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RALEIGH — [Chief Justice Paul Newby](#) has [proclaimed](#) May 2023, as "Treatment Court Month" for the North Carolina Judicial Branch. This month, [treatment courts throughout North Carolina](#) will join such programs nationwide in celebrating National Treatment Court Month.



"Treatment Court Month is our chance to celebrate the work of recovery happening in treatment courts across our state," said Chief Justice Newby. "For 28 years, North Carolina's treatment courts have been working to restore lives and families and have expanded to include adult, family, and juvenile drug courts, mental health courts, and veterans treatment courts. I applaud our Branch's personnel for their effort in this restorative work."

National Treatment Court Month is coordinated by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP). Treatment courts across the nation are advocating to ensure continued federal and state funding for these effective, evidence-based programs.

There are more than 4,000 treatment courts in the United States, annually serving more than 150,000 people. Since 1989, treatment courts have served more than 1.5 million people nationwide and saved billions of tax dollars.

As of January 2023, there are a total of [71 treatment courts](#) serving 37 North Carolina counties.

[Read the proclamation.](#)

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### About North Carolina Judicial Branch

The [North Carolina Judicial Branch](#) is an equal and distinctively separate branch and core function of government. More than 7,000 Judicial Branch employees statewide administer justice in courthouses in North Carolina's 100 counties. The [Judicial Branch budget for FY 2021-22](#) was \$672.4M, 86.2% of which is used to pay salaries and the remaining 13.8% is used for operations. The Judicial Branch receives only 2.59% of the overall state budget.

### About North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts

The North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts (NCAOC) is the administrative agency for the [North Carolina Judicial Branch](#), providing administrative services to help the North Carolina court system operate more efficiently and effectively, taking into account each courthouse's diverse needs, caseloads, and available resources.

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