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In the Spotlight

Highlights from the NADCP Conference

In partnership with BJA, drug court leaders from around the country gathered for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals' 18th Annual Conference, held in Memphis, TN in May. The conference provided a forum to celebrate the success of drug courts, share the knowledge that has been building in the research world, and find creative way to integrate research into drug courts and treatment programs. The conference highlighted the Research to Practice Initiative, or R2P, with its easy-to-use web site and focus on distance learning, to translate the latest research for drug court practitioners. BJA encourages practitioners to take advantage of the tools and resources that R2P has to offer by visiting www.ndcrc.org/content/webinar-seven-program-design-features for more information.

The conference also highlighted the groundbreaking 5-year National Institute of Justice multisite drug court evaluation. BJA has already translated the key research findings into seven essential design features for BJA-funded drug courts. Integrating the seven design features into drug court operations has been the focus of the planning grants and the onsite technical assistance BJA provides to drug court grantees, as well as mentor courts—which have proven so successful in structuring courts to achieve the maximum possible impact and outcomes for participants. BJA's partnership with the Departments of Health and Human Services and Veterans Affairs has also led to veterans mentor courts, new training for veterans treatment courts, and an unprecedented growth in the number of new [veterans courts](#) across the country.

News You Can Use

RSAT Conference

BJA, in conjunction with partners at Advocates for Human Potential (AHP), AdCare, and Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC), will convene the first [RSAT National Conference](#) in Chicago on July 20-21, 2012. The conference will provide grantees with an opportunity to share information and network with other corrections healthcare professionals and learn about the latest evidence-based findings in Residential Substance Abuse Treatment programming.

Grants & Funding

For a listing of open BJA solicitations, go to: www.bja.gov/funding.aspx.

All FY 2012 BJA grant applications received are currently under review. BJA expects to announce all grant awards by October 1, and awards will be posted on our [web site](#).

For other funding opportunities available through the Office of Justice Programs, visit www.ojp.gov/funding/solicitations.htm.

This Month in Law Enforcement

In partnership with BJA, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) launched its Center for Social Media in October 2010 with the goal of building the capacity of law enforcement to use social media to prevent and solve crimes, strengthen police-community relations, and enhance services. IACP is seeing an increase in agencies coming on board with "apps" and programs from third-party vendors to report crimes and tips. In IACP's last social media survey, they found that 33.6 percent of agencies stated they were using Twitter, 22.9 percent Nixle, and 26.3 percent were using another type of e-mail or text notification system. Many agencies—approximately 40 percent—reported that they solicit tips via social media.

IACP's Center for Social Media serves as a clearinghouse of information and no-cost resources to help law enforcement personnel develop or enhance their agency's use of social media and integrate Web 2.0 tools into agency operations. Visit www.iacpsocialmedia.org/ for more information.

Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program

Enacted in 1976, the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program provides death, disability, and education benefits to those eligible for the program. For details regarding these federal benefits for law enforcement officers, firefighters, and first responders killed or catastrophically disabled in the line of duty, call the PSOB Office toll-free at 888-744-6513 or 202-307-0635, or visit the PSOB [web site](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

Between October and December 2011, approximately 50 percent of Adult Drug Court participants successfully completed drug court programs in rural, suburban, and urban areas. Also, 69 percent of Enhancement and 71 percent of Implementation participants were assessed as having high criminogenic risk and high needs.

FEATURED PROGRAM

Funded under BJA's FY 2011 Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs, the Council of State Governments Justice Center, in partnership with BJA, is implementing an evidence-based treatment process improvement model, "NIATx," in the corrections setting for the first time. The NIATx model was developed in behavioral health organizations and has also been piloted in several drug courts. The model has not yet been implemented in a department of corrections, jail, or parole and probation agency as a means to improve the treatment referral and coordination process between prisons and jails and community-treatment providers. Three pilot sites have been selected through a competitive process: the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and Department of Health & Mental Hygiene; DeKalb County Sheriff's Office and DeKalb Community Service Board; and the Raleigh Durham Division of Community Corrections and Durham County Criminal Justice Resource Center. Each of the pilot sites will begin their projects in July.

The "Bringing NIATx to Corrections" project will culminate in the development of a publication that will be disseminated to policymakers and a wide range of criminal justice and behavioral health treatment practitioners. For questions regarding the project, contact Alexa Eggleston at aeggleston@csq.org.

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