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## **Second Judicial District Court Receives \$1.8 Million to Expand Services Offered in Adult Drug and Diversion Courts**

**Reno, Nev. April 22, 2019.** The Second Judicial District Court, in partnership with Washoe County, received \$1.8 million from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Grant funds will be used to expand and enhance the Adult Drug and Diversion Courts.

The Adult Drug and Diversion Courts currently serve 300 active participants. The grant funding will allow all new participants to receive a comprehensive evaluation which will identify the participant's risk and needs related to substance use, mental illness, and criminality, as well as identify and treat needs across the entire spectrum of psycho-social conditions which is crucial for long-term success and rehabilitation in accordance with the Risk-Need-Responsivity (RNR) Model.

Chief Judge Scott Freeman explains, "The Adult Drug Court relies on community partnerships to successfully manage each participant's case. This grant award signifies the effectiveness of this multi-disciplinary team approach. These collaborative efforts and grant award will result in improved outcomes, lower recidivism, and provide a safe, more secure, and healthier community."

**Who:** Second Judicial District Court, Washoe County, Reno, Nevada

**What:** \$1.8 Million SAMHSA Grant for Adult Drug and Diversion Courts

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