

Drug courts more cost-effective than probation

Initially, drug courts are more expensive than regular probation. However, because of the higher recidivism rate for probation, savings occur in the second year.

Based on a city of St. Louis cost-benefit analysis, after two years, the state gains \$2.80 for each \$1 spent on drug courts. After four years, the state gains \$6.32 for each \$1 spent on drug courts.

Dollars gained for each dollar spent on drug courts



NOTE: Data is from St. Louis.

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