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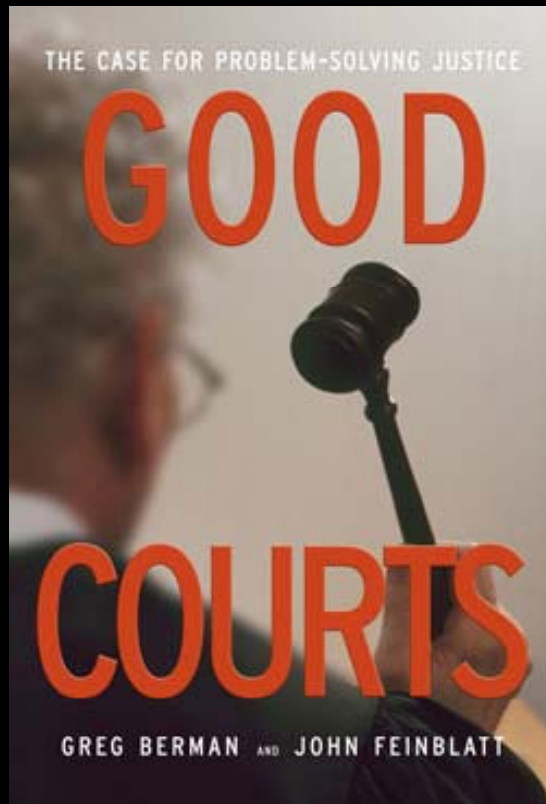
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Mayors Innovation Project Conference

June 2007

Problem-Solving Justice



“Outcomes – not just process and precedents – matter. Protecting the rights of an addicted mother is important. So is protecting her children and getting her off drugs.”

— New York State Chief Judge
Judith S. Kaye

Problem-Solving Justice

NEW GOAL

courts should address the problems of victims,
communities and defendants

Creative
partnerships

Access to more
information

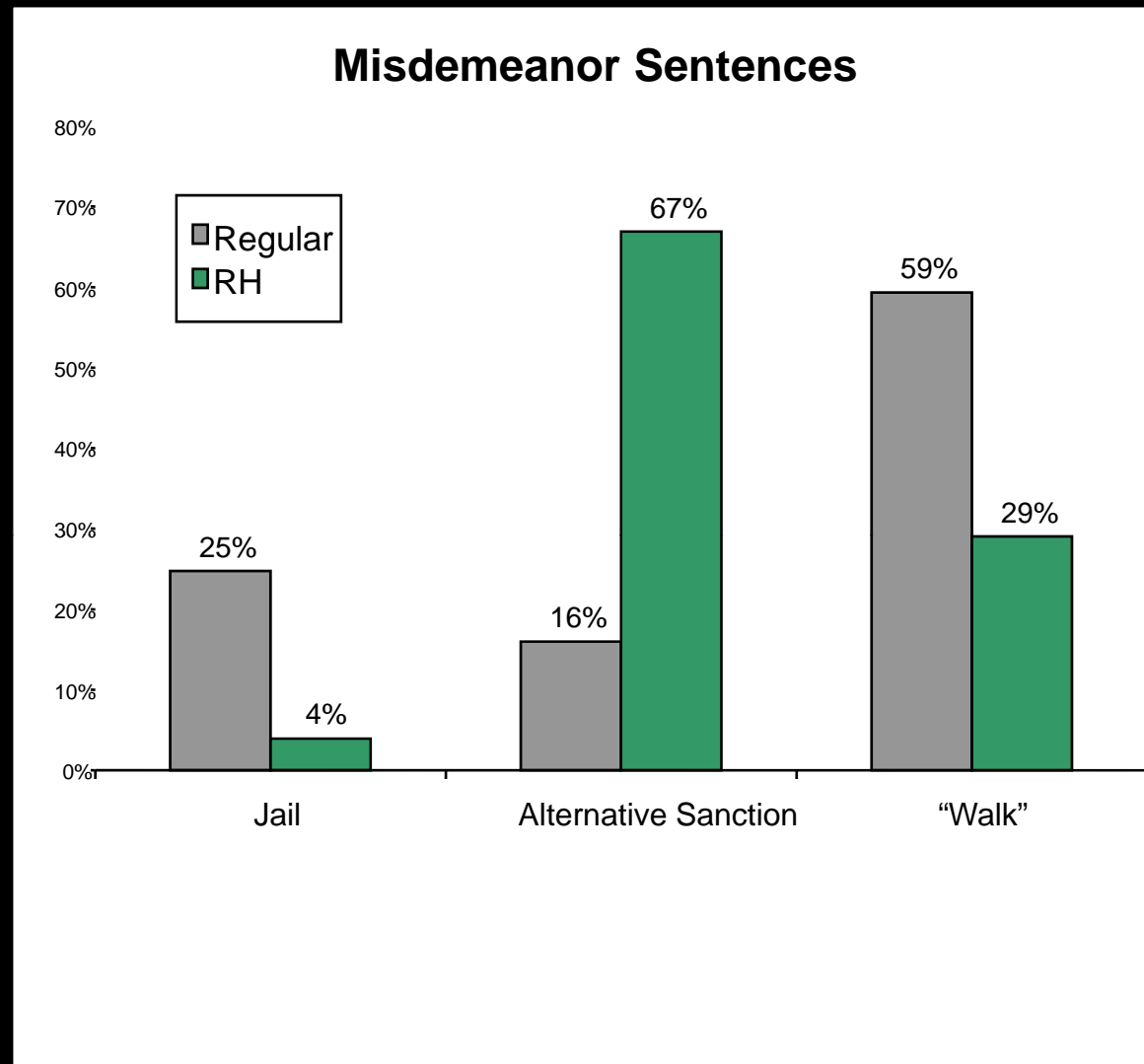
Judicial
monitoring

Using data to
track impacts

NEW METHODS

SENTENCING

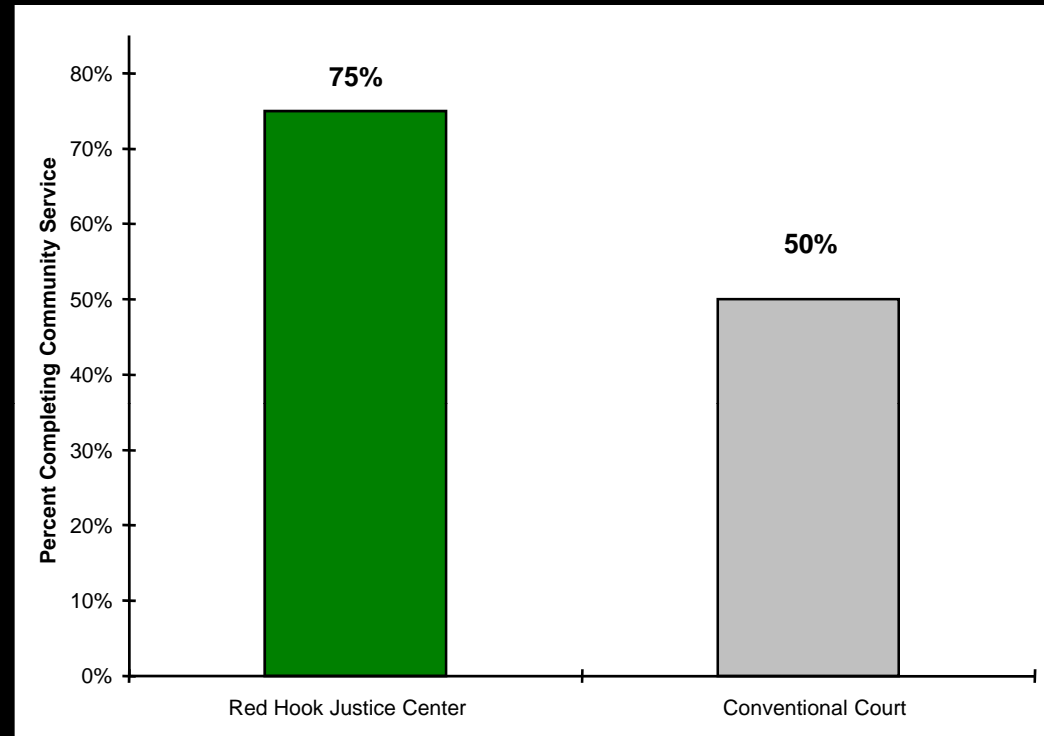
The Justice Center has reduced the use of short-term jail and “walks”



Red Hook Community Justice Center

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Justice Center's emphasis on immediacy and monitoring has improved compliance with court orders



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PAYING BACK THE COMMUNITY

Each year, the
Justice Center
contributes
nearly 69,000 hours
of community
service to Red Hook –
\$465,000 worth of
labor



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PUBLIC TRUST

- 78 percent of residents have a positive view of community court
- The percentage of residents who say they are afraid to go to parks or subway has dropped 45 percent
- 85 percent of criminal defendants say their case was handled fairly by the Justice Center – regardless of race, class or case outcome

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NYC Community Courts



Red Hook



Midtown

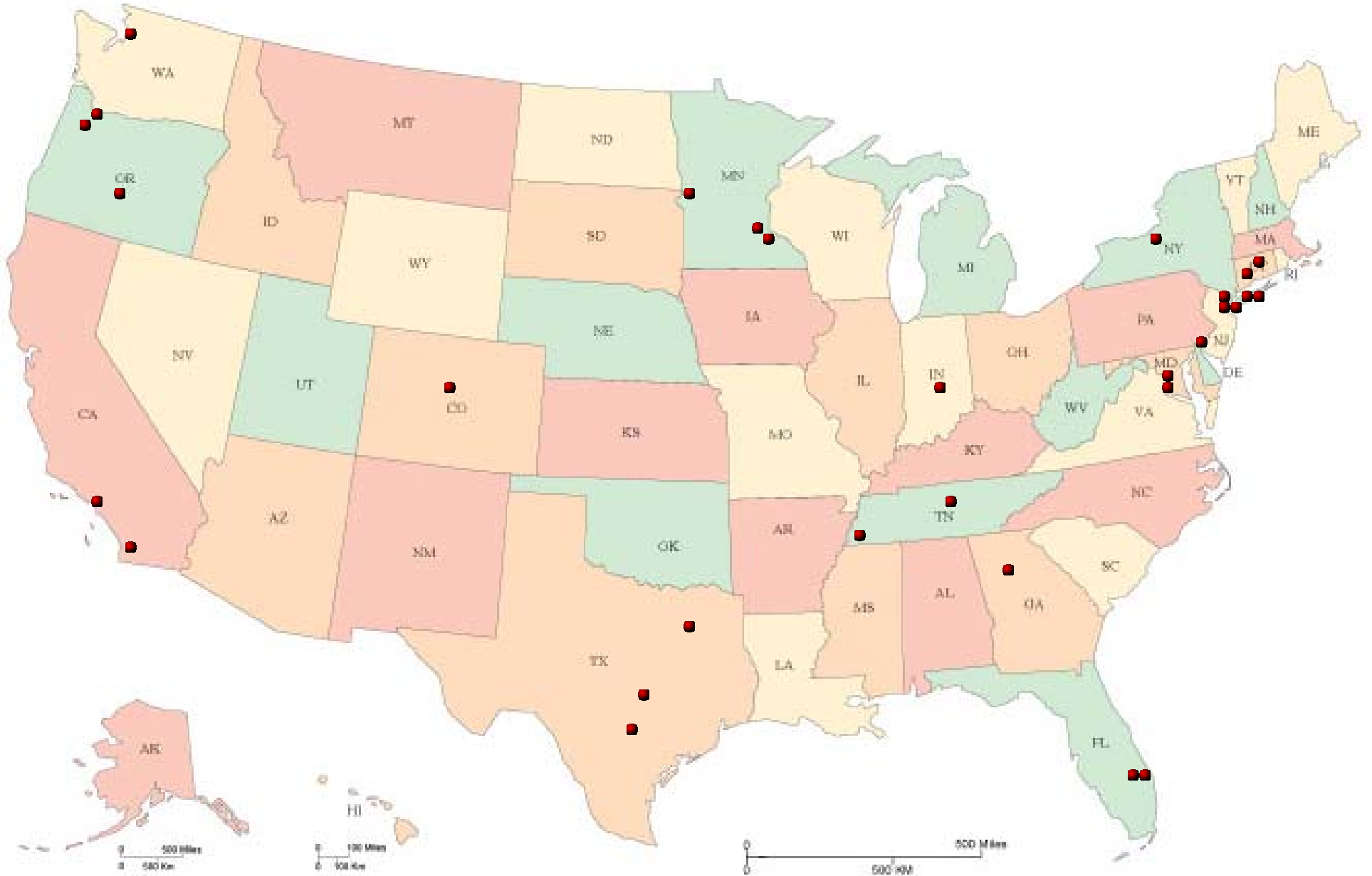


Harlem



Bronx

U.S. Community Courts



An International Movement



Community courts are in operation or planning in England, South Africa, Scotland, New Zealand, Canada, Australia, and Ireland



What Mayors Can Do

- **USE THE BULLY PULPIT**
 - The mayors of San Francisco, Los Angeles and Newark have jump-started planning efforts
- **PROVIDE SEED FUNDING**
 - Planning and construction in Red Hook was underwritten by the City of New York
- **COMMIT CITY AGENCIES**
 - Community courts require numerous executive branch agencies: police, social services, probation, etc.



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		SEARCH CONTACT LINKS		
ABOUT	CENTER FOR COURT INNOVATION			
DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS				
EXPERT ASSISTANCE				
PUBLICATIONS				
		LATEST NEWS An ambitious experiment in going to scale with problem-solving justice, Bronx Community Solutions officially opened its doors in the fall of 2005. read more	LATEST PUBLICATION <i>Good Courts</i> is the first book to describe the problem-solving court movement and features in-depth looks at Center for Court Innovation projects. read more	
Community Court Drug Court Domestic Violence Court Mental Health Court Community Prosecution Problem-Solving Justice Reentry Juvenile Justice Mediation Technology Research				