



2025-2026

**CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF
TREATMENT COURTS IN
WISCONSIN**

ANNUAL REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



JODI SEVERSON
Executive Director

Thirty years ago, a small, courageous coalition of court professionals in Dane County launched what would become one of the most transformative justice initiatives in Wisconsin's history. In 1996, the state's first treatment court opened its doors – not as an experiment in leniency, but as a bold commitment to the idea that the justice system could do more than punish. It could heal.

Today, as we reflect on this milestone anniversary with the theme *30 Years of Treatment Courts in Wisconsin*, I am moved by how far we have come. From one pioneering court in Dane County to more than 105 treatment courts operating in 61 of Wisconsin's 72 counties and five Tribal Nations, our movement has grown into something none of us could have fully anticipated in 1996. And at the heart of that growth – the tireless, mission-driven professionals who make up our membership.

This has not been an easy year. I will not pretend otherwise. Wisconsin's behavioral health workforce continues to face severe shortages, leaving treatment court teams stretched thin and, in some communities, unable to serve all who need and qualify for these programs. Budget pressures at the state level have required us to work harder than ever to protect the funding streams upon which our courts depend. Legislative relationships – always essential – have never required more sustained, thoughtful attention than they do right now.

And yet, I have never been more proud of this organization.

Our members showed up. Our board led with clarity and principle. Our committees produced meaningful work. Our annual Spring Conference at Kalahari Resort brought together practitioners, legislators, graduates, and national experts to listen, to learn, and to recommit to the work. A first ever legislative listening panel – where elected officials sat alongside treatment court graduates and heard firsthand what these programs mean – was a powerful moment in WATCP history.

The data continues to affirm what our members live every day: treatment courts work. They reduce overdose deaths. They keep families together. They save taxpayer dollars. And they offer Wisconsin's most justice-involved citizens the dignity of a real second chance. That is not ideology – that is evidence.

Looking ahead to FY 2026–2027, WATCP will sharpen its focus on our four strategic priorities. We will work hard to protect and expand treatment court funding through sustained legislative advocacy and continued outreach to our criminal justice system partners, counties, and the state as a whole. We will continue to advocate for strengthening data systems that tell our story with the precision and the humanity it deserves. And I will personally work to advance WATCP's mission by securing funding through donations, grants, and sponsorships – because I believe deeply in the work of our members and in what this organization stands for. I am proud to serve alongside the most dedicated professionals in Wisconsin's justice system, and I am more committed than ever to ensuring WATCP has the resources, the relationships, and the reach to support the life-changing work happening in treatment courts across our state every single day.

To our members: you are the reason this organization exists, and the reason Wisconsin's treatment courts are among the strongest in the nation. To our board and committee volunteers: your leadership is a gift. To our legislative allies, county partners, tribal liaisons, CJS colleagues, and community supporters: none of this happens without you. And to the individuals who have walked through the doors of a Wisconsin treatment court and found their way to a better life – you are why every one of us shows up.

With deep gratitude and great optimism,

-Jodi

ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

HISTORY OF WATCP

The Wisconsin Association of Treatment Court Professionals was founded in 2004 as the professional home for the growing community of practitioners who were building and sustaining Wisconsin's treatment court movement. In the years following the landmark launch of Dane County's first treatment court in 1996, the number of courts in Wisconsin grew steadily, and with that growth came a clear need for a statewide organization to provide training, facilitate peer connection, coordinate advocacy, and advance the professional standards that define quality treatment court practice.

From its earliest days as a small network of committed court teams, WATCP has grown into a statewide organization serving nearly 1000 members across all disciplines of the treatment court field. The organization has consistently served as the primary voice for treatment court professionals before state government, partnering with the Wisconsin Department of Justice, the Wisconsin Supreme Court, the Statewide Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, county governments, tribal nations, and a wide array of community and behavioral health organizations.

Over two decades, WATCP has expanded its conference programming, launched structured committee work, developed and delivered hundreds of training events, and built durable partnerships that have strengthened every treatment court team in Wisconsin. Today, WATCP is one of the most respected state-level treatment court associations in the nation.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

WATCP is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors composed of elected officers and committee chairs representing the breadth of the treatment court field. The board provides strategic direction, fiduciary oversight, and organizational leadership in partnership with the Executive Director.

Role	Responsibilities
President <i>Amanda Parlow</i>	Leads the Board of Directors; represents WATCP in external partnerships and legislative relationships; presides over all board meetings and annual membership proceedings.
President-Elect <i>Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen</i>	Supports the President; assumes board leadership responsibilities in the President's absence; leads designated strategic initiatives and board development activities.
Secretary <i>Rebecca Foley Cramer</i>	Maintains official records of board proceedings; ensures compliance with bylaws and organizational governance requirements; coordinates board communications.
Treasurer <i>Abigail Ziebell</i>	Oversees financial management and reporting; coordinates with the Executive Director on budgeting, audit processes, and grant compliance; presents financial updates to the board.
Committee Chairs	Lead each standing committee; report committee activities and recommendations to the board; serve as subject-matter liaisons in their respective areas of expertise.
Executive Director <i>Jodi Severson</i>	Serves as the organization's chief executive, responsible for day-to-day operations, administrative oversight, legislative and partner relations, conference management, and implementation of board-directed strategy.

ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

VISION, MISSION AND CORE VALUES

VISION

A Wisconsin in which every individual affected by substance use disorder, mental illness, or co-occurring challenges has access to a fair, effective, and compassionate treatment court that transforms lives and strengthens communities.

MISSION

WATCP advances evidence-based justice solutions in Wisconsin's treatment court movement through education, advocacy, and support.

CORE VALUES

Value	What It Means For WATCP
Collaboration	We believe the treatment court model succeeds because it brings prosecutors, defenders, judges, treatment providers, coordinators, case managers, peer support and law enforcement together as a unified team. WATCP mirrors this team-based philosophy in everything we do.
Evidence-Based Practice	Every training, resource, and position WATCP advances is grounded in research. We are guided by the Ten Key Components of Drug Courts, State and National Standards, and the evolving body of treatment court science.
Equity & Access	Justice should not depend on geography, race, or socioeconomic status. WATCP actively works to expand treatment court access to underserved communities, rural counties, and tribal nations.
Advocacy	We speak on behalf of treatment courts, their teams, and their participants before legislators, policymakers, media, and the public – with honesty, data, and consistent presence.
Accountability	We hold ourselves to the same standard of rigor we encourage in the field: transparent governance, responsible stewardship of resources, and honest evaluation of our impact.
Compassion	At the center of treatment court work is the dignity of every person who comes before the court. We carry that value into how we train, how we advocate, and how we treat one another as professionals.

STATEWIDE REACH

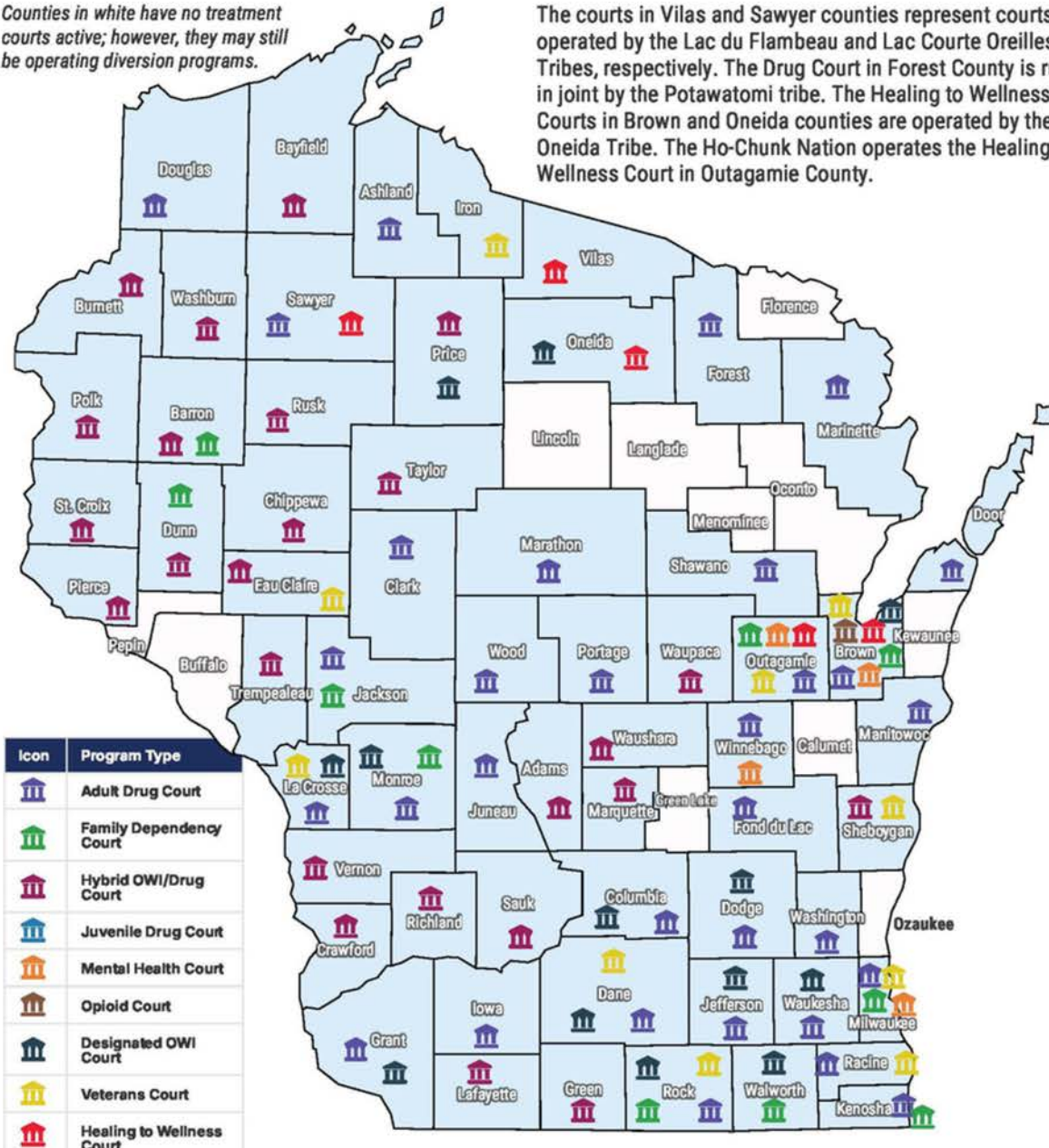
From the shores of Lake Superior to the Illinois border, WATCP's membership spans the full geography of Wisconsin. WATCP Serves 105+ Treatment Courts in 61 of Wisconsin's 72 Counties and five Tribal Nations

Treatment courts supported by WATCP membership operate in urban counties like Milwaukee, Dane, and Brown; in mid-sized communities like Marathon, La Crosse, and Outagamie; and in rural counties across the north, central, and western regions of the state.

2025 Wisconsin Treatment Courts

Counties in white have no treatment courts active; however, they may still be operating diversion programs.

The courts in Vilas and Sawyer counties represent courts operated by the Lac du Flambeau and Lac Courte Oreilles Tribes, respectively. The Drug Court in Forest County is run in joint by the Potawatomi tribe. The Healing to Wellness Courts in Brown and Oneida counties are operated by the Oneida Tribe. The Ho-Chunk Nation operates the Healing to Wellness Court in Outagamie County.



WATCP is also proud to partner with and support the Wisconsin Association of Tribal Healing-to-Wellness Courts operating within five of Wisconsin's eleven federally recognized tribal nations, providing culturally responsive training and resources that honor tribal sovereignty and traditions.

Eleven of Wisconsin's 72 counties remain without a TAD-funded treatment court as of 2026, representing a continuing access gap that WATCP is committed to addressing through advocacy and technical assistance.

TREATMENT COURTS IN WISCONSIN - THE LANDSCAPE

WHAT IS A TREATMENT COURT?

Treatment courts are specialized dockets within the existing court system that offer structured, intensive supervision and evidence-based treatment services as an alternative to traditional prosecution and incarceration for individuals whose criminal behavior is driven by substance use disorder, mental illness, or co-occurring conditions. Rather than following a linear prosecution-conviction-incarceration path, treatment court participants are engaged in a comprehensive, long-term program – typically 18 to 24 months – involving regular court appearances, mandatory treatment, random drug testing, case management, and a graduated system of incentives and sanctions.

The treatment court model is built on a foundational principle: that addiction and mental illness are treatable medical conditions, and that the justice system – when it functions as a collaborative, therapeutic team rather than an adversarial arena – can be a powerful catalyst for lasting recovery and reduced re-offense.

The core treatment court team includes the judge, prosecutor, defense attorney, treatment provider, case manager, and probation or corrections officer – all working together under a shared set of program standards and goals. This collaborative model is what distinguishes treatment courts from every other docket in the justice system. Many courts also utilize Certified Peer Support Specialists or trained Veteran Mentors to aid participants in their journey through treatment court.

TYPES OF TREATMENT COURTS IN WISCONSIN

WATCP represents professionals working across eight distinct court types, each tailored to serve a specific population with specialized protocols, staffing, and evidence-based practices:

Adult Drug Courts - Adults whose criminal activity is driven by substance use disorder; the foundational model from which all other treatment courts evolved.

OWI Courts - Adults with repeat operating-while-intoxicated offenses and underlying alcohol use disorder; among the fastest-growing court types in Wisconsin.

Veterans Treatment Courts - Military veterans and active-duty service members whose legal involvement is connected to service-related trauma, PTSD, traumatic brain injury, or substance use disorder; typically includes peer mentor support from fellow veterans.

Mental Health Courts - Adults with serious mental illness whose legal involvement is related to untreated or undertreated behavioral health conditions; emphasizes psychiatric care and community stabilization.

National Context: More than 4,200 treatment courts operate nationwide as of 2024, serving hundreds of thousands of participants annually across all 50 states. Treatment courts represent one of the most rigorously researched and consistently effective interventions in the history of criminal justice reform.

Family Treatment Courts - a specialized court program that helps parents involved in the child welfare system who are struggling with substance use disorders. Its primary goal is to improve family safety, support recovery, and, when appropriate, reunify children with their parents.

Tribal Healing-to-Wellness Courts - Tribe-administered courts within Wisconsin's federally recognized nations that integrate cultural healing practices and tribal traditions alongside evidence-based treatment approaches.

Hybrid Courts - Courts that combine elements of multiple models (e.g., drug and OWI) to serve populations with complex or overlapping needs in a single program.

Diversion Programs - Pre- or post-charge alternatives that divert eligible individuals from traditional criminal prosecution into treatment and supervision, reducing justice system involvement for low-to-moderate risk participants.

RECOGNIZING 30 YEARS OF WISCONSIN TREATMENT COURTS

In 1996, Dane County launched Wisconsin's first treatment court – a pioneering, locally driven initiative that reflected a growing national consensus: that the criminal justice system alone could not solve the public health crisis of addiction. That single court was, in many ways, an act of institutional courage.

Thirty years later, what began in one courthouse in Madison has grown into a statewide network of more than 105 treatment courts reaching 61 of Wisconsin's 72 counties and all five of Wisconsin's tribal nations. The practitioners who built those courts – the judges who volunteered their time, the treatment providers who integrated their services with court teams, the case managers who walked alongside participants through some of the hardest moments of their lives – created something that has measurably changed Wisconsin.

The 30th anniversary is not merely a historical footnote. It is a rallying point: a reminder of why this work was started, how much has been accomplished, and how much more remains to do. WATCP's 2026 State Conference honored this milestone in full, with programming dedicated to the past, present, and future of Wisconsin's treatment court movement.



Judge Everett Mitchell (left) gave a passionate keynote address during WATCP's 2026 State Conference. He also accepted an award on behalf of Dane County, recognizing the court's contributions to Wisconsin's treatment court movement. Mitchell also took a moment to acknowledge an important personal mentor, Judge Todd Meurer, who persuaded Mitchell to pursue a law career. Meurer was among a larger group of Wisconsin Treatment Court pioneers attending the 30th year recognition.



Judge Mitchell embraces Judge Todd Meurer, who was an important mentor to Mitchell.



MEASURING OUR PROGRESS

KEY OUTCOME DATA

The evidence for treatment court effectiveness is among the strongest in criminal justice research. The following outcomes reflect nationally validated research findings that align closely with Wisconsin's program data:

83%

Fewer overdose deaths among treatment court participants.



3 OUT OF 4

Treatment court graduates who remain arrest free following program completion.



Treatment courts reduce incarceration costs, prosecution costs, and long-term recidivism expenses – creating taxpayer savings that consistently outpace program investment.

4200+

Treatment courts operating nationally as of 2024 – evidence of a proven, scalable model.

\$10.6M

Wisconsin DOJ TAD grant funding available in calendar year 2025 to support treatment courts and diversion programs statewide.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

Despite their demonstrated effectiveness, Wisconsin's treatment courts face a convergence of pressures that demand sustained attention and advocacy:

Access Gaps: A statewide shortage in licensed treatment providers and access to services, especially in northern and rural parts of the state, impacts the ability to expand treatment courts into the 11 counties that currently do not have one. Geographic and socioeconomic barriers limit access to those who would benefit from but cannot easily reach an established court program.

Budgetary Constraints: Cuts in grant funding at the federal level along with budget concerns at the state, and county levels have created uncertainty around continued funding for existing courts. WATCP has been an active voice in protecting and growing these appropriations, but the legislative environment requires ongoing vigilance.

Data & Evaluation Infrastructure: While the DOJ's CORE reporting system provides valuable program data, opportunities remain to enhance outcome tracking, longitudinal evaluation, and public-facing data communication across Wisconsin's treatment court network.

YEAR IN REVIEW

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Education & Training

Education and training remain the cornerstone of WATCP's mission. In FY 25-26, WATCP collaborated with State Courts and DOJ staff to deliver a robust calendar of professional development opportunities designed to meet practitioners at every stage of their treatment court career - from new team members building foundational competency to seasoned professionals sharpening evidenced-based skills.

WATCP is proud to continue its mission of bringing evidenced-based trainings to its membership. In addition to our two annual conferences, WATCP provided micro-grants to the State Courts and Department of Justice to help defray the costs associated with bringing six Treatment Court Standards Trainings and four Diversion Standards trainings to members across WI in 2025. These grants provided free training to 310 Treatment Court Professionals and 98 Diversion Program Staff during these workshops.

101 Standards Training (pictured at right):

WATCP provided support to the State Courts and DOJ who, together, conducted multiple sessions of its foundational 101 Standards Training, equipping new and existing treatment court team members with the core knowledge framework required under Wisconsin's statewide performance standards.



Veteran Mentor Training (pictured at left):

WATCP supported training for peer mentors serving in Veterans Treatment Courts across Wisconsin, building on the critical role that veteran-to-veteran support plays in program engagement and completion rates.

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Advocacy

Advocacy on behalf of Wisconsin's treatment courts is one of WATCP's most consequential responsibilities, and FY 2025-2026 was one of the most active advocacy years in the organization's history.

Legislative Engagement: WATCP maintained active, bipartisan relationships with members of the Wisconsin State Legislature by providing education on treatment courts through data briefings and direct outreach. WATCP voiced formal support of several key pieces of legislation in support of continued treatment-court funding and program expansion.

Bipartisan Legislative Listening

Panel (Pictured at right): A highlight of the 2026 State Conference was a structured legislative listening session that was open to all WI Legislators. Despite strong bipartisan support, due to scheduling conflicts only two members of the Committee on Substance Use and MH Issues participated in person - Senator Sarah Keyeski (D- Lodi) and Representative Karen DeSoto (D-Baraboo). They heard directly from treatment court graduates and practitioners and engaged in a meaningful dialogue that reinforced the legislative support that treatment courts continue to enjoy in Wisconsin.



Wisconsin Supreme Court Advisory Input: WATCP continued its participation on the Effective Justice Strategies Subcommittee of the Wisconsin Supreme Court's Policy and Planning Advisory Committee, contributing practitioner expertise to statewide justice policy development.

CJCC Behavioral Changes Subcommittee: WATCP provided ongoing input to the Behavioral Changes Subcommittee of the Statewide Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, advancing recommendations related to treatment court standards, access, and funding.

TAD Program Partnership: WATCP maintained its active partnership role with the Wisconsin DOJ's Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) program, supporting grantee programs across the state and participating in technical assistance and compliance efforts. The TAD program funded 61 treatment courts and 30 diversion programs statewide in 2025.

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Outreach and Engagement

Member Engagement Initiatives: WATCP increased its outreach to underrepresented disciplines and courts by exhibiting at conferences and attending or representing WATCP at various events throughout the year. Likewise, WATCP has boosted its social media and newsletter communications to reach members with timely updates, training announcements, and advocacy news throughout the year.

WATCP attended the following events this year:

August, 2025

- Zaagiibagaa Healing to Wellness Court Graduation in Lac du Flambeau

September, 2025

- Voices of Recovery Rally, Madison, WI Ally Sponsor/ exhibitor
- Presenter at Convention Visitors Bureau Conference in Appleton
- MHAP Summit with Legislators, Madison, WI
- Exhibitor at the WI Correctional Association annual conference

October, 2025

- Monroe County Board Meeting – Legislative outreach on Treatment Courts

November, 2025

- Exhibitor, annual State Public Defender Conference

December, 2025

- Sauk County Treatment Court Graduation
- Packers Foundation Grant Recipient Luncheon, Lambeau Field Green Bay, WI

January, 2026

- Dunn County Treatment Court Graduation (virtual)
- WATHWC in person meeting

February, 2026

- Exhibitor, WI Police Leadership Annual Conference

March, 2026

- Exhibitor, WI Jail Association Conference, Stevens Point

April, 2026

- Exhibitor, WI County Tribal Veterans Service Officer Conference

May, 2026

- Ho-Chunk Recovery Event, Tomah WI

June, 2026

- VFW State Conference, Wausau WI- Exhibitor booth and Presentation to General session on Veteran Treatment Courts by WATCP Board member J. C. Moore
- Portage County Treatment Court Staffing; Graduation ceremony



(Left) Executive Directory Jodi Severson bends the ear of Attorney General Josh Kaul during the Voices of Recovery Rally in Madison. **(Above)** WATCP President Amanda Parlow and Exec. Dir. Jodi Severson pose with former Packer Vonnie Holliday during the Packer Foundation's Grant Awards Banquet.

Committee Participation: Committee volunteer participation remained strong, with members donating their time by volunteering for WATCP's standing committees, helping out at conferences, and donating to our silent auction to benefit the WATCP Graduate Scholarship Program.

Membership Growth: WATCP's membership includes all Treatment Court Professionals serving on Wisconsin Treatment Courts and other Criminal Justice Professionals who work in Diversion and Deflection programs across the state. Particular growth in membership was observed in Peer Support Specialists, Veteran Court Members, and tribal representatives.

YEAR IN REVIEW

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WATCP Conferences

2025 Coordinator / Case Manager Conference (Sept. 17-19) Madison, WI - WATCP's fall conference event held at the Madison Marriott West was well attended. Among many valuable sessions, attendees had the opportunity to relax in the evening with some therapeutic and tribal art from Little Eagles Art Foundation (below right), and take part in a valuable and engaging poverty simulation (below left).



2026 State Conference (April 22-24), Kalahari Resort & Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells: WATCP's flagship annual Spring Conference (pictured below) was held with great success, drawing practitioners, judges, legislators, treatment providers, and nationally recognized presenters. The event celebrated the 30th anniversary of Wisconsin treatment courts with dedicated programming honoring the history, impact, and future of the movement. Attorney General Josh Kaul spoke at the event, after listening to one of the featured graduate panels. The Conference featured over 20 breakout sessions spanning topics including MAT (medication-assisted treatment) integration, trauma-informed supervision, equity and access in court design, OWI court innovations, and tribal healing-to-wellness court practices.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

2026 AULIK AWARD - JUDGE TODD ZIEGLER

WATCP's 2026 Aulik Award was given to Monroe County Judge Todd Ziegler. Ziegler was nominated for his outstanding leadership and problem solving around the issue of mandatory sentences for OWI 5th/6th offenders. Ziegler was instrumental in helping create a process by which those offenders to serve their sentences within the community while participating in treatment court, a model that has since been replicated in several other Wisconsin counties.



2026 HERO AWARD RECIPIENTS



Kimeko Hagen - Treatment Provider serving three treatment courts in Outagamie and Portage Counties.



Barb Flynn- Bayfield County Hybrid Drug/OWI Criminal Justice Coordinator



Logan Robertson- Peer Support specialist serving Marquette County Treatment Court



Lori Svendsen - Monroe County OWI Court



Nikki Kulibert - Case Manager for Washington County



Judge David Wilk- Kenosha County Judge

FINANCIAL SUMMARY



ABIGAIL ZIEBELL
Treasurer

In the past fiscal year, WATCP has successfully continued our mission of providing high-quality education to courts and communities to support transformative justice.

While this past year did demonstrate a fiscal deficit of \$24,760, WATCP has focused on investment opportunities. This includes increased staff availability, and a deliberate investment in strategic planning designed to sharpen our mission and strengthen how we serve the community for years to come. We view this not as a shortfall, but as a bridge that positions us to grow more effectively and sustainably for years to come.

The impact of high-quality treatment courts on our communities continues to demonstrate proven results, including reduced recidivism, improved participant health and wellness, and substantial monetary savings. If our mission matters to you, we invite you to stand with us, because the communities we serve are counting on us. Consider applying to serve on the WATCP board of directors, donating to WATCP's general fund or graduate scholarship fund, supporting our silent auctions, and advocating for legislation that supports treatment and diversion programs and the work we do.

-Abby

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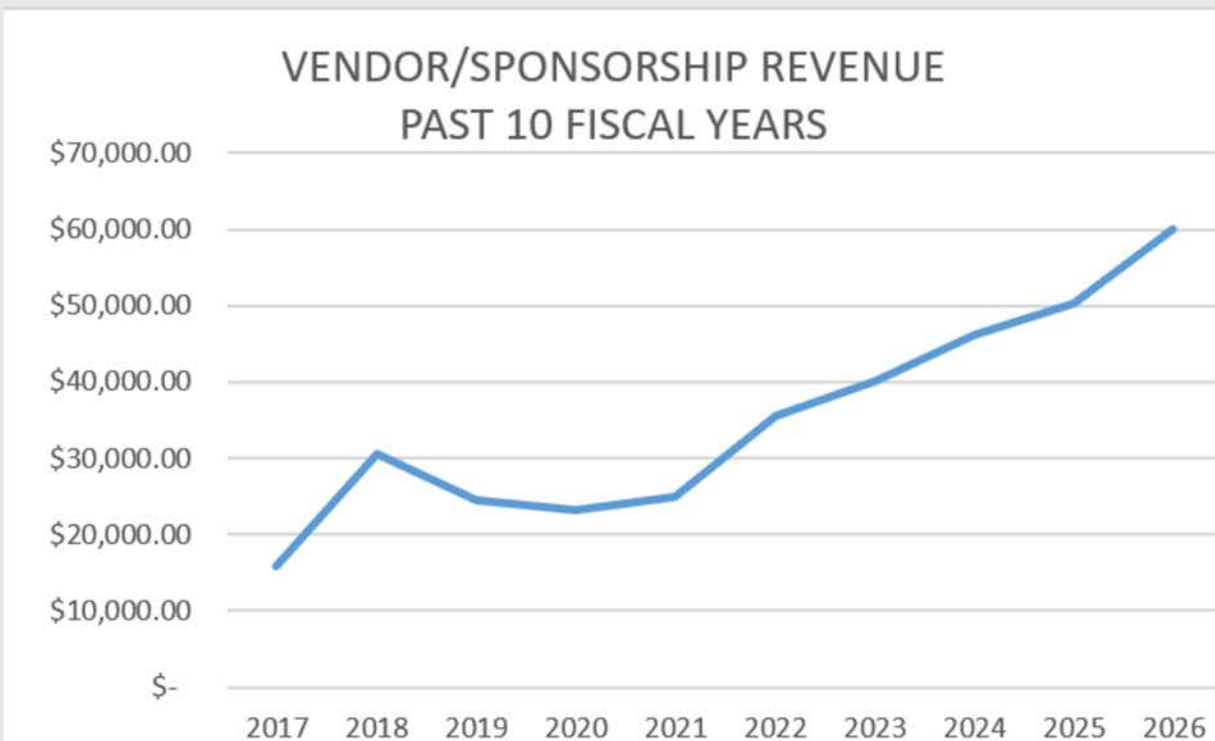
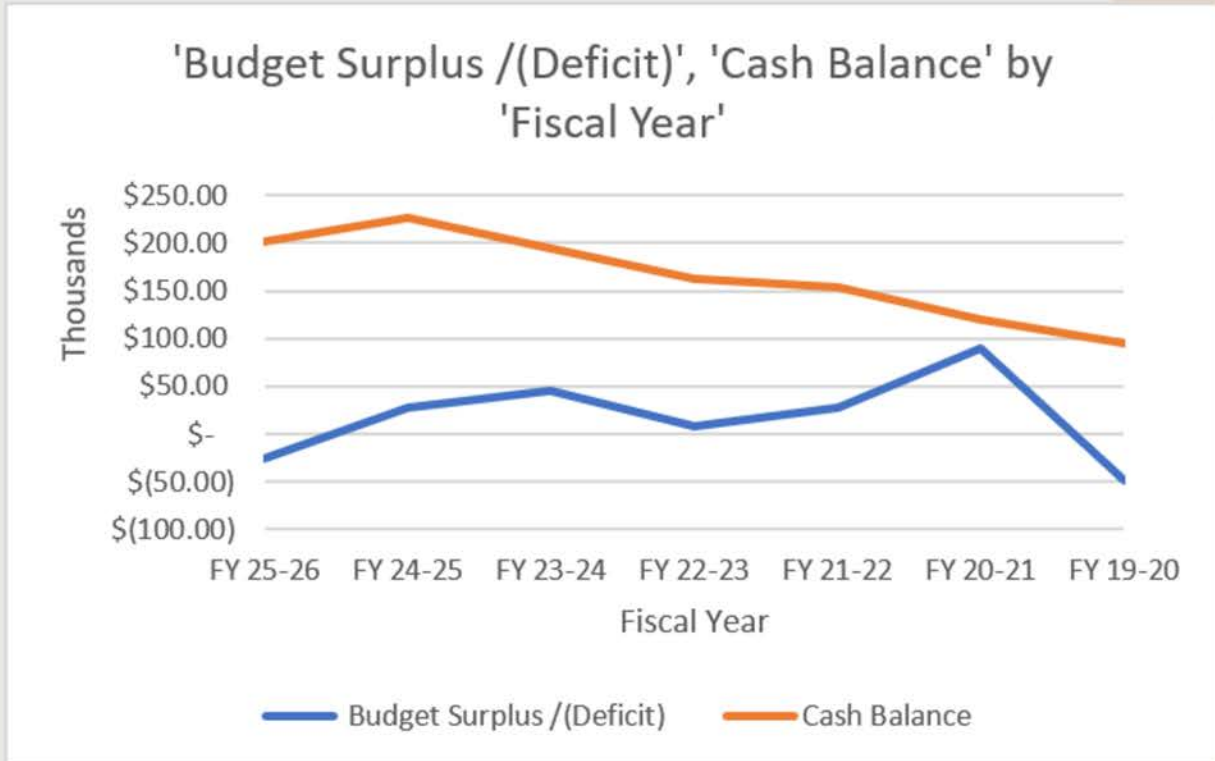
	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	
Budget	\$277,275	\$287,422	Projected \$29,538 surplus
Actual	\$287,422	\$237,995	Ended with a \$49,427 surplus
Assets as of 6/30/25	\$224,572		13% higher than FY 23-24

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026:

	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	
Budget	\$271,350	\$275,802	Projected \$4,452 deficit
Actual	\$256,563	\$281,323	Ended with \$24,760 deficit
Assets as of 6/30/26	\$201,458		

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STRATEGIC INITIATIVES



WATCP Board, Staff, and Advisors met over several days in February 2026 for Strategic Planning at The Wisconsin Hotel in the Wisconsin Dells. The meeting was facilitated by Rashidah Butler Jackson of RBJ Community Consulting.

As a result of this meeting, WATCP's enters FY 2026–2027 with a clear-eyed understanding of both the opportunity and the challenge before Wisconsin's treatment court movement.



The following four strategic priorities will guide the organization's work, resource allocation, and advocacy in the year ahead. These priorities reflect the input of WATCP's board, committees, members, and partners, and are designed to be actionable, measurable, and mission-aligned.

- 1. Improve WATCP's Brand recognition with a solid marketing plan**
- 2. Strengthen Infrastructure and sustainability to support long-term growth by diversifying funding through grants, sponsorships, and individual donations**
- 3. Improve Internal Structure and Governance by clarifying roles and responsibilities across board members, committees, and staff**
- 4. Expand partnerships and statewide influence:**
 - A) Bolster collaboration with state agencies and community organizations, and increase engagement with policymakers and stakeholders. These partnerships will enhance WATCP's ability to advocate for resources, influence policy, and support communities across Wisconsin
 - B) Expand WATCP's role in shaping best practices and standards statewide.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE?

WATCP Board members are critical to the longevity and success of our organization, filling a vital role in representing their respective colleagues throughout the state and helping shape conferences that deliver timely and relevant training. If you have such a commitment to serve, consider becoming a WATCP Board Member.

Elections are held biannually in April during our State Conference to fill all 18 Board Director positions for the next two-year term. Check your qualifications and apply here to get on the ballot. <https://www.watcp.org/board-member-nomination>



2025-2027 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

WATCP is built on the generosity, expertise, and dedication of the people and organizations who believe – as we do – that Wisconsin can do justice better. On behalf of the board, staff, and membership, we extend our deepest gratitude to all who have contributed to the success of this organization and to the treatment court movement in FY 2025–2026.

Our Members

To the more than 1000 professionals who make up WATCP's membership: you are the reason this organization exists. Your commitment to the people who walk through treatment court doors – and to the evidence-based principles that make those courts work – is what drives everything WATCP does. Thank you.

The Board of Directors

To the WATCP Board of Directors, whose volunteer leadership, strategic guidance, and principled governance sustain this organization: the work you do in your professional roles is extraordinary. The additional time and dedication you bring to WATCP's board is a gift we do not take lightly. Thank you.

WATCP Advisors and Committee Volunteers

To the dozens of WATCP members who serve on our standing committees – bringing expertise, time, and passion to training development, advocacy, conference planning, standards work, equity initiatives, and membership services: committees are where ideas become programs. Thank you.

Conference Speakers & Presenters

To the expert presenters, keynote speakers, panelists, and treatment court graduate speakers who shared their knowledge and their stories at our Fall 2025 Coordinator/Case Manager Conference, Spring 2026 Conference, and Statewide Standards trainings: you made the 30th anniversary celebration what it deserved to be. Thank you.

Conference Sponsors & Exhibitors

To the sponsors and exhibitors whose financial and in-kind support made the Spring 2026 Conference possible and accessible: your investment in WATCP is an investment in Wisconsin's treatment courts. Thank you.

County Governments & Courts

To the county governments, circuit courts, and local justice agencies across Wisconsin's 61 treatment court counties who resource, staff, and sustain these programs every day: the courts are where the mission lives. Thank you.

Wisconsin's Tribal Nations

WATCP is proud to continue its collaboration with The Wisconsin Association of Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts. Tribal nations and the practitioners serving on Tribal courts bring cultural wisdom and community commitment to the treatment court movement, representing the full breadth of what justice and healing can look like. Thank You.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Wisconsin Department of Justice

To the Wisconsin DOJ's Bureau of Justice Programs and the TAD program team, whose grant administration, data infrastructure, and technical assistance make Wisconsin's treatment court network function: none of this works without you. Thank you.

Wisconsin Supreme Court & CJCC

To the Wisconsin Supreme Court's Policy and Planning Advisory Committee and the Statewide Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the opportunity to contribute treatment court perspectives to statewide justice policy: the voice of our field matters at every table. Thank you.

Community & Partner Organizations

To the behavioral health agencies, recovery support organizations, housing providers, workforce development programs, faith communities, and community partners who work alongside treatment court teams across the state to support participant success: the court team does not cross the finish line alone. Thank you.

Donors

To our members, board directors, their families and friends, and to the generous businesses across Wisconsin who have donated to our silent auction, we thank you. Because of your generosity we have raised more than \$8,000 for our Graduate Scholarship fund which enabled us to award seven scholarships to Wisconsin treatment-court graduates in pursuit of higher education.



CALL TO ACTION:

JOIN WATCP: If you are a treatment court professional not yet connected to WATCP, we welcome you. Membership is open to all professionals engaged in Wisconsin's treatment court movement.

ADVOCATE: Tell the story of treatment courts to your legislators, your community, and your colleagues. The data is compelling – but the human stories change minds.

DONATE: Your charitable contribution supports WATCP's training programs, advocacy work, and member services as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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