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"DRUG TREATMENT TRIBUNALS" PROGRAM IN CHILE

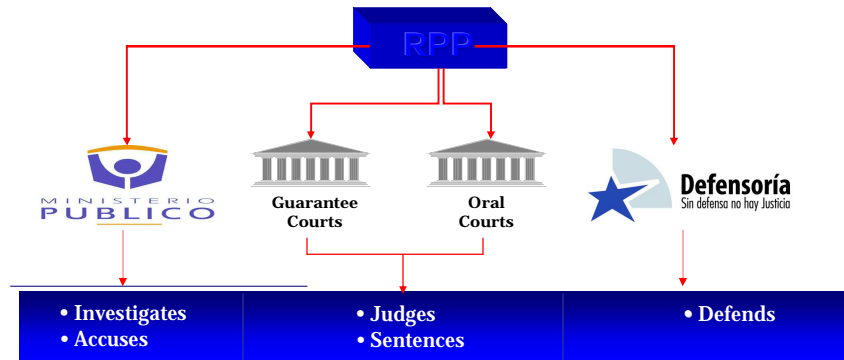
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## **Drug Treatment Tribunals** **Program in Chile**

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## New Adversarial System: Players and Roles



## Introduction of TTDs in Chile

- n Drug Treatment Tribunals are not special courts.
- n They are a program that involves blocks of hearings on the regular docket of guarantee courts.
- n The legal tool governing them is the alternative to criminal prosecution known as the "conditional suspension of proceedings."
- n They apply to all types of offenses that meet the requirements for that tool.

## Origin in Chile

- Currently the TTD Program covers 4 regions, including the capital, Santiago (total population, more than 50% of the country)
- 18 tribunals available (guarantee courts)

### Relevant milestones

- Launched in 2004.
- 2005: Pilot project began.
- March 2006: Experts from the United States and Canada visited Chile.
- October 2006: Third TTD program carried out successfully.
- December 2007: protocol of understanding signed.
- Project extended to two new regions in 2008.
- The commitment now is to institutionalize TTDs in Chile.
- For the year 2012, expansion into another two regions is planned.

## Legal tool for the program: Conditional suspension of proceedings

**Admission to the program depends on meeting the CSP tool's requirements, namely:**

- a) Probable applicable sentence of no more than three years
- b) No prior convictions
- c) Program to last between 1 and 3 years
- d) Work plan to meet the conditions for compliance with CSP
- e) Voluntary participation
- f) If the Program ends successfully, the case is sent to the archive.
- g) CSP can be canceled in certain cases
- h) Victim has the right to participate in hearings

## **TTD Players**

### **LEGAL TEAM**

- Judge (guarantee judge)
- Prosecutor (preferential, not specialized)
- Defender

## **TTD Players**

### **HEALTH TEAM**

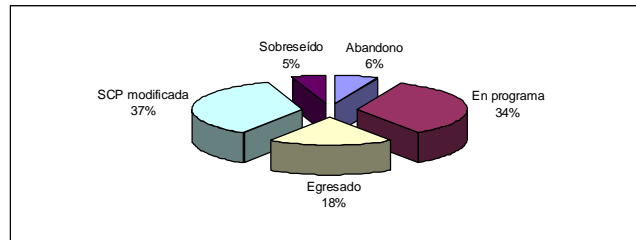
- Two-person psychosocial team
- Physician, experienced with addictions
- Treatment Centers

**Effectiveness of TTDs.**  
**Comparative experience;**  
**experience in Chile.**

- **Reduced recidivism.**
- **Cost-effectiveness ratio.**
- **No additional spending by the criminal justice system required.**

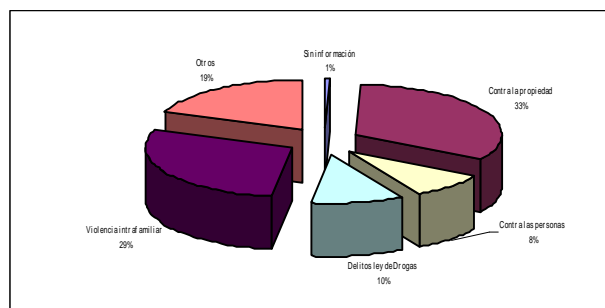
***Some figures from 2010  
related to TTDs***

## Case Status



Case Status	Number
Abandoned	21
In program	111
Graduated	59
CSP amended	118
Dismissed	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>325</b>

## Distribution of Offenses



Offenses	Number
No information	2
Against property	107
Against people	27
Drug offenses	34
Domestic violence	93
Other	62
<b>Total</b>	<b>325</b>