

Treatment Court Training and Technical Assistance

The Center for Justice Innovation provides training and technical assistance to treatment courts across the United States, including adult drug courts, veterans treatment courts, juvenile drug courts, family treatment courts, DWI/DUI courts, and other models.

Strategic Planning

The Center's experienced staff helps treatment courts develop strategic plans that ensure fidelity to evidence-based practices, build robust training strategies for treatment court teams, enhance data collection and evaluation capacity, strengthen interagency partnerships, and manage growth. Strategic planning is available for individual courts as well as for regional and statewide treatment court systems. Most recently, the Center has helped Nebraska and Wisconsin develop statewide strategic plans.

Evidence-Based Practices

The Center helps treatment courts implement evidence-based practices like the use of validated risk-need assessments, graduated incentives and sanctions, medication-assisted treatment, motivational interviewing techniques, procedural justice practices, and many more. In Missouri, for example, the Center has helped to expand the use of Habilitation Empowerment Accountability Therapy (H.E.A.T.), an evidence-based intervention designed for young black males, into more drug courts across the state.

Fidelity Reviews

To help treatment courts assess their fidelity to the model, the Center conducts assessments that look at intake, assessment, and referral

procedures, case planning, compliance monitoring, data collection and evaluation practices, and other key performance areas. The Center also offers targeted training to address areas needing improvement. In recent years, the Center has helped Georgia and New York develop sustainable fidelity review programs for their drug courts.

Innovation

In addition to promoting evidence-based practices, the Center experiments with new and innovative approaches in treatment courts, including the use of technology to deliver remote treatment and supervision to participants, integrating restorative justice practices to help participants repair damaged relationships and build a stronger foundation for long-term recovery, and improving how drug courts serve individuals with histories of domestic violence or human trafficking.

Opioids

The Center is a leader in the development of specialized opioid intervention courts and other court-based strategies for addressing opioid use disorders. The Center offers training and technical assistance to help states improve their responses to the opioid crisis. The Center's approach to this issue is rooted in *The 10 Essential*

Elements of Opioid Courts, which it developed in collaboration with the New York State Unified Court System and national experts.

Treatment Courts Online

The Center operates Treatment Courts Online (www.treatmentcourts.org), the leading online training resource for treatment courts. This free website offers training videos, practitioner interviews, virtual tours of treatment courts, and a resource library.

Conference Support

The Center's expert staff—which includes former prosecutors, defense attorneys, social workers, treatment providers, court administrators, and other experienced justice system professionals—frequently speak at state, national, and international conferences on a broad range of topics related to treatment courts. Popular presentations include legal issues in treatment courts, enhancing courts through teleservices, incorporating restorative justice practices, promoting fidelity to the model, and much more.

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