

# North Dakota Juvenile Drug Court Program Continues to Grow

The highlight of 2009 was the Upper Midwest Drug Court Conference held in October in Mandan. It was a huge success with over 100 attendees. Governor John Hoeven and Justice Mary Muehlen Maring welcomed the attendees and presentations were made by nationally known drug court professionals.

Team members from six juvenile drug courts, five adult drug courts, a Back on Track (college drug court at North Dakota State University), a tribal court from the Turtle Mountain Alternative Court, and an adult DUI/DWI court from Pierre, S.D., were in attendance. A closing panel of past drug court graduates and a former participant ended the conference by describing their struggles and successes in reaching sobriety.

There are currently five adult drug courts operating in Bismarck, Minot, Grand Forks, and two in Fargo.

Devils Lake opened the doors to a juvenile drug court in March, 2009. They join five other courts located in Williston, Minot, Bismarck, Grand Forks, and Fargo.

Following is the state data for the juvenile drug courts.

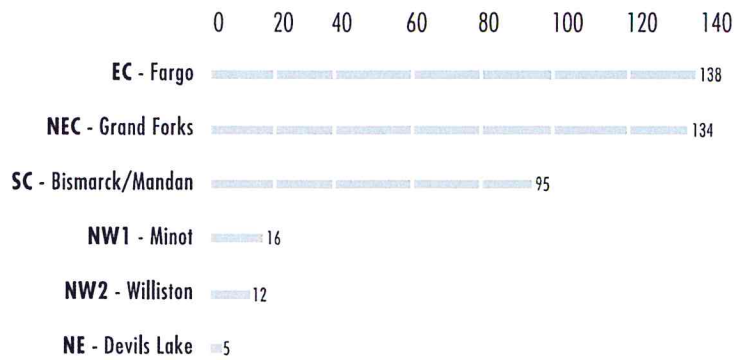
## Statewide Data

- 400 juveniles have entered the drug court programs since May 2000.
- 169 have successfully graduated from the drug court programs since May 2000.
- 72 juveniles entered the program in 2009
- There were 27 active participants on Dec. 31, 2009.
- Participants completed a total of 2,840 community service hours in 2009.
- 39% of the participants were terminated from the program because of noncompliance and further offenses during 2009.
- Average age at entry in 2009 is 15.7 years.

Data on adult drug courts can be obtained through the North Dakota Department of Corrections.



# North Dakota Juvenile Drug Court Participants By Court Since May 2000



## Individual Court Statistics and Information for 2009

### Unit 1

#### Juvenile Drug Court Highlights

- Hon. Karen Braaten presides over the drug court proceedings in Grand Forks.
- Seventeen juveniles entered the program.
- There were three graduations and six terminations.
- There are currently seven participants.
- Participants completed 736 hours of community service.
- Hon. Donovan Foughty presides over the drug court proceedings in Devils Lake.
- Five juveniles entered the program.
- There were three terminations and no graduations.
- There are currently two participants.
- Participants completed 41 hours of community service.

### Unit 2

#### Juvenile Drug Court Highlights

- Hon. Wade Webb presides over the drug court proceedings in Fargo.
- Eighteen participants entered the drug court program.
- Six graduated and six were terminated.
- There are currently six participants.
- Participants completed 832.50 hours of community service.

### Unit 3

#### Juvenile Drug Court Highlights

- Referee John Grinsteiner presides over the drug court proceedings in Bismarck.
- Sixteen participants entered the drug court program.
- Four graduated and seven were terminated from the program.
- There are currently six participants.
- Participants completed 779.75 hours of community service.

### Unit 4

#### Juvenile Drug Court Highlights

- Hon. Doug Mattson presides over the drug court proceedings in Minot.
- There were seven participants in the drug court program.
- There were two graduations and three terminations.
- There are currently two participants
- Participants completed 310.25 hours of community service.
- Hon. David Nelson presides over the drug court proceedings in Williston.
- Eight participants entered the drug court program.
- There was one graduation and four terminations.
- There are currently three active participants.
- Williston's drug court participants completed 140 hours of community service.