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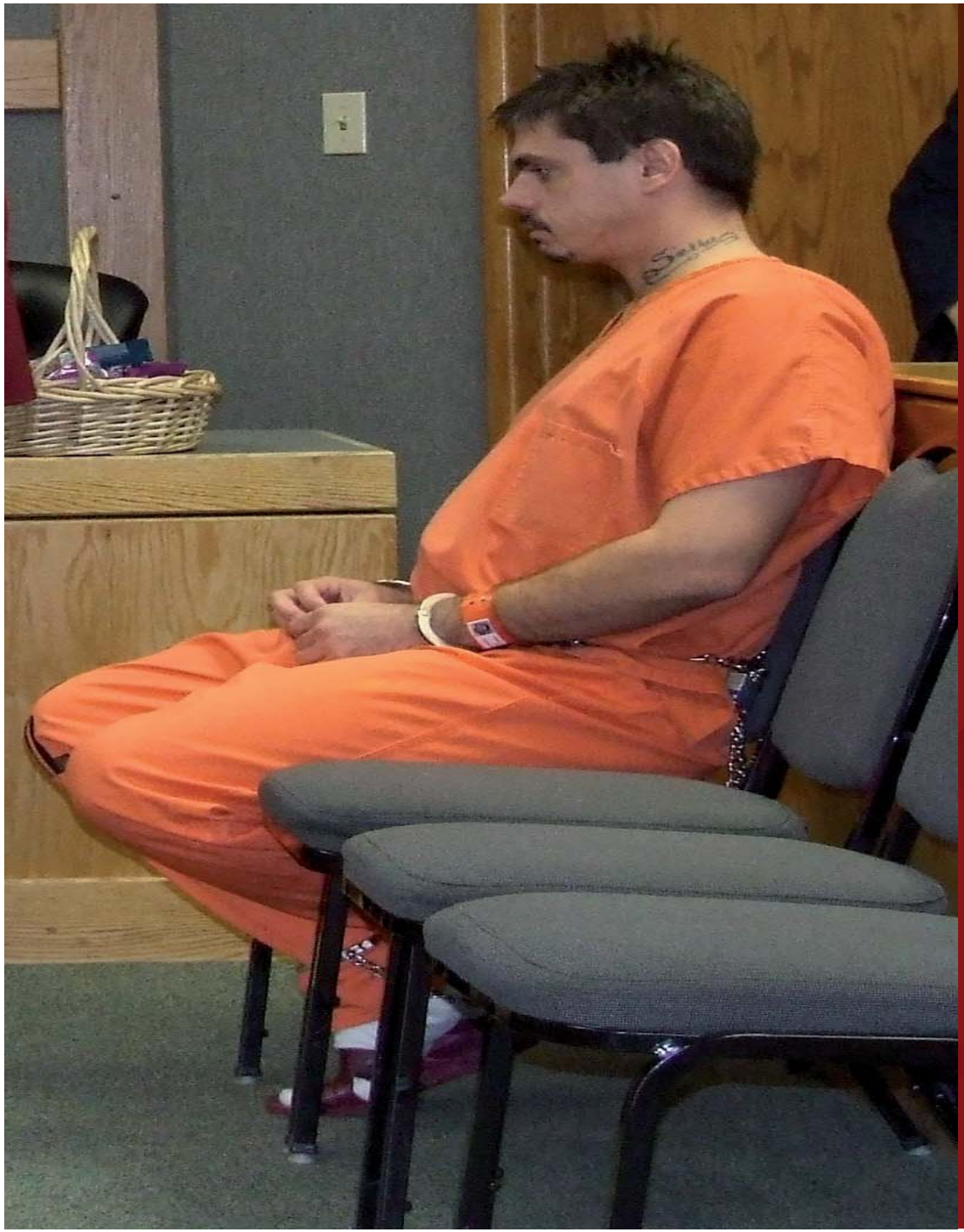
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Judicially Supervised Treatment





Immediate Sanctions are Imposed for Not Living Up to Their Obligations

And…

Positive Reinforcement for Doing Well



Drug Court is Transformative





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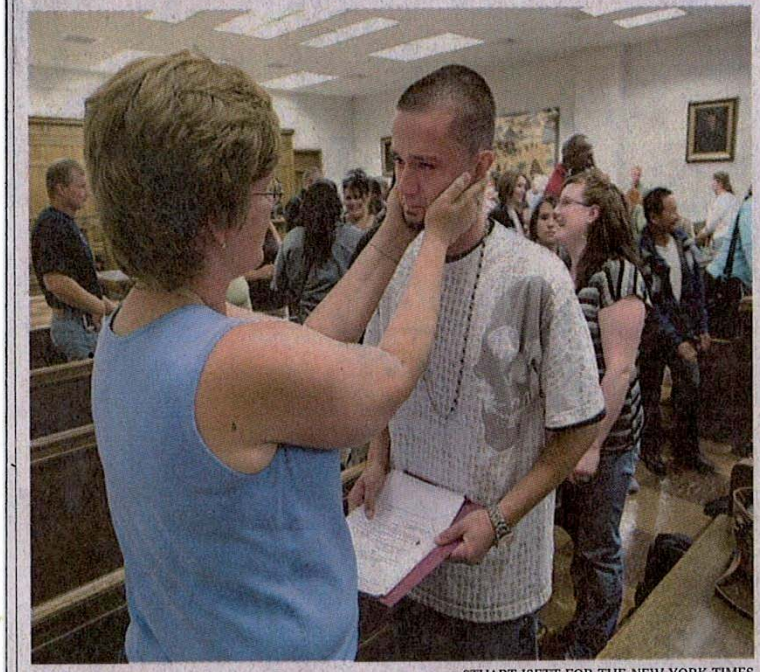

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Innovative Courts Give Some Addicts Chance to Straighten Out



STUART ISETT FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

Scott Elkin was congratulated by his mother, Cathy Elkin, after he graduated from a court-administered anti-drug program.

By ERIK ECKHOLM

SEATTLE — It was not your usual courtroom scene. For one thing, the judge choked up as he described one woman's struggle with opiate addiction after her arrest for forging prescriptions.

Over the last three years, she had repeatedly missed court-ordered therapy and hearings, and the judge, J. Wesley Saint Clair of the Drug Diversion Court, at first meted out mild punishments, like community service. But last winter, pushed past his forgiving limit, he jailed her briefly twice. The threat of more jail did the trick.

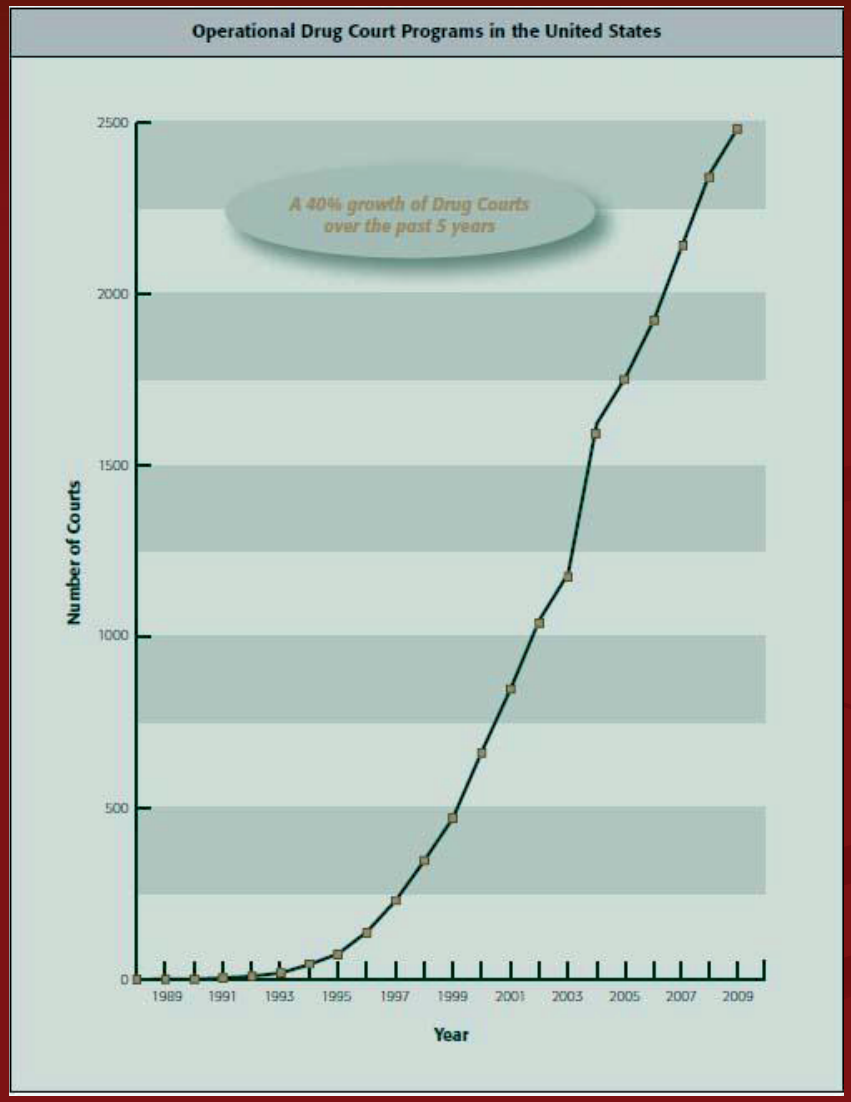
Now she was graduating — along with 23 other addicts who entered drug court instead of prison. Prosecutors and public defenders applauded when she was handed her certificate; a policewoman hugged her, and a child shouted triumphantly, "Yeah, Mamma!"

In Seattle, as in drug courts across the country, the stern face of criminal justice is being redrawn, and emotions are often on the surface. Experts say drug courts have been the country's fastest-spreading innovation in criminal justice, giving arrested addicts a chance to avoid prison by agreeing to stringent oversight and addiction treatment. Recent studies show drug courts are one of the few initiatives that reduce recidivism — on average by 8 percent to 10 percent nationally and as high as 26 percent in New York State — and save taxpayer money.

Since Judge Saint Clair took

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40% growth in past 5 years



2,672 Drug (Tx) Courts

1,435 Adult Drug Courts

458 Juvenile Drug Courts

329 Family Drug Courts

192 DWI Courts

95 Veterans Treatment Court

79 Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts

31 Reentry Drug Courts

28 Federal Drug Courts

20 Co-Occurring Courts

5 Campus Drug Courts

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Family Dependency Treatment Court

- **Per child savings from reduced foster care**
  - $6,420 per child in London (Harwin et al., 2011)
  - $10,000 per child in Maine (Seller et al., 2007)
  - $13,000 per child in Oregon (Carey et al, 2010b)
  - $15,000 per child in Montana (Roche, 2005)

- **Per family savings to CPS ranged from $7,000 to $14,000**

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State of Census, Model and Cost

- 133,600 currently being served
  - 1.2 million in need
- 22,584 graduates in 2008 (2/3 reporting)
- 1353 (94%) of Adult Drug Courts follow a post-plea model (Pre Adjudication/Post Adjudication); 72 (5%) are pre-plea models.
- Cost per participant is $5,718 (nat. avg.)

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1,145 Problem Solving Courts

327 Mental Health Courts

233 Truancy Courts

230 Domestic Violence Courts

97 Child Support Courts

67 Reentry Courts

25 Homelessness Courts

20 Community Courts

9 Prostitution Courts

4 Parole Violation Courts

1 Gambling Court

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Worth the Investment

- Twenty-six states reported an increase in funding for Drug Courts between 2007 and 2009 budget cycles.
- Combined state appropriations totaled $242,960,480.00 for Drug Court in 2009
- State appropriations increased for Drug Courts by over $62 million (35%) from 2007 to 2009

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Broad Bi-Partisan Support

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 17, 2011

The Honorable Kent Conrad
Chairman
Senate Budget Committee
624 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Ranking Member
Senate Budget Committee
624 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Conrad and Ranking Member Sessions,

As you consider the Fiscal Year 2012 budget resolution, we urge you to continue important funding for drug courts. Drug courts have been proven to be an effective, responsible option for reducing substance abuse and crime, and they are often cited as the nation's most fiscally responsible method for dealing with substance abusing offenders.

When offenders participate in drug courts, they are able to complete substance abuse treatment, gain employment, pay taxes, and ultimately become productive members of our communities. Studies show that 75% of drug court graduates will not face rearrest, while just 30% of those who pass through the traditional criminal justice system are able to avoid recidivism. Moreover, the average yearly cost for a drug court participant is $6,985, compared to the average annual cost of incarceration at $22,650. The return on investment for drug courts is also impressive, with the most successful drug courts returning $27 for every $1 invested.

Drug courts currently receive federal funding through the Department of Justice's Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program and the Department of Health and Human Services' Center for Substance Abuse. The Department of Justice funds critical infrastructure in the forms of training, case management, and drug testing, and the Department of Health and Human Services provides substance abuse treatment that is essential to the drug court program. The Conference of Chief Justices, which represents our highest state judicial officers, has called drug courts "the most effective strategy for reducing drug use and criminal recidivism among criminal offenders." Indeed, these programs have been proven effective for countless veterans, juveniles, men, women, and families in the criminal justice system.

As our nation continues to face tough fiscal decisions, we should all be able to get behind a program that produces a high return on investment and results in ex-offenders becoming productive members of our communities. We respectfully encourage you to reflect ongoing funding for drug courts in the Fiscal Year 2012 budget resolution.

Sincerely,

Al Franken
United States Senator

John Boozman
United States Senator

FY'07

$20.2 Million

$10 million (DOJ)

10.2 million (SAMHSA)

All-time lowest Federal Appropriation

FY'10

$88.8 Million

$45 Million (DOJ)
$43.8 Million (SAMHSA)

Increase of $25 Million from FY'09

All-time Highest Federal Appropriation

FY'13

$100.7 Million

President's Request

$90 Million

2.5 million increase in House

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