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Collaborative Justice Courts

Collaborative justice courts, also known as problem-solving courts, promote accountability by combining judicial supervision with rigorously monitored rehabilitation services and treatment in lieu of detention. Collaborative courts have a dedicated calendar and judge for specific types of offenders (e.g., mental health courts for offenders with mental illness, drug courts for offenders with substance abuse issues). Collaborative justice principles include a multidisciplinary, nonadversarial team approach with involvement from the court, attorneys, law enforcement, and community treatment and service agencies to address offenders' complex social and behavioral problems. Collaborative courts follow a model based on the Ten Key Components of Drug Courts; however, each court operates in a slightly different way with varying eligibility criteria, requirements, length, types of sanctions and incentives, services provided, and graduation criteria. Collaborative courts typically focus on high risk/high needs cases and utilize evidence-based practices.

Types and Numbers of Collaborative Justice Courts in California

California currently has more than 400 collaborative courts in all but two small jurisdictions (Alpine and Colusa), with many jurisdictions having four or more types of collaborative courts. The most numerous types of collaborative courts include adult drug courts (83), adult mental health courts (61), veterans' courts (47), dependency drug courts (32), juvenile drug courts (23), DUI courts (20), reentry courts (18), homeless courts (19), community courts (11), and juvenile mental health courts (12). Newer courts such as girls' courts and CSEC courts for commercially sexually exploited children are also growing. The balance of collaborative courts includes dual diagnosis courts, family law drug courts, truancy courts, and Prop 36 courts. Most drug court caseloads average between 75 and 100 participants while other collaborative courts tend to have smaller caseloads.

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

California Counties with Collaborative Justice Courts as of January 2025

<u>Superior Court of California, County of</u>	<u>COMMUNITY</u>	<u>DRUG-ADULT</u>	<u>DRUG-JUVENILE</u>	<u>DRUG-DEPENDENCY</u>	<u>DUI</u>	<u>ELDER ABUSE</u>	<u>GIRLS/CSEC</u>	<u>HOMELESS</u>	<u>MENTAL HEALTH- ADULT</u>	<u>MENTAL HEALTH- JUVENILE</u>	<u>REENTRY - ADULT & JUVENILE</u>	<u>TRUANCY</u>	<u>VETERANS</u>
Number of Courts by Case Type	11	83	23	32	20	3	9	19	61	12	18	10	47
Alameda		X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Alpine													
Amador													X
Butte		X			X								X
Calaveras													X
Colusa													
Contra Costa								X	X				X
Del Norte		X											X
El Dorado					X				X				X
Fresno		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
Glenn		X	X						X				
Humboldt		X	X					X		X			
Imperial		X							X				X
Inyo		X									X		
Kern		X						X	X				X
Kings		X							X				X
Lake			X	X									X
Lassen		X											
Los Angeles	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X		X
Madera		X							X				X
Marin	X	X							X				X
Mariposa		X							X				
Mendocino		X		X					X				
Merced		X		X				X	X	X			X
Modoc		X	X						X				
Mono		X											
Monterey		X	X		X				X	X		X	X
Napa		X		X					X				
Nevada		X	X		X				X				
Orange		X	X		X		X	X	X		X	X	X

