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# Collaborative Justice Courts

Collaborative justice courts, also called problem-solving courts, promote accountability for youth and adults by combining judicial supervision with services and treatment to help them address the issues that led to their court involvement. Collaborative justice courts have a dedicated calendar and judge to address specific types of issues (e.g., mental health courts for those with mental illness, drug courts for those with a substance use disorder). Collaborative justice principles include a multidisciplinary, nonadversarial, trauma-informed team approach that includes the court, attorneys, law enforcement, and treatment and service agencies to help people address their complex social and behavioral problems. In juvenile courts, schools and child welfare may also be involved. Collaborative justice courts are guided by the Ten Key Components of Drug Courts and adults drug courts incorporate the Drug Court Best Practice Standards set forth by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. However, each court operates in a slightly different way with varying eligibility criteria, length, types of sanctions and incentives, services provided, and graduation criteria. Collaborative justice 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 450 collaborative justice courts in all but three small jurisdictions. California include adult drug courts (86), and adult mental health courts (50), veterans treatment courts (48), dependency drug courts (38), juvenile drug courts (27), juvenile mental health courts (11), homeless courts (19), adult reentry courts (18), and peer/youth courts (71). The balance of collaborative justice courts includes community courts, dual diagnosis courts, DUI courts, family law drug courts, truancy courts. Caseload sizes vary based on jurisdiction and case type. Adult drug court caseload sizes tend to be the largest of the collaborative justice courts and typically range from 74-100 participants.

For more information, visit [courts.ca.gov/programs-collabjustice.htm](http://courts.ca.gov/programs-collabjustice.htm).

[nadcp.org/standards/adult-drug-court-best-practice-standards/](http://nadcp.org/standards/adult-drug-court-best-practice-standards/)



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California Counties with Collaborative Justice Courts as of July 2019

*Court data have been voluntarily provided by the courts in an ongoing effort to maintain a roster of collaborative courts in California. This chart provides information on select collaborative courts; not all court types may be represented here. There may be multiple courts of the same type within one county.*

<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</u>	<u>TRUANCY</u>	<u>VETERANS</u>	<u>YOUTH/PEER</u>
<b>Number of Courts by Case Type</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>71</b>
Alameda		X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Alpine														
Amador		X											X	X
Butte		X			X								X	
Calaveras													X	
Colusa														
Contra Costa								X	X				X	
Del Norte		X											X	
El Dorado			X	X	X				X				X	X
Fresno		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X
Glenn		X	X						X					
Humboldt		X						X		X				X
Imperial														
Inyo		X						X	X		X			
Kern		X											X	
Kings		X							X				X	
Lake			X	X									X	
Lassen		X												X
Los Angeles	X	X	X	X			X	X			X		X	X
Madera		X							X				X	
Marin	X	X	X						X					X
Mariposa		X												
Mendocino		X		X					X					
Merced		X	X	X					X				X	

