

COLLABORATIVE COURTS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

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Collaborative Courts in Santa Clara County

- Collaboration between justice, social service, and health systems
- Priority populations are those with behavioral health needs
- Offer alternatives to jail time & coordinate community services in order to reduce recidivism, support recovery, increase family stability, etc.
- Some connections to community or safety-net programs

Adult
Treatment
Court

Behavioral
Health
Treatment
Court

Family Law
Treatment
Court

Dependency
Wellness
Court

Palo Alto
Review Court



Dependency Wellness Court (DWC)

- Superior Court, Department 66, Judge Hendrickson
- Dedicated voluntary substance abuse treatment court for parents involved in the child welfare system, separate from their Dependency Court hearings
- Multidisciplinary team including SUTS assessors, SUTS case manager, Parent Mentors, Domestic Violence specialist, SSA Eligibility Worker, DFCS Social Worker Liaison, Mental Health liaison, First Five, CASA, and attorneys
- DWC occurs every Tuesday and Thursday all day
- Participants appear in DWC on average every three weeks until graduation or child welfare case dismissal



Behavioral Health Treatment Court (BHTC)

- ❑ Collaboration between Superior Court (Dpt. 61, Judge Manley), Behavior Health Services Department, Public Defender, District Attorney, service providers
- ❑ Clinicians screen, engage, assess, and make treatment recommendations to for clients who are incarcerated and those who are present at Superior Court.
- ❑ Clients are connected to BHSD intensive outpatient programs which offer:
 - ▣ psychiatric evaluations and medication management;
 - ▣ mental health treatment & substance abuse treatment;
 - ▣ case management services;
 - ▣ linkage to appropriate community resources such as medical, faith based, housing, benefits assessments; and vocational/job training in lieu of jail time.

Other Collaborative Courts

□ Palo Alto Review (PAR) Court

- ▣ In operation since 2012, and is similar to BHTC, but not principally focused on individuals with mental health and/or substance use disorders
- ▣ Referrals to/from North County Alternative Sentencing (NCAS) program

□ Community Outreach Court

- ▣ Partnership with Superior Court, Dpt. 61 & Located at the County Reentry Resource Ctr.
- ▣ 3rd Tuesday of each month, 5:30 – 7:30 PM
- ▣ Eligible Cases: Traffic or Transit tickets; Court ordered and/or Dpt. Of Tax & Collections fines & fees affiliated with quality-of-life convictions
- ▣ Homeless and/or low-income, connected to services