



**DRUG POLICY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES, 2008
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW MEXICO**

The League supports:

1. drug court programs,
2. treatment for all persons with drug addiction,
3. rehabilitation and public education programs for driving while intoxicated, and
4. adequate funding to support such programs.

In the 2008 Session the LWVNM Supports:

HB 144 - Expansion and replacement funding for Drug Courts - Senator Joseph Cervantes

Past study has indicated:

- Drug Court diverts people from jail.
- The process is cheaper than incarceration;
- Recidivism rate of drug court alternative is 2/3 normal incarceration rate.

HB 224 - Create opiate addiction pilot project treatment for inmates

- Many addiction treatment programs are proposed; most do not clearly state measuring outcomes as this bill provides.
- "Evidence based approaches are recommended" for addiction treatment.*

*2004 NM Conference on Approaches for Combating the Troublesome Use of Substances (CACTUS)

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