

Tucson City Court's Domestic Violence Court has once again been recognized by the Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women. The Court has been chosen as a National Domestic Violence Mentor Court for the second time, after a competitive selection process. The Mentor Court Initiative recognizes well-established specialized domestic violence courts as national models who can share their expertise by hosting site visits, visiting other jurisdictions, and assisting new domestic violence courts to implement best practices to respond effectively to these difficult cases.

Magistrate Wendy Million and the Domestic Violence Court team, which includes court staff, City of Tucson prosecutors, City of Tucson public defenders, Emerge Center Against Domestic Abuse advocates, and Pima County Adult Probation officers, will be lending their expertise to courts around the county, sharing practices and protocols, and providing other technical assistance through 2025. The award comes with a grant of \$150,000 to support travel for both the City DV Court and visiting courts during the mentorship periods.