

## **History of Treatment Courts**

The first treatment court was established in 1990. There are now over 2,100 treatment courts in the United States and its territories. Planning for the 37th Judicial District treatment court began in the spring of 2010. The first participants will be admitted into Treatment Court in the fall of 2010. It costs approximately \$20,000 per year to house an inmate in the Warren County Jail as compared to \$4,000 per year for an offender to participate in treatment court. Studies have shown recidivism rates for treatment court graduates of between 4% and 29%, as compared to a recidivism rate of 48% for those who do not participate in treatment court.



## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Additional information about Treatment Court can be obtained from the following offices:

Warren County Probation Department  
204 Fourth Ave., Warren, PA 16365  
(814) 728-3520 (phone)  
(814) 728-3467 (fax)

Screening and Assessment  
285 Hospital Drive, Warren, PA 16365  
(814) 723-2100 Ext. 8333 (phone)  
(814) 726-8438 (fax)

### **OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS/WEBSITES:**

Warren County Court Administration  
(814) 728-3530

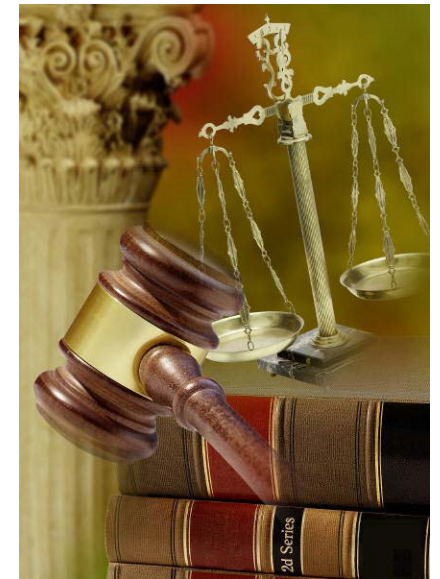
Warren County District Attorney's Office  
(814) 728-3460

Warren County Public Defender's Office  
(814) 728-3435

Website information and forms:  
<http://www.warrencountypa.net>  
<http://www.warrenforestcourt.org>

## **37TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

# **TREATMENT COURT**



## **Treatment Court Mission Statement**

The mission of the 37th Judicial District Treatment Court is to



promote public safety by holding offenders accountable, to cease the revolving door of the criminal justice system and to provide a judicially structured intervention for qualified criminal defendants by offering the opportunity for participants to become responsible, productive citizens.

## **What is Treatment Court?**

Treatment Court is a voluntary, structured program that serves non-violent offenders. Ongoing treatment, intense court and probation supervision, and community support services are part of the program. Participants see their probation officer several times a week and are routinely tested for the presence of drugs.

A key element of effective Treatment Court is the relationship established between the participants and the presiding judge.

Treatment Court is dramatically different from criminal court. Treatment Court team members, including the judge, district attorneys, probation officers, and treatment professionals work together with the Treatment Court participants to help them make the necessary changes in their lives to overcome their addiction and become a productive member of society.

## **Benefits of Treatment Court**

Participants will be in Treatment Court for at least 18 months. When they complete Treatment Court the participants will:

- ◆ Be clean and sober
- ◆ Have increased job and educational opportunities
- ◆ Have improved relationships with their family and friends
- ◆ Have increased self-worth
- ◆ Have become responsible and constructive members of the community.
- ◆ Be more likely to remain in treatment, and remain clean and sober.

