

Delaware County Treatment Court

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"The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government."

Thomas Jefferson



Severely addicted people commit an average of 63 crimes a year.



ARREST

RELAPSE

ARRAIGNMENT

RELEASE

Futility

PROSECUTION

INCARCERATION

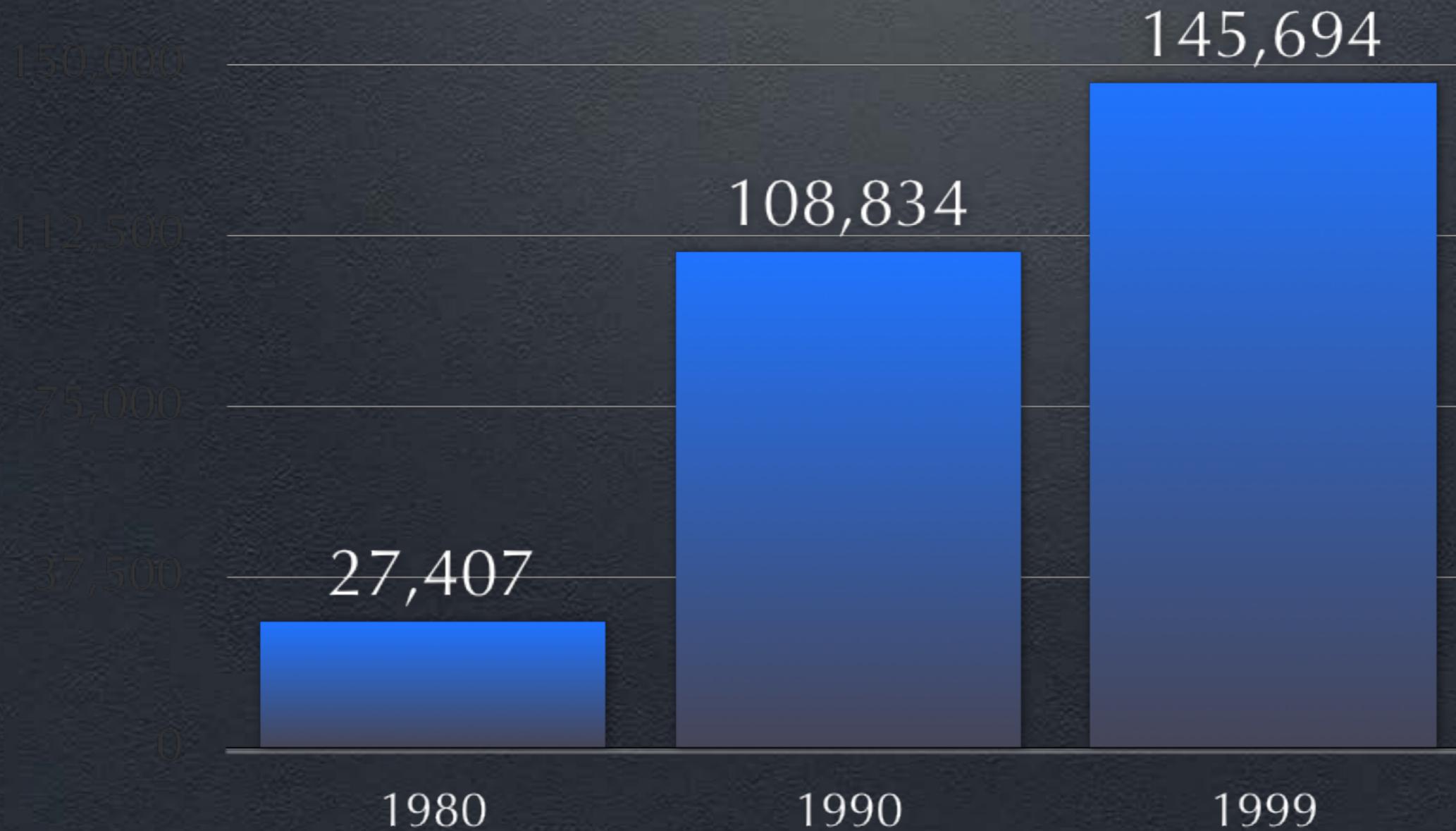
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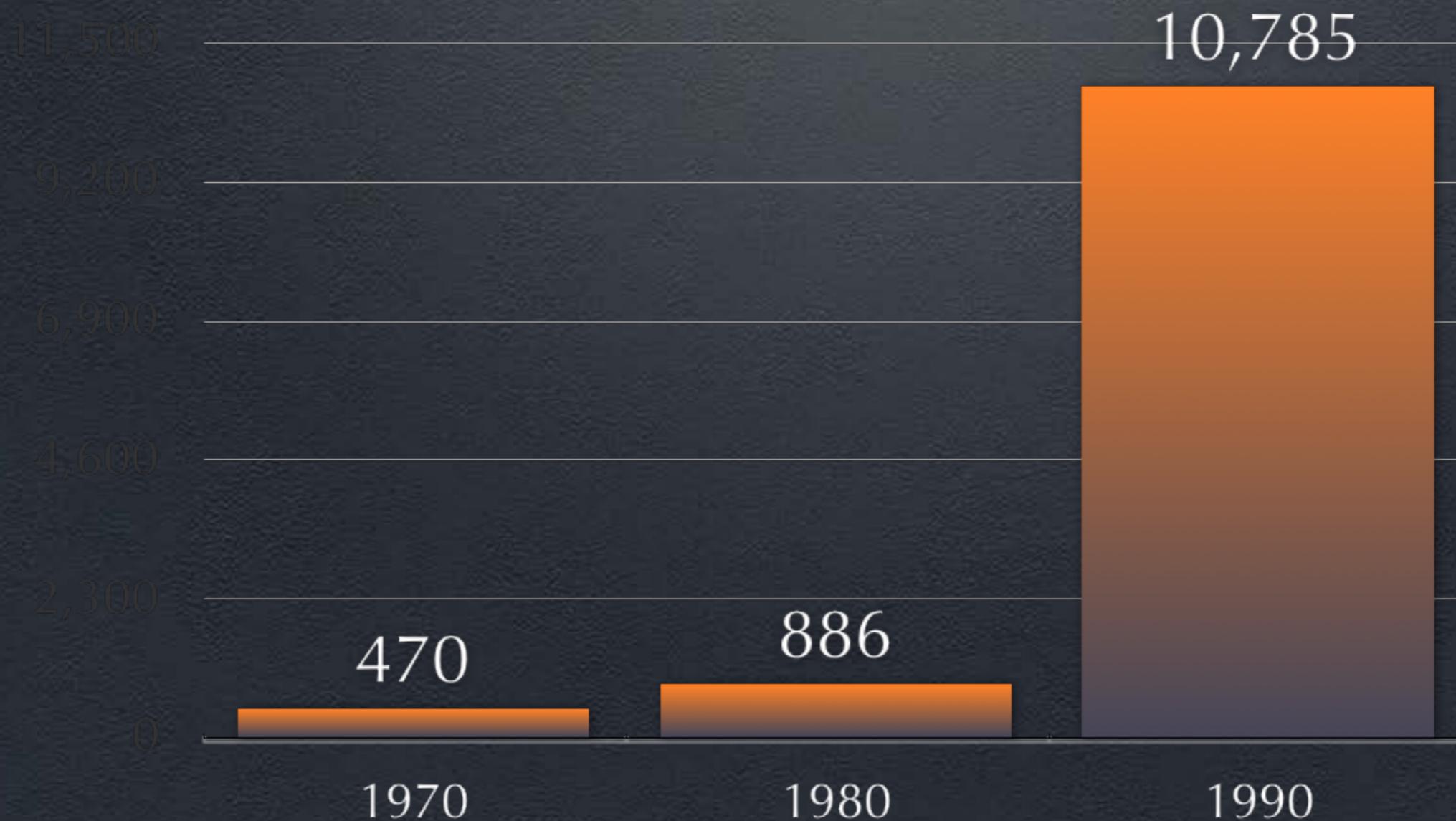
Impact - Upstate NY Figures

■ Drug Arrests in New York



Drug & Substance Abuse Offenders Sentenced to State Prison 1970 to 1990

■ Sentenced Prisoners



Local Costs of Incarceration for Drug and Substance Abuse Offenders

\$130 per day per inmate

\$3,954 per month per inmate

\$47,450 per year per inmate

What is a treatment court?

A treatment-oriented, voluntary sentencing process for non-violent, substance-abusing offenders

Mission Statement

The Delaware County Treatment Court will make the community a safer place to live by changing the behavior of adult, non-violent, drug- or alcohol-abusing individuals through firm and effective supervision and treatment.

Mission Statement (cont'd)

Substance addiction is a disease which if untreated results in an increase in criminal and anti-social behavior.

Mission Statement (cont'd)

Addiction can be successfully treated. Our treatment court provides convicted offenders with intensive substance-abuse treatment, supervision, drug testing and monitoring through individualized treatment plans.

Mission Statement (cont'd)

We hope to significantly reduce criminal activity in our county by empowering treatment court participants to achieve life long recovery and become responsible, productive members of our community.

Benefits

- ★ Stop the revolving door
- ★ Reduce criminal behavior
- ★ Hold offenders accountable
- ★ Increase employment & education
- ★ Reduce jail population
- ★ Turn tax-using offenders into tax-paying citizens.

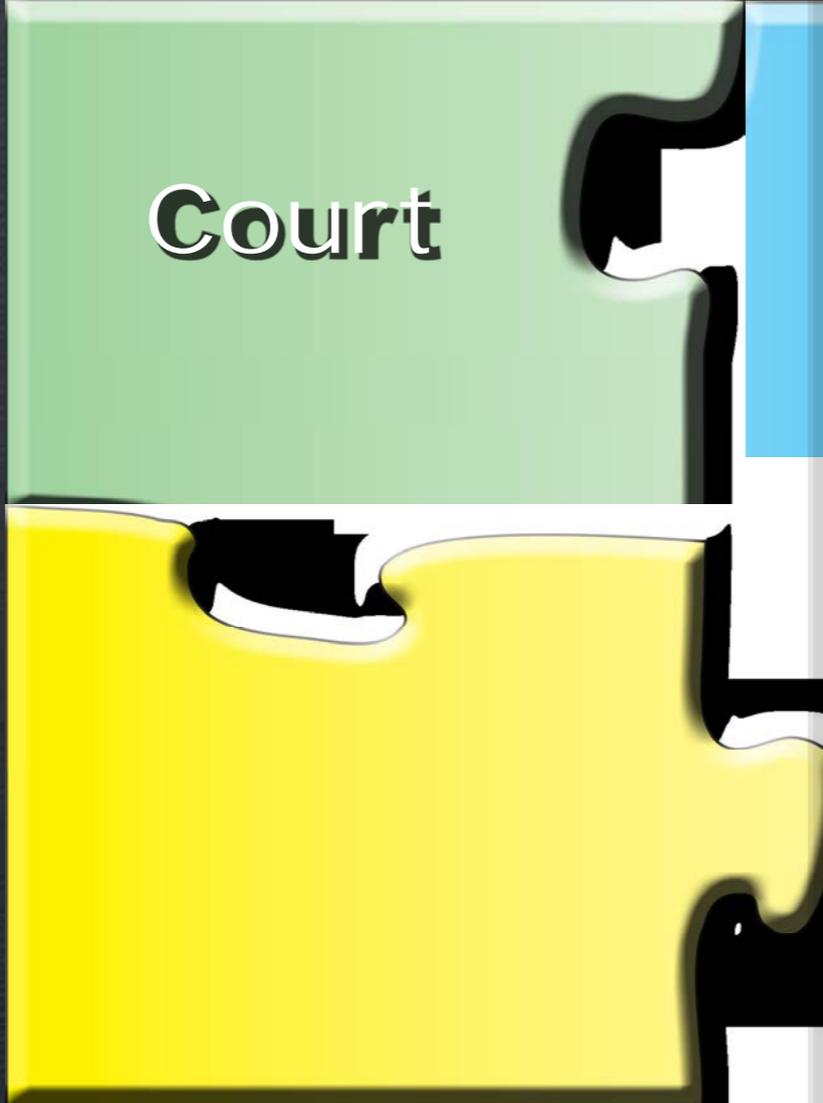


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Probation

Treatment

Community



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Court's Role

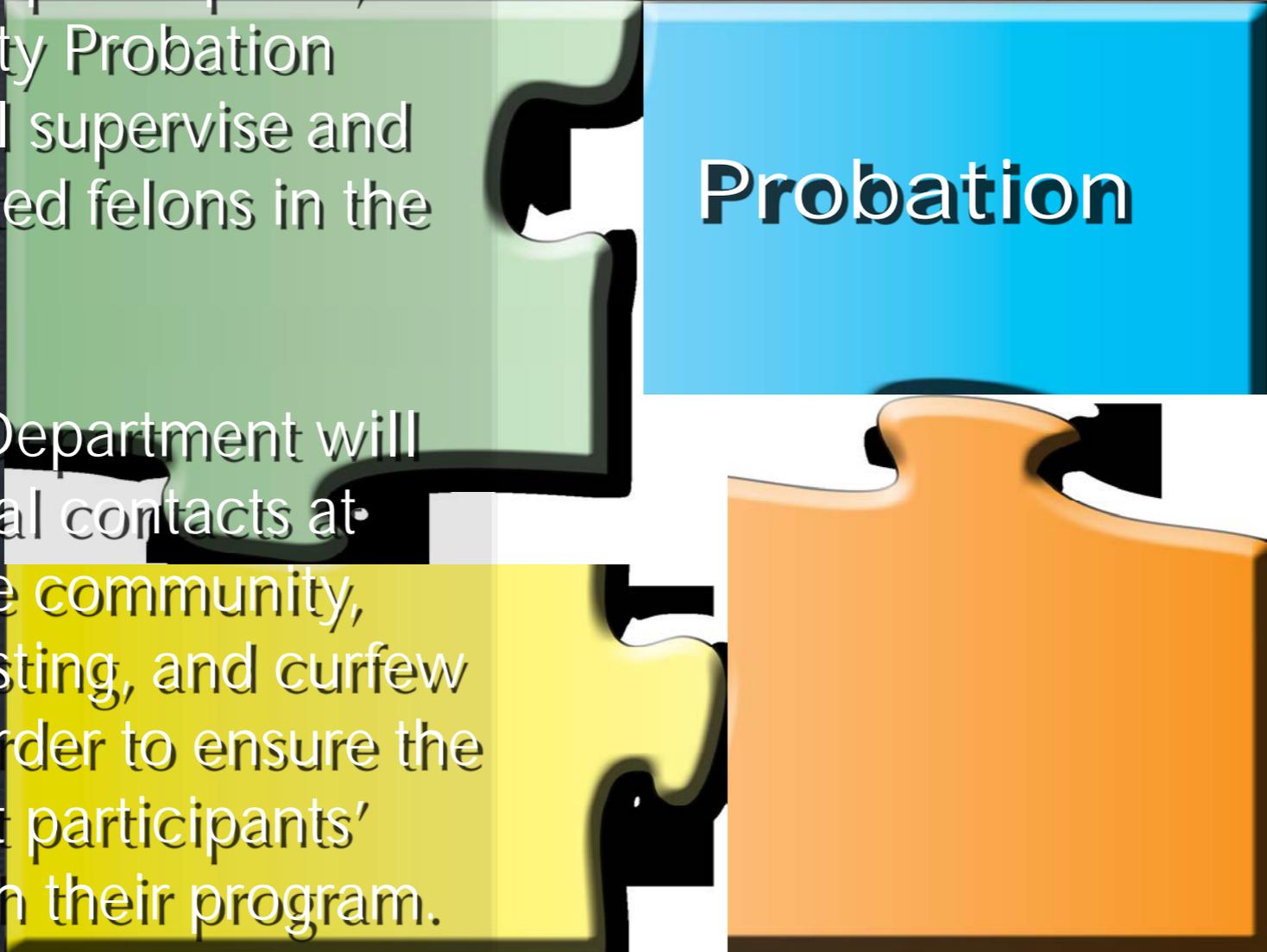
- ★ Heart of the collaborative environment, including Defense Counsel, District Attorney and others
- ★ Leader of the treatment court team, linking participants to drug treatment and to the criminal justice system

Judge's Role

- ★ Develop ongoing, working relationship with offender
- ★ Motivator for rehabilitation
- ★ Active monitoring of offender's recovery
- ★ Using authority of the court, provides incentive to stay in treatment
- ★ "Confessor, Task Master, Cheerleader and Mentor"

To support the goals of the Treatment Court participants, the Delaware County Probation Department will supervise and monitor convicted felons in the community.

The Probation Department will conduct personal contacts at home and in the community, random drug testing, and curfew monitoring in order to ensure the Treatment Court participants' compliance with their program.



Probation



The role of treatment is to support a participant's abstinent lifestyle. Counselors work with participants to identify relapse triggers and help resolve the barriers to recovery.

The treatment community:

- ★ Provides comprehensive evaluation of addiction
- ★ Recommends appropriate levels of treatment
- ★ Develops individualized treatment plans including:
 - addiction education
 - community support groups
 - intensive group treatment
 - individual and family counseling
 - supervised drug screening

Treatment

For a treatment court to operate effectively, it is essential that the community at large both understands and supports the court's goals. To this end, the treatment court committee will contact community leaders, service organizations, churches, agencies, and other groups and individuals to explain the objectives of the treatment court and to clarify the many ways the community will benefit from its operation. The committee will make every effort to keep the community informed of events, changes, and developments involving the treatment court.



Community

Cost Effectiveness of Drug Treatment

- ★ Treatment is less expensive than incarceration (One year drug treatment = \$4,700 vs. \$47,450 for imprisonment)
- ★ Every \$1 invested in treatment yields up to \$7 in reduced crime-related costs
- ★ Savings can exceed costs by 12:1 when health-care costs are included
- ★ Reduced interpersonal conflicts
- ★ Improved workplace productivity
- ★ Fewer drug-related accidents

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