



Please join the AAUW Green Bay Area Branch  
for a presentation on the  
Brown County Treatment Courts

**Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM**

The Honorable Donald Zuidmulder, Brown County Circuit Court Judge  
and

Joan Brusky, a Brown County Supervisor will present,

## **“What are Treatment Courts?”**

Brown County is unique for having five different treatment courts, namely: Drug Court, Heroin Court, Mental Health Court, OWI Court and Veterans Court. These courts were created under the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) program which was established by the 2005 Wisconsin Act 25 to support county efforts that provide treatment and diversion programs for non-violent adult offenders for whom substance abuse, mental health or other issues are contributing factors in their criminal activities.

Incarceration for these people is unlikely to help them deal with their substance abuse or other issue, so it is more likely to lead to repeat criminal activity. In contrast, if the person can get the drug, mental health or other issue under control, the person is unlikely to commit another crime.

The purpose of the treatment courts is to provide a structured program to assist those struggling with these issues. It is not an easy program, and people have been unsuccessful and are then jailed. Those involved in these programs believe them to be very successful. Both speakers have been very involved and supportive of these courts.

If you are interested in attending, please email me [ramaker.sara@gmail.com](mailto:ramaker.sara@gmail.com) and I will forward a copy of the Zoom link to you on October 19, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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