

**§ 7A-792. Goals.**

The goals of the local judicially managed accountability and recovery courts funded under this Article include the following:

- (1) To reduce alcoholism and other substance abuse and dependencies among adult and juvenile offenders and defendants and among respondents in juvenile petitions for abuse, neglect, or both.
- (2) To reduce criminal and delinquent recidivism and the incidence of child abuse and neglect.
- (3) To reduce the alcohol-related and other substance-related court workload.
- (3a) To reduce the mental, behavioral, or medical health-related court workload.
- (4) To increase the personal, familial, and societal accountability of adult and juvenile offenders and defendants and respondents in juvenile petitions for abuse, neglect, or both.
- (5) To promote effective interaction, collaboration, coordination, and use of resources among criminal and juvenile justice personnel, child protective services personnel, and community agencies. (1995, c. 507, s. 21.6(a); 1998-23, s. 9; 1998-212, s. 16.15(a); 2001-424, s. 22.8(b); 2021-180, s. 16.5(a); 2022-6, s. 8.2(d).)