



# The Court in the Community: Franklin County

Legislative and  
Community Event

April 3, 2015

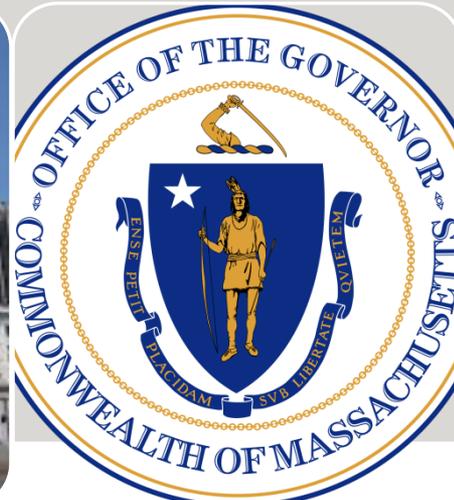
# Effective Statewide Collaborations



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Trial Court



Massachusetts  
Legislature

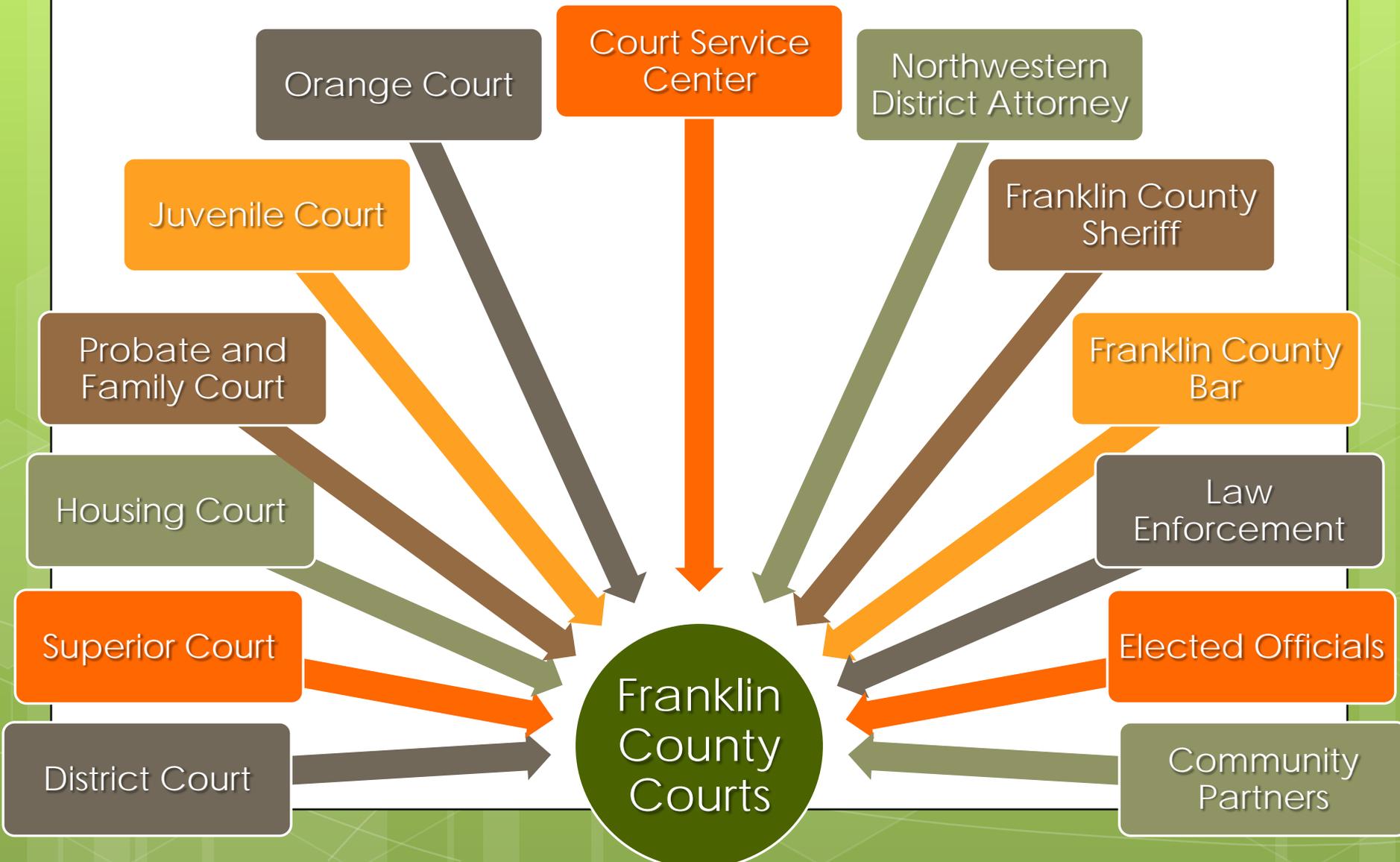


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Executive  
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DMH  
DPH



Franklin  
County Courts

# Effective Local Collaborations



# Sequential Intercept Model

Trial  
Court

DMH

DPH

## Intercept 1

1

Police  
Emergency  
services

## Intercept 2

2

Post-arrest  
Initial  
detention  
Initial hearings

## Intercept 3

3

Post-initial  
hearings  
Jails  
Courts  
Forensic  
evaluations  
Forensic  
commitments

## Intercept 4

4

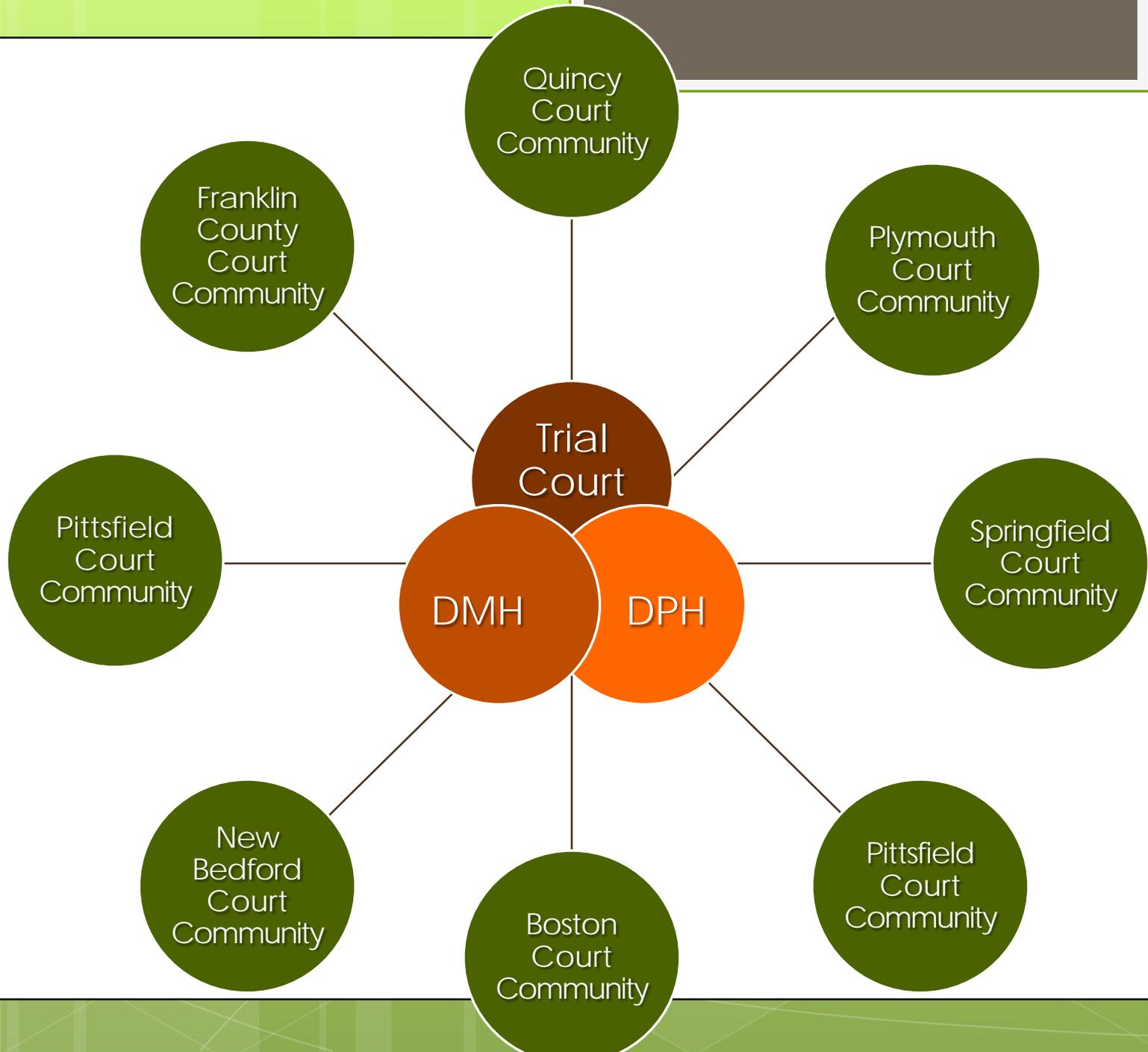
Re-entry from  
jails & state  
prisons  
Forensic  
hospitalization

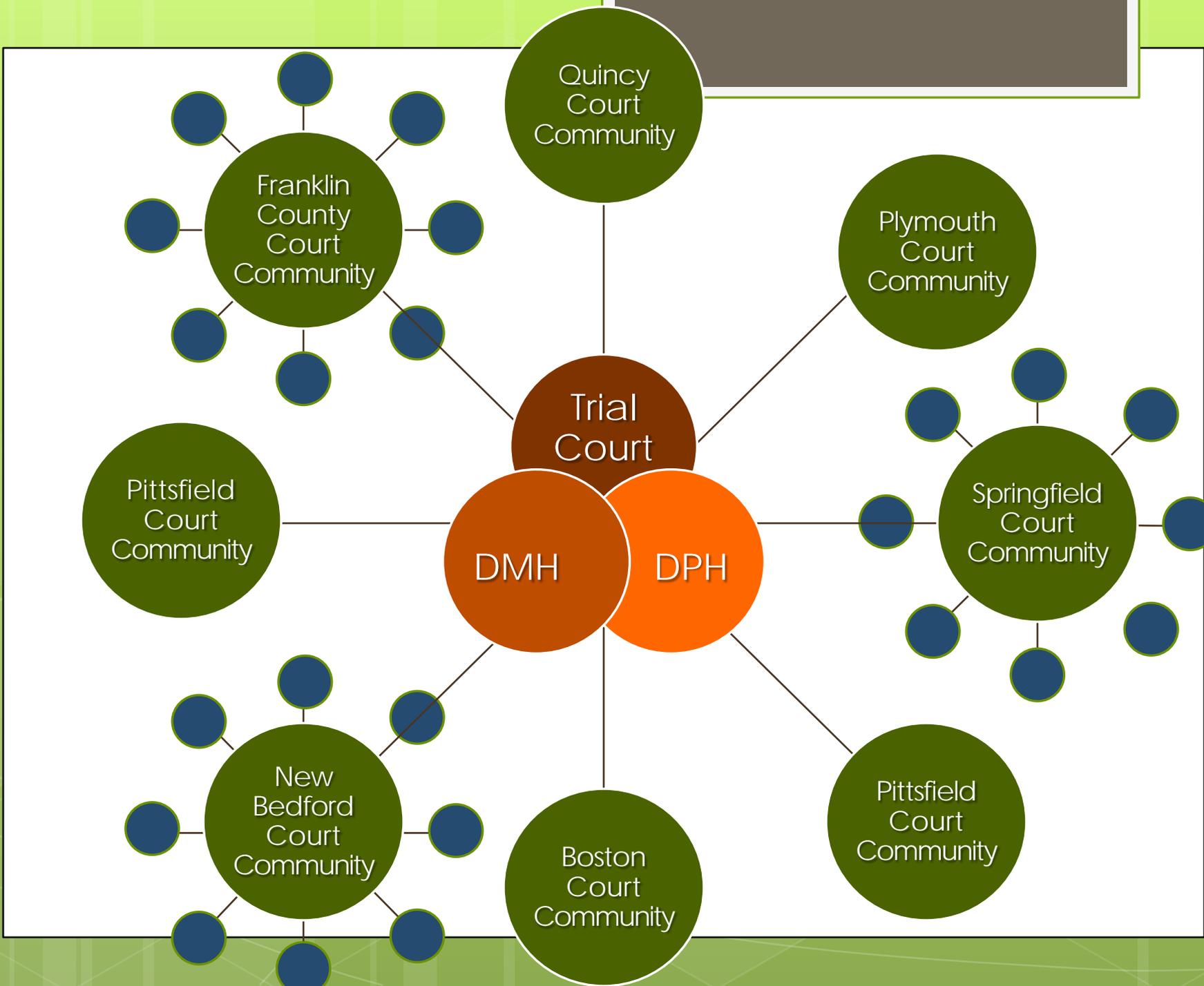
## Intercept 5

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Community  
corrections  
and  
community  
support







Quincy  
Court  
Community

Franklin  
County  
Court  
Community

Plymouth  
Court  
Community

Trial  
Court

Pittsfield  
Court  
Community

DMH

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Springfield  
Court  
Community

New  
Bedford  
Court  
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Boston  
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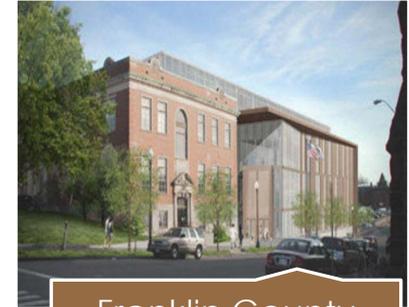
MA Trial Court



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Franklin County Courts

## Community Needs

Opiate Misuse

High number of self represented litigants

High numbers of litigants that need community supports

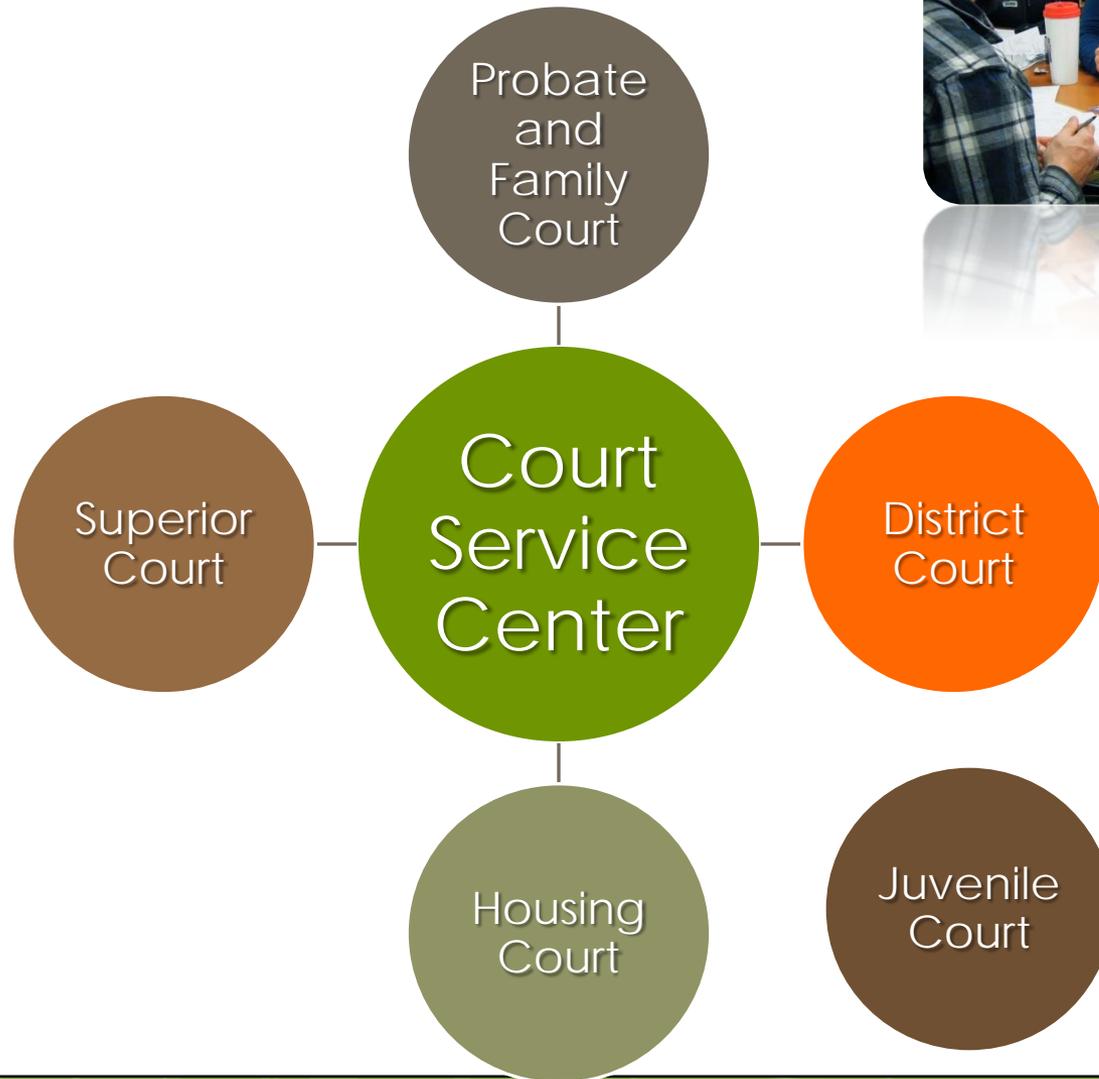
## Court Response

Effective collaborations

Unique innovations

Efficient resource utilization

# Court Service Center



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*Assisted community members 1150 times since opening*

Section 35

Community Resources

Small Claims and Debt Collection

Guardianship

Probate

Eviction and Housing

Divorce and Separate Support

Paternity, Child Custody and Support

30A: Appeals from Agency Decisions

Transportation advocacy

Welcome Desk

# Section 35 Saves Lives

Is a loved one putting themselves or others at risk due to drug or alcohol misuse?

## The Courts Can Help

If other treatment options haven't helped, a Section 35 civil commitment is a court proceeding that forces a family member to get treatment in certain cases.

Section 35 is not right for everyone. You must be able to prove substance misuse and risk of harm to a judge.

**For more information on Section 35 civil commitments in Franklin County contact:**

Kate Shapiro  
Franklin County Court Service Center  
(413) 775-7483  
101 Munson Street, Greenfield  
Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30pm



*For more information about treatment and recovery support services in Franklin County and the North Quabbin Region visit the Opioid Task Force at [www.opioidtaskforce.org](http://www.opioidtaskforce.org)*

# District Court



## On Site

Drug Court

HOIST

Evaluation and Treatment  
DV/Batterers  
Driver Alcohol Ed  
Substance Abuse  
Mental Health  
Sex Offender

Insurance Assistance

Interdepartmental Cross-Training

## In the Community

Restorative Justice

DV Transition to Community Program

Housing Initiative

Transition from Jail to Community

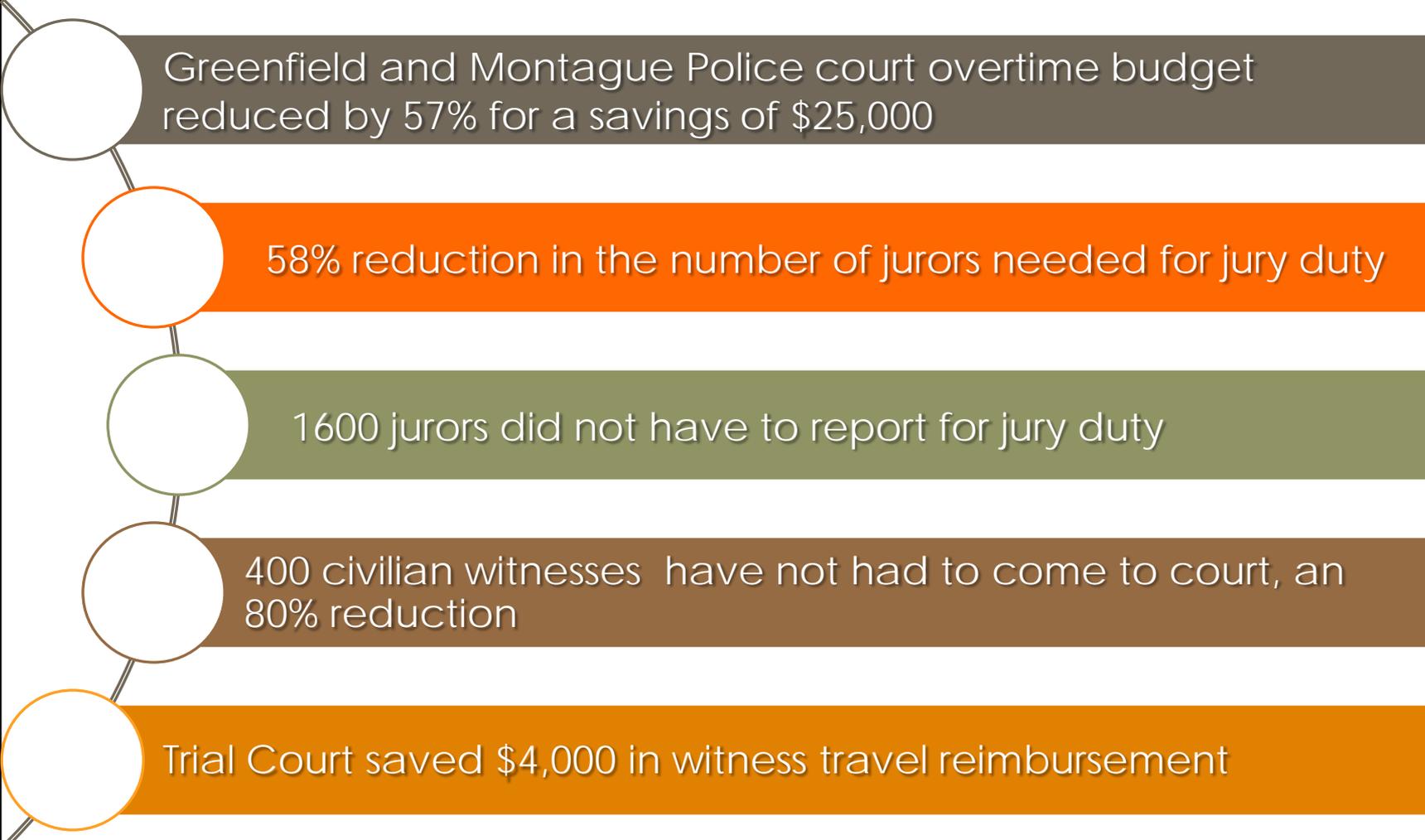
Off-Site Probation Meetings

Drug Testing Partnerships



# Greenfield District Court Jury System

*Implemented June 2013*



Greenfield and Montague Police court overtime budget reduced by 57% for a savings of \$25,000

58% reduction in the number of jurors needed for jury duty

1600 jurors did not have to report for jury duty

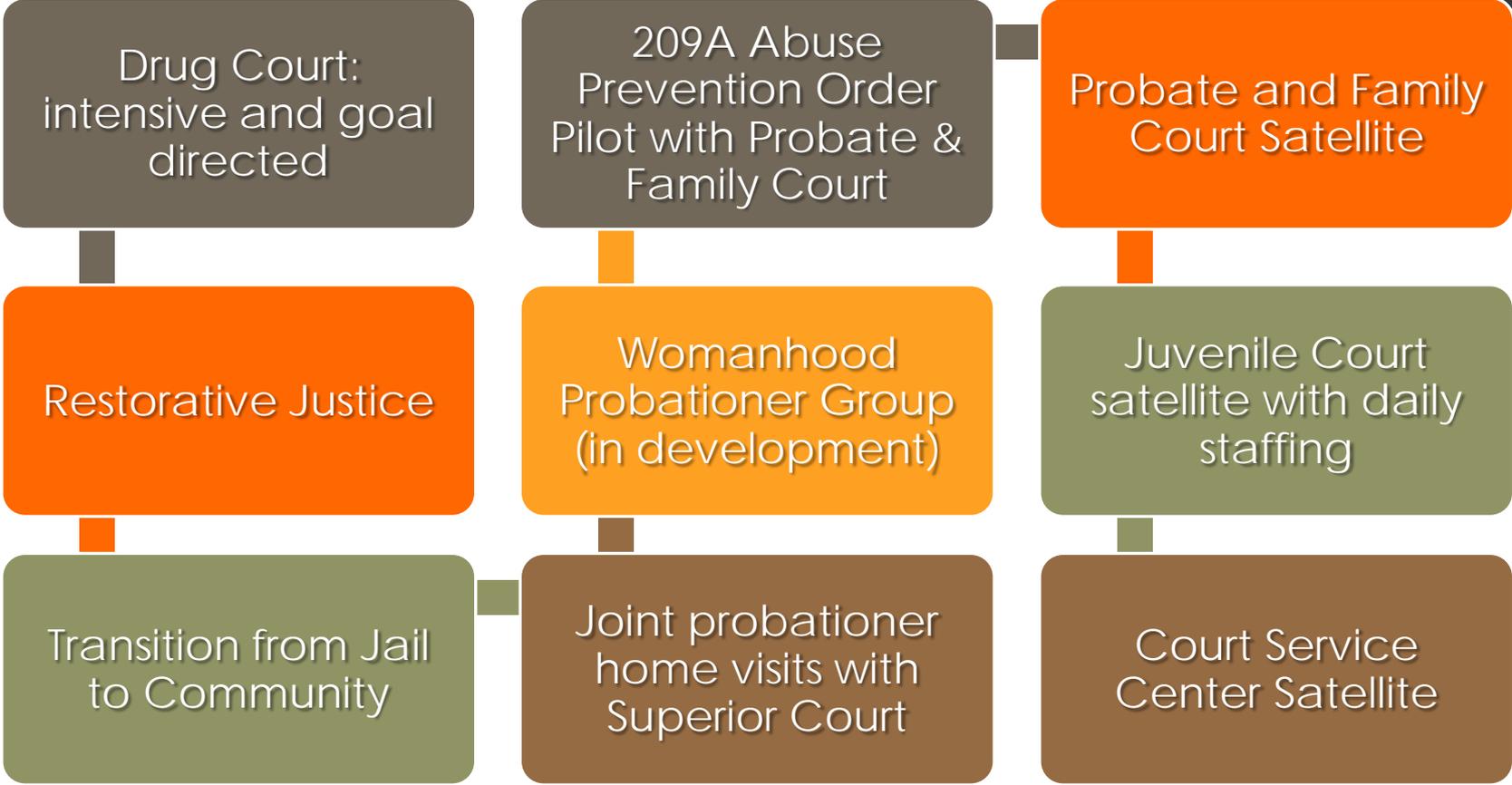
400 civilian witnesses have not had to come to court, an 80% reduction

Trial Court saved \$4,000 in witness travel reimbursement

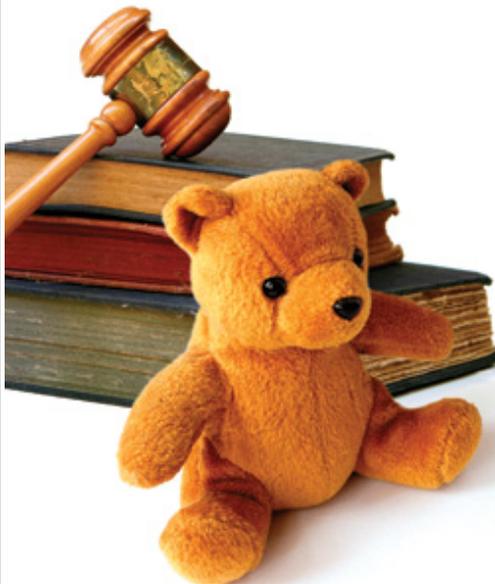


# Orange Court

*Access to justice for the North Quabbin*



# Probate and Family Court



On Site Mediation

Dispute Intervention

Pilot Program for Clinical Assessment of Children

Lawyer for the Day

Conciliation

Selected for National Study on Self Represented Litigants

# Housing Court



# Superior Court



## Clerk's Office

Case Tracking and Time Standards

Full MassCourts implementation

Electronic calendaring

Combined Inventory and Resource Management

Firm and Fair Trial Initiative

## Probation

Experienced professional partnering

Evidence-based practices

Community Cooperation

Expertise on recidivism and high-risk probationers

*Changing Lives* programs

## Additional Initiatives

Jury utilization

Full implementation of attorney conducted jury voir dire

Superior Court SO 1-15

Increased Superior Court access

# Court Security



Enhanced  
roles and  
responsibilities

Cross Training

# Still to Consider

Adequate funding to maintain sufficient and effective staffing



Section 35 beds for the courts



Long-term residential rehabilitation options



Questions? Comments?

We are grateful for the support of our Legislative Delegation and appreciative of the attention to our needs as we respond to the needs of our community.