

Directory of South Carolina Diversion Programs & Treatment Courts

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PROGRAM	LOCATION
ADULT DIVERSION PROGRAMS	
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
ADULT TREATMENT COURTS	
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, 15th Circuit, York County
JUVENILE DIVERSION PROGRAMS	
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
JUVENILE TREATMENT COURTS	
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.

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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, contact the SCPC at (803) 343-0765 or contact a Circuit Director of Diversion Programs listed above.**