



# SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF BUTTE

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### **BUTTE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CELEBRATES NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH**

In honor of National Drug Court Month, the Butte County Superior Court will hold its annual Drug Court Month Celebration on May 8, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. This celebration will acknowledge the graduation of successful participants and the collaboration efforts of justice partners.

Drug Court is one of the Butte County Superior Court's three collaborative court programs alongside DUI Court and Veterans Treatment Court. Statewide, California has more than 400 collaborative justice courts. Collaborative justice courts, also known as problem-solving courts, combine judicial oversight with county monitoring and rehabilitation services to provide an alternative to traditional criminal justice case adjudication for individuals struggling with substance use disorders. The goals of these programs are to:

- Reduce recidivism and substance abuse in substance abusing offenders; and
- Increase the offender's likelihood of successful rehabilitation by addressing substance abuse or other underlying issues that may have contributed to their criminal justice involvement.

The celebration on May 8<sup>th</sup> will begin with opening remarks from Presiding Judge Michael R. Deems. Justice partners will also be acknowledged for their contribution to these programs. Lastly, two program participants will share their personal stories of addiction, treatment, and where they are today after completing the program.

For more information about these programs, visit <http://www.courts.ca.gov/programs-collabjustice.htm>.