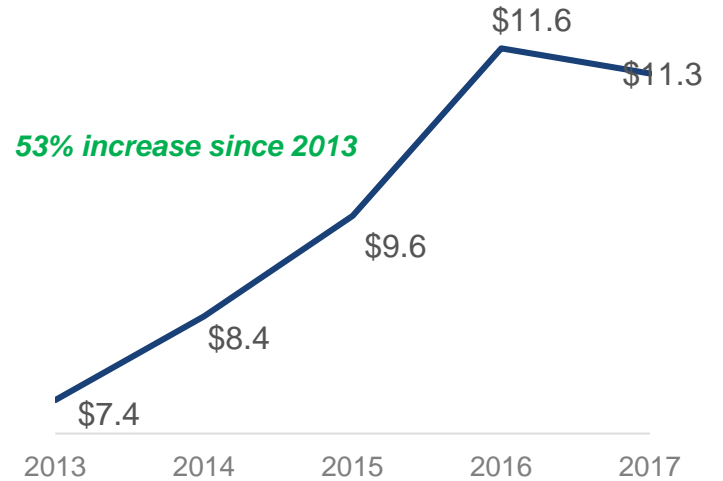


appropriations vs. actual funding



actual funding by source

years of funding

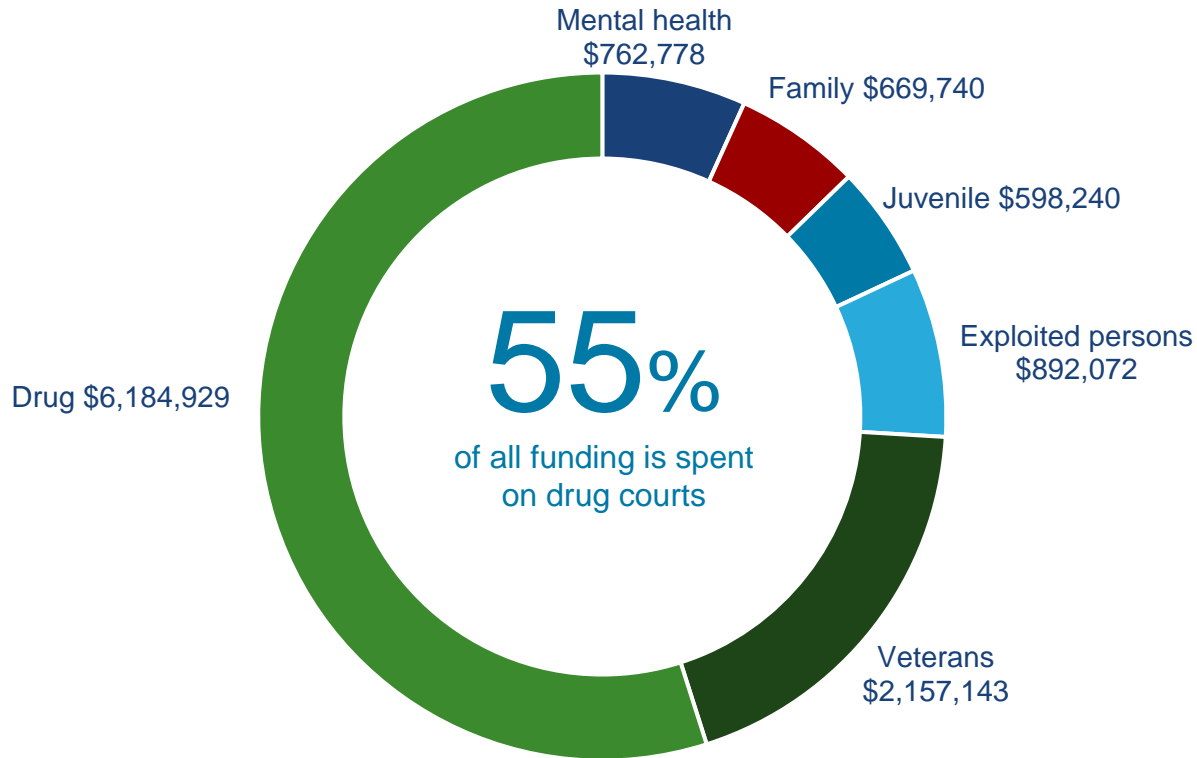


funding trend over time



2017 funding by type of program

Specialty court investments go primarily to drug courts



\$144k = average grant



Background

Specialty Court programs legislation

Section 121.001 Texas Government Code establishes roles and expectations

The Governor's Criminal Justice Division:

- Certifies all courts before they can operate
- Responsible for all performance reporting of the courts
- Manages the Specialty Courts Advisory Council
- The SCAC recommends best practices
- Is charged with funding a variety of courts

The Texas Judicial Council:

- Approves best practices
- Responsible for judicial canons



Office of the Governor- CJD

Sec. 772.0061, Texas Government Code, provides CJD oversight

Criminal Justice Division maintains oversight of all Specialty Courts

Sec. 121.001 (c) & (d) require that specialty courts submit required documents to CJD prior to operating and comply with programmatic best practices

In addition, a specialty court program that fails to comply with Subsections (c) and (d) is not eligible to receive any state or federal grant funds administered by any state agency.

A program may not operate until CJD is provided with a written notice, resolution, applicable strategic plan



Specialty Court Advisory Council (SCAC)

Sec. 772.0061, Texas Government Code, establishes the Specialty Court Advisory Council

To evaluate grant applications and make funding recommendations for specialty courts in Texas.

Additionally, all specialty courts under the provision of Chapter 121 and defined by Chapters 122-126 that receive state and/or federal funds must comply with the programmatic best practices the SCAC recommended to CJD and approved by the Texas Judicial Council.

Council consists of 9 council members appointed by the Governor

The SCAC and CJD work together in determining long term goals for the Specialty Courts program



Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards

Volume I & II (NADCP)

Determined to be most recognized and expertly researched practices available to be replicated and adapted by local jurisdictions in Texas.

Recognized to serve as the programmatic best practice standards for Texas **Adult Drug Court** programs.

June 3, 2016 Texas Judicial Council unanimously approved adoption of best practices in Texas.



Discussion

Adopting the Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards

Moving forward

All Adult Drug Court Programs under the provision of Ch. 121 and defined by Ch. 122-126 that receive state and/or federal funds must comply with and adopt Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards (Volume I & II) as the best practice for **adult drug court** programs in Texas.

The SCAC and CJD are searching to identify promising practices to research for all types of specialty courts.



Adopting the Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards Implementation

CJD understands that the adoption of the Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards will require time and resources to fully integrate the newly established best practices into adult drug courts throughout Texas.

Implementation of the standards required by all Adult Drug Court programs until no later than August 31, 2019.



Adopting the Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards Waivers

The SCAC will also, on an individual basis, waive or allow additional time for compliance with certain practices

- If, in the opinion of the majority of the membership of the SCAC, there are legitimate obstacles to timely compliance or that the methodology used by a program is functioning equivalent to the practice as stated in the adopted standards.

CJD is building a formal policy to handle the waiver approval process



Resources

Training & Technical Assistance

T&TA resource center for specialty courts in the State of Texas;

T&TA Program will assist specialty courts to achieve operational excellence and program success;

Provide centralized location for relevant resources;

Act a referral clearinghouse for T&TA;

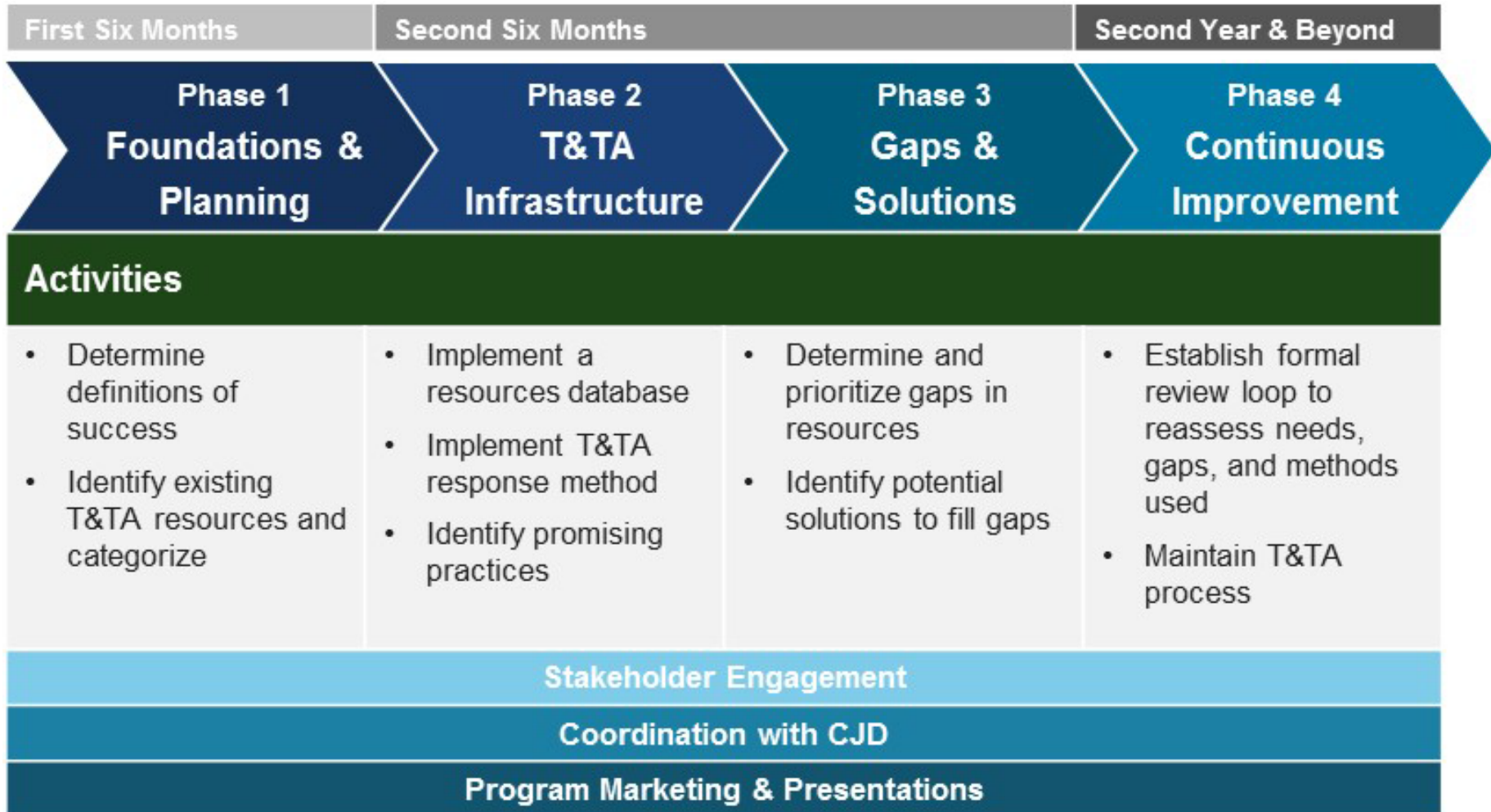
Help CJD and SCAC identify gaps between needs and available resources;

Support the SCAC and specialty court programs in compliance with best practices adopted by the Texas Judicial Council



Resources

T&TA Program Multiple Phases



Best Practice Self-Assessment Tool

Office of Court Administration

The Office of Court Administration has developed a **Texas Best Practice Self-assessment Tool**.

- Will be provided to all Adult Drug Courts along with training and technical assistance in its usage .
- To be completed by all applicants seeking funding from CJD.



Date to Remember:
August 31, 2019

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