

# Directory of South Carolina Diversion Programs & Treatment Courts

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| PROGRAM                               | LOCATION  |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>ADULT DIVERSION PROGRAMS</b>       |   |
| Pretrial Intervention                 | All Circuits  |
| Traffic Education                     | All Circuits  |
| Alcohol Education                     | All Circuits  |
| Worthless Check                       | Orangeburg County, 2nd Circuit, 3rd Circuit, 4th Circuit, 5th Circuit, 6th Circuit, 7th Circuit, 10th Circuit, 11th Circuit, 12th Circuit, 13th Circuit, 15th Circuit, 16th Circuit   |
| Domestic Violence Intervention        | 4th Circuit, 7th Circuit, 15th Circuit  |
| Drug/Substance Abuse Intervention     | 7th Circuit   |
| Solicitors Mental Health Intervention | 7th Circuit   |
| <b>ADULT TREATMENT COURTS</b>         |   |
| Drug Court (Adult)                    | Dorchester County, 2nd Circuit, 3rd Circuit, 4th Circuit, 5th Circuit, 6th Circuit, 7th Circuit, 8th Circuit, 9th Circuit, 10th Circuit, Lexington County, 12th Circuit, 13th Circuit, Beaufort County, Colleton County, Jasper County, 15th Circuit, York County |
| DUI Court                             | 5th Circuit, 12th Circuit   |
| DV Court                              | 4th Circuit, Beaufort County, Colleton, Greenville County   |
| Homeless Court                        | City of Columbia, 12th Circuit, City of Rockhill  |
| Mental Health Court                   | 5th Circuit, 7th Circuit, Charleston County, Greenville County, 14th Circuit, 15th Circuit, York County   |
| Veterans Court                        | 2nd Circuit, 4th Circuit, 5th Circuit, 6th Circuit, 7th Circuit, 8th Circuit, Charleston County, 12th Circuit, 13th Circuit, 14th Circuit, York County  |
| <b>JUVENILE DIVERSION PROGRAMS</b>    |   |
| Early Crime Prevention                | York County   |
| Juvenile Arbitration                  | All Circuits  |
| Juvenile CHANGE                       | 15th Circuit  |
| Juvenile Diversion                    | 10th Circuit, 12th Circuit, 15th Circuit, York County   |
| Juvenile Drug Prevention              | York County   |
| Juvenile Drug/Vape Intervention       | Spartanburg County  |
| Juvenile Education                    | 12th Circuit, York County   |
| Juvenile Pretrial Intervention        | Dorchester County, 4th Circuit, 5th Circuit, Spartanburg County, 8th Circuit, 9th Circuit, 11th Circuit, 12th Circuit, 14th Circuit   |
| Truancy Intervention                  | Williamsburg County, 10th Circuit, York County  |
| <b>JUVENILE TREATMENT COURTS</b>      |   |
| Drug Court (Juvenile)                 | Calhoun County, Orangeburg County, 3rd Circuit, Richland County, 6th Circuit, 12th Circuit, 13th Circuit, Beaufort County, York County  |

## Diversion & Treatment Programs: A History

In 1972, the United States Department of Labor (DOL) initiated nine state level diversion programs under a federal grant, one of which was in Richland County, South Carolina and administered by the Circuit Solicitor. After funding from the DOL ended, in 1974, Solicitor John Foard developed the self-supporting concept of diversion programs. Programs modeled after the self-supporting concept followed in Greenville (1975), Spartanburg (1979) and Charleston (1979). In 1980, the this same model was adopted in South Carolina legislation, which formally recognized the authority of South Carolina Circuit Solicitors to establish and operate Pretrial Intervention (PTI) Programs, and set general eligibility requirements for PTI Programs. South Carolina's Circuit Solicitors established other types of diversion and treatment programs in their offices, including Alcohol Education Programs (AEP), Traffic Education Programs (TEP), Worthless Check Units (WCU), which were established by statute in 2007 and 2008.

Today, the South Carolina Offices of Circuit Solicitor offer more than seventeen (17) diversion programs and treatment courts statewide, all of which operate under the executive authority of the Circuit Solicitor. The average duration of a diversion or intervention program is 90 days. The average duration of a treatment court program is 12-18 months. When a participant has successfully completed the program, their charges associated with their participation in the program are dismissed. Following the dismissal of charges, the participant may apply for an expungement of their record so the charges are removed entirely from their record.

### SOUTH CAROLINA CIRCUIT DIRECTORS OF DIVERSION PROGRAMS

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#### ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The 2024 Directory of South Carolina Diversion Programs and Treatment Courts is provided by the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination (SCPC). This Directory lists all diversion/intervention programs and treatment courts offered by the South Carolina Offices of Circuit Solicitor, which are offered to defendants as alternatives to traditional criminal prosecution. Upon successful completion of a program, related charges are dismissed and may be eligible for expungement. Defendants may participate in each diversion/intervention program and treatment court once, and may not participate in the same program more than once. Program eligibility is subject to solicitor discretion. **For more information, visit [scprosecutors.sc.gov/diversion](https://scprosecutors.sc.gov/diversion), contact the SCPC at (803) 343-0765 or contact a Circuit Director of Diversion Programs listed above.**