

Olympia Community Court Quick Facts 2016-2021

Date started: January 6th, 2016

Court day: Wednesdays 9-12

Number of cases eligible: 1,537

Number of participants opted in: 443

Number of graduates: 194

% of graduates that did not obtain a new conviction post graduation: 81%

Value of community service labor in the community: \$49,724

Top 3 case types that opted in 2019-2020:

- 1) Theft, 2) Driving While License Suspended in the Third Degree, 3) Criminal Trespass

Number of service providers: 17

Number of social service links: 1,518

59% of participants connected to homeless related services.

Current Providers:

Community Court providers include the following: Pinnacle Peak (mental health), Pinnacle Peak (drug and alcohol), Capital Recovery BUPE Clinic (medication assisted treatment), SideWalk (housing), Family Support Center of South Sound (housing and family support), Community Youth Services (housing), SeaMar (basic needs), Partners in Prevention Education (LGBTQIA/victims services), Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council (employment), YWCA (employment), South Puget Sound Community College (education), Family Education and Support Services (family support), Department of Social and Health Services (social services and child support), Northwest Justice Project (legal services), Intercity Transit (transportation), and Thurston County League of Women Voters (voter registration).

Travel, Conferences, and Presentations:

Members of the Community Court core team traveled in 2017 to Midtown Community Court, Redhook Community Justice Center, Bronx Community Solutions, and Newark Community Solutions. The core team traveled to Birmingham, AL in 2018 and took part in the Community Courts and Public Safety Conference. Judge Ahlf; Diane Whaley, Community Court Executive/Public Defense Coordinator; and Rocio Ferguson, Chief Prosecutor; presented at this conference on the topic of "Planning a Community Court." Judge Ahlf presented in Maryland in conjunction with the Center for Court Innovation at the 2019 National Association of Drug Court Professionals Conference on the topic of Community Court. Diane Whaley and Rocio Ferguson presented at the 2019 South Puget Sound Community Partnership for Transition Solutions Vision of Hope Conference at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA providing an overview of Olympia's Community Court. Judge Ahlf and Diane Whaley presented at the Association of Washington Cities City Action Days Event at the Red Lion Inn, Olympia, WA on January 28th, 2020 providing an overview of Olympia's Community Court. Diane Whaley presented webinars in conjunction with the Center for Court Innovation on the topics of "Cultivating and Sustaining Service Provider Partnerships" in March of 2020 and "How Community Courts Are Reopening During COVID-19: Challenges and Opportunities" in September of 2020. Diane Whaley presented as a guest panelist speaker at the Community Courts Public Safety Conference on "Building Effective Partnerships" in December of 2020.