



# Northern Hills Drug Court

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## News

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### **David Whitesock a survivor of the disease of addiction and Chief Data Officer for 'Why Face it Together,' to speak at the Northern Hills Drug Court Graduation**

**Sturgis, SD** – The Northern Hills Drug Court will be celebrating its first graduation of 2016 with David Whitesock to give the keynote address. The ceremony will commence on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 3:30 pm, at the Sturgis Community Center Theater.

The Northern Hills Drug Court, the first in South Dakota, was established in Sturgis, South Dakota, in 2007. This Drug Court focuses on non-violent, adult felony offenders who have abused controlled substances, including methamphetamine. The Drug Court Program is a collective effort of clients and agencies from Meade, Butte, Lawrence, and Pennington Counties. The Drug Court serves felony offenders whose crimes are related to addiction. The Drug Courts mission is to “increase public safety, break the cycle of addiction, foster healthy families, and efficiently use public funds by streamlining and coordinating services” for such offenders. These individuals are held accountable through requirements such as frequent court hearings, intensive probation, and extensive treatment services. Since it’s origination in 2007, this graduation will mark 75 graduates for the program.

The Northern Hills Drug Court team cordially invites you to our graduation ceremony to help us recognize the accomplishment of these graduates. The ceremony is open to the public, media, and cameras. A reception will be held, immediately following the ceremony.