



## Does It Work?

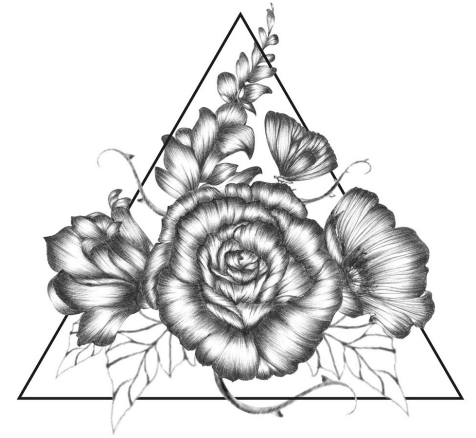
With a traditional justice approach, **recidivism** rates for women caught in prostitution nationally is around **80%**<sup>1</sup>



With a restorative justice approach (CATCH), two-year recidivism rates dropped to just **29%** for anyone who had participated in the program.



<sup>1</sup> <https://t/first-offender-prostitution-program>



**C.A.T.C.H. Court**  
Changing Actions to Change Habits  
Est. 2009

## Our Purpose

CATCH Court exists to break the cycle of abuse for victims of human trafficking, prostitution, and sexual exploitation by providing resources, community, and accountability.

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## Why Not?

There may be a lot of reasons why someone isn't quite ready for the CATCH program, but here are some of the most common reasons we hear:

1. She's not ready<sup>2</sup>
2. She is emotionally bonded/loyal to her trafficker<sup>3</sup>
3. Shame<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup> See Stages of Change research

<sup>3</sup> A lot could be said about this, but think of it as a coping skill or survival strategy to help someone deal with prolonged abuse. Research suggests that it is both a biological and psychological process.

<sup>4</sup> Brene Brown defines shame as "the intensely painful feeling or experience of believing that we are flawed and therefore unworthy of love and belonging."



## Our Beginning:

Judge Paul Herbert started CATCH Court in 2009. One day he saw a woman come in with bruises and thought it was a domestic violence victim. He looked down at the file and saw she was a defendant — the charge: “prostitution”. It hit him that with similar bruises and hollow eyes, it was hard to tell the difference between a victim of domestic violence and a defendant charged with prostitution. He began to research human trafficking, prostitution, and sexual exploitation. What he discovered astounded him. Human trafficking was thriving in Columbus, Ohio, and there were limited means of escaping the cycle of exploitation and abuse. He created CATCH Court to provide a path of rehabilitation, recovery, and support.

## Our Future

Our hope is to provide a model for municipal leaders throughout Ohio and the United States for how to establish their own CATCH Court and begin viewing people differently as a way to effectively Change Actions that Change Habits.

### Expectation

- Two years of intensive probation
- Attend weekly Status Review Hearing
- Meet with Probation Officer monthly
- Provide frequent drug screens
- Treatment Compliance (Residential)
- Stay-Aways (people, places, things)

### Benefit

- Community!
- All basic needs are met
- Weekly Lunch & Monthly Outings
- Phase-up Incentives
- Mentorship
- Dismissing & Sealing of Records

### Year Enrolled Graduated

Year	Enrolled	Graduated
2009	17	6
2010	35	6
2011	19	2
2012	15	5
2013	19	5
2014	28	6
2015	33	12
2016	59	16
2017	61	9
2018	31	TBD
2019	47	TBD
<b>Total</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>67</b>

## Some Numbers

- 72% grew up in **poverty**
- 86% don't have a **HS diploma or GED**
- 93% are **mothers**
- 83% have already been linked in the **mental health system**
- 100% are diagnosed with **substance use disorder**
- 94% have been victims of **sexual violence**
- 94% have been victims of **intimate partner violence**
- 93% have experienced the **unexpected death of a loved one**

