

Craighead County STAR Court Recidivism

Does the Court Make A Difference?

One of the key aims of the Craighead County STAR Court is to provide a better option for offenders—one that includes helping them tackle the motivations for offending in the first place. The Craighead County STAR Court does that by providing participants with a wide array of services and treatment to help them stop offending, hopefully for good. To get a sense of the impact the court is having in that area, re-arrest data are being collected and analyzed on a regular basis. As of October 2023, data were available on 45 individuals who have been through STAR Court (*most of whom have successfully graduated, although a few were less successful*). In addition, data were available on 45 individuals who qualified for STAR Court but who did not enroll for various reasons (matched to participants on race, gender, and similar offense; the comparison group). **Based on these data, it appears that the STAR Court is working much better than the traditional judicial pipeline!** See below for the 2 main takeaways from the data.

1. STAR Court Participants saw fewer arrests than Comparison Group Members!



2. Those who complete the STAR Court program are much less likely to be re-arrested than those who don't!



Of those who did NOT complete the Program, 90% were re-arrested...

Of those who graduated, only 22% were re-arrested!

That's a 121% Difference!