

DWI COURTS

BUY IN

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Buy In – Mandatory if DWI Court will be successful

◆ Definition

- ◆ Acceptance

- ◆ To sell or market a buyable concept or structure

Necessity of Buy In

- ◆ To make DWI Court an indispensable part of the community.
- ◆ To make DWI Court part of the woven fabric of our criminal justice system.
- ◆ To make DWI Court as common and acceptable as Drug Courts.
- ◆ To institutionalize DWI Court.

Demographics

- ◆ Every community is unique
 - ◆ Access to alcohol
 - ◆ Ethnicity
 - ◆ Economy
 - ◆ Community Leaders

Las Vegas DUI Court Demographics

◆ Ethnicity

- ◆ Caucasian - 59%
- ◆ Hispanic - 28%
- ◆ African-American - 9%
- ◆ Other - 4%

◆ Gender

- ◆ Male - 85%
- ◆ Female - 15%

Community Partners

◆ Legal Community

- ◆ Judges
- ◆ District Attorney
- ◆ Defense Bar
- ◆ Probation Department
- ◆ Law Enforcement
- ◆ Detention Center / House Arrest

Community Partners

◆ Treatment Supervision

- ◆ Main Treatment Facility
- ◆ Secondary / Alternative Treatment Facility
- ◆ SCRAM
- ◆ Home Breath Test
- ◆ Residential Treatment
- ◆ Breath Interlock Device
- ◆ Half Way House
- ◆ Hospitals & Detox
- ◆ Twelve Step Program

Community Partners

◆ Advocates

- ◆ Institutions of Higher Learning

- ◆ MADD / STOP DUI

Political Climate

◆ Economy

- ◆ Cost to Local Funding Authority for Staffing
 - ◆ Court Personnel
 - ◆ District Attorney
 - ◆ Public Defender
 - ◆ House Arrest

Political Climate

- ◆ Law Enforcement - District Attorney/Sheriff
 - ◆ Pound of Flesh – Lock ‘em Up Mentality
 - ◆ Specialty Courts do not work – Attitude
 - ◆ Participation

Political Climate

◆ Public Safety

◆ Recidivism Rates – Las Vegas DUI Court

◆ Graduates - 9%

◆ Termination - 24%

◆ Avoid Costs to Community

◆ Hospitals

◆ Officers on the Street Time

◆ Defendant Work Productivity

Sustainability

◆ Initial Cost

◆ NHTSA - Seed Money

- ◆ 3 Year Grant

- ◆ \$280,000

 - ◆ Court Coordinator Salary

 - ◆ Initial Drug Testing Kits

 - ◆ Technological Resources

Sustainability

◆ Internal Funding

◆ Las Vegas DUI Court – Participant Pays

- ◆ Case Management Fee - \$500
- ◆ House Arrest – 90 Days - \$930
- ◆ Treatment - Reduced Fee - \$50 / week
- ◆ Victim Impact Panel - \$50
- ◆ Coroner's DUI Program - \$125
- ◆ Breath Interlock Device - year - \$90 / month

Sustainability

◆ External Funding

- ◆ Federal

- ◆ State

 - ◆ Nevada Assembly Bill 29

 - ◆ FY 08 - \$88,844 – One Court

 - ◆ FY 09 - \$175,303 – Two Courts

 - ◆ FY 10 - \$187,882 - Two Courts

- ◆ Insurance of Participant

- ◆ Private Enterprise

Sustainability

◆ Leaders Change

- ◆ Judges
- ◆ District Attorney
- ◆ Defense Bar
- ◆ Treatment Facilities
- ◆ House Arrest Officers

◆ Consistently Working Buy In