Saving Money.
In Pima County the cost for a defendant to successfully complete the DTAP program is shown to be less than half the cost of incarceration in Arizona.

Saving Lives.
DTAP is changing and saving lives. 75% of participants successfully complete the program and leave with life skills and the tools needed to become contributing members of the community.

Reducing Crime.
A growing body of research shows that drug treatment can significantly reduce recidivism, as much as 12.4%, compared with 6% in jail or prison.

“This program saved my life”
Michael K.
DTAP Graduate

“DTAP helped me discover things about myself and learn how to cope with everyday problems and my addiction. I don’t know where I would be without this program”
Denice H.
DTAP Graduate

“Without everything that DTAP made available to me, I would not have been able to change who I was on the inside. I am eternally grateful for this program.”
Daniel L.
DTAP Graduate

“This program works, I am living proof”
Shandrelle N.
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**What is DTAP?**

The Drug Treatment Alternative to Prison (DTAP) Program enables drug addicted criminal defendants to plead guilty to an offense and then enter a residential, therapeutic community treatment system for three years as an alternative to a prison sentence.

The Program begins with three months of in-patient, residential drug treatment followed by wraparound recovery support services managed by a resources specialist, including transitional housing, literacy services, higher education, job training and placement services, and counseling, accompanied by drug testing, probation monitoring and regular court hearings.

**Whom does DTAP help?**

Repeat drug possession offenders who have:
- Drug addiction
- Mandatory prison sentence if convicted at trial
- No violent history
- No sex crime history
- Legal status in the U.S.
- At least limited English proficiency

**DTPA saving lives**

- Arlene S. DTAP Graduate
- Daniel L. DTAP Graduate
- Shandrelle N. DTAP Graduate
- Michael K. DTAP Graduate

**Why we need DTAP**

- **DTAP saves lives**
  Defendants who successfully complete the program have become productive members of the community, with *gainful employment*, housing, *improved health*, and repaired relationships with their families, children and loved ones.

- **DTAP saves money**
  The average cost of placing a defendant through the DTAP Program, including the costs of residential treatment, transitional housing, vocational training, counseling, and other support services is $12,593 – *less than half the average cost of imprisonment* for the average term of 14 months, which would be $30,162.

- **DTAP reduces crime**
  Research by the Justice Policy Institute shows drug treatment can significantly reduce recidivism, *as much as 12.4%*, compared with only 6% after jail or prison.

  Overall, 67.5% of all drug offenders are expected to be rearrested within three years of their release.

  41.2% expected to be rearrested on another drug offense after serving traditional sentences.

  By contrast, DTAP participants are nearly twice as successful in staying drug free and crime free.