



## ANNOUNCEMENT:

EL PASO COUNTY COUNCIL OF JUDGES

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### **El Paso DWI/Drug Court Intervention and Treatment Program 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**El Paso, TX-** The El Paso DWI/Drug Court Intervention and Treatment Program is delighted to announce their 20th anniversary in helping reduce future DWI offenses in our community, by offering intervention, treatment, and structure to individuals and their families.

Judge Robert S. Anchondo started the first DWI Specialty Court Program in the State of Texas on November 4, 2004. The mission of the DWI Specialty Court Program is to reduce recidivism of alcohol and drug offenders and to enhance public safety through cost effective integrated continuous care and a judicially supervised regime of treatment and innovative case management. The program was established when Judge Robert S. Anchondo saw the need in the community for a specialty court program to help justice-involved individuals overcome their alcohol addiction, rather than continuously serving jail sentences and his philosophy remains the same till this day.

The El Paso DWI/Drug Court Intervention and Treatment Program works with people with a history of alcohol use, substance use, mental health disorders, and trauma histories, as well as participants who have served in the military or have been charged with a DWI on federal reservations.

The DWI court has been selected 4 consecutive times as a National Academy Court by ALL Rise, formerly National Association of Drug Court Professionals. The DWI Court has graduated over 720 individuals, who are refocused on living a new goal orientated life.

The 28<sup>th</sup> of the month of October will mark the hard work and dedication of DWI Intervention and Treatment Program.

El Paso County Commissioners Court to present a resolution to the treatment program on October 28,2024 at 9:30am at the Enrique Moreno Courthouse. A reception be followed with guest speaker Commander Stephen Haack.