To: [Senator/Representative/Governor/Mayor]

Attn: [Staff member]

CC: [Scheduler]

Subject: Therapeutic Court Month [type of event] Celebration in Washington State

Dear [Senator/Representative/Governor/Mayor/Commissioner] [Last Name],

As the presiding judge of the [therapeutic court] in [City, WA], I invite you to our [type of event] in honor of National Therapeutic Court Month. The event will take place on [Date] at [Time] at [Location], and we would be honored to have you join us as a distinguished guest.

Therapeutic Courts are evidence-based best practices that provide behavioral health treatment and services in the criminal justice system. Washington State has a network of over 150 therapeutic courts, serving thousands of individuals annually. Through accountability and treatment, our participants have made remarkable transformations, returning to education, reuniting with their families, securing employment, and contributing positively to society.

Your presence at our [type of event] would honor our participants and graduates and highlight the importance of and continued support for therapeutic courts in Washington State. As you know, our therapeutic courts play a vital role in supporting recovery and the community. They divert people from the criminal justice system while providing the help they need and saving taxpayer dollars. A DSHS analysis of drug court participants in Washington State found significant reductions in crime for participants creates a net benefit of $22,000 per participant, or a $4 return on every $1 invested[[1]](#footnote-1). A Washington State Institute of Public Policy (WSIPP) analysis concluded drug courts produce a return on investment 100% of the time[[2]](#footnote-2).

If you require any further information or would like to confirm details regarding the event, please do not hesitate to contact us at [Phone Number] or [Email Address]. We anticipate media coverage of the event and are prepared to coordinate with your communications staff as needed.

I appreciate your consideration, and we look forward to welcoming you at our [type of event].

Sincerely,

[Judge Name] [Judge Title]

[City, State]

1. Mayfield, J., Estee, S., Black, C., Felver, B. (2013 July). [Drug Court Outcomes: Outcomes of Adult Defendants Admitted to Drug Courts Funded by the Washington State Criminal Justice Treatment Account.](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dshs.wa.gov%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Frda%2Freports%2Fresearch-4-89.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cmnoakes%40kitsap.gov%7C755c1557a47c4310660808dc5b25d70b%7Caf753b94415944e189e83cae57b94e5c%7C0%7C0%7C638485465303625482%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=uvI772%2BHc9BxqKDWRZ312AJCCglI6eWoMyw%2FW5f4kkQ%3D&reserved=0) Washington State Department of Social and Health Services: Research and Data Analysis Division. p. 7. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Washington State Institute for Public Policy (2018 February). [Inventory of Evidence-Based, Research-Based, and Promising Programs for Adult Corrections.](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wsipp.wa.gov%2FReportFile%2F1681%2FWsipp_Inventory-of-Evidence-Based-Research-Based-and-Promising-Programs-for-Adult-Corrections_Report.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cmnoakes%40kitsap.gov%7C755c1557a47c4310660808dc5b25d70b%7Caf753b94415944e189e83cae57b94e5c%7C0%7C0%7C638485465303633176%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=GT9LCwAGycY4XQITz3apKL3sLCNyJmB8pwRc6p%2FOevE%3D&reserved=0) p. 12   [↑](#footnote-ref-2)