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Register Now for NDCRC Webinar on Opioid Crisis

A New Webinar
from NDCRC

**Responding to the
Opioid Crisis:
National and Local
Approaches**

Date: Wednesday, January 17
2:00 PM Eastern Time

Register and more information at
ndcrc.org/opioid-webinar/

With America's opioid crisis continuing to rampage throughout the country and as heroine, fentanyl, and carfentanil continue to infect our communities, what steps can treatment courts take to combat this scourge? An upcoming NDCRC webinar will provide an overview of current Bureau of Justice Assistance initiatives to address the opioid crisis and how local jurisdictions are creating programs and leveraging resources. New Jersey treatment coordinators will discuss opioid overdose symptoms, responses, and prevention measures being taken in their state. Leaders of the recently implemented Buffalo Opioid Intervention Court – a court docket specializing in stabilizing individuals with an opioid specific substance use disorder – will also present on this new program and the effect it has had on their community.

[Register for Responding to the Opioid Crisis: National and Local Approaches](#)

Problem-Solving Courts and Justice Reinvestment Initiative



The Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI), a public-private partnership between the Bureau of Justice Assistance and The Pew Charitable Trusts, is a data-driven approach to improving public safety through the development of state-level reforms and reinvestment of cost savings into each state's criminal justice system. NDCRC provides resources and reports that explore the impact problem-solving courts can and have had on the Justice Reinvestment Initiative process.

NDCRC's JRI resource highlights the state reforms that have incorporated problem-solving courts and the results they have produced. The resource also links problem-solving court professionals with important reports and information about the JRI process.

Visit the [Justice Reinvestment Initiative page](#) on the NDCRC website.

From NADCP: New Resources and Programs

The importance of identifying the correct risk and need level of justice-involved individuals is the first step in making appropriate supervision and treatment decisions. Enter the [National Drug Court Institute \(NDCI\)](#) and the [Annals of Research and Knowledge \(ARK\) Tool](#). ARK is an exciting interactive tool that provides practitioners with detailed information about evidence-based and promising programs that serve individuals at different intercepts of the criminal justice systems and at different risk and needs levels. NDCI offers training sessions to help state and local jurisdictions make system changes utilizing the ARK Tool. To learn more, please click on the link: <https://www.ndci.org/the-ark/>.



NADCP's [Justice For Vets](#) is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted to participate in a one-day site visit to a mentor veterans treatment court. Justice for Vets has the ability to send applicants for a two-day visit to shadow their respective discipline and/or visit the treatment program. Mentor courts serve as model programs for individuals and court teams interested in starting a veterans treatment court or for established courts interested in learning innovative practices. **All site visits are FREE for up to three individuals!** [Click here to learn more and apply](#).

This Month From the Center for Court Innovation

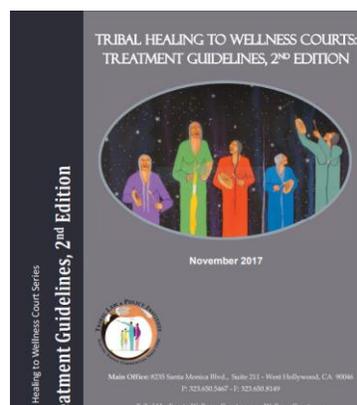
[The Center for Court Innovation \(CCI\)](#) recently published a resource detailing the implementation of innovative teleservices programs in seven jurisdictions around the country.

Teleservices refers to the use of communications technology, remote drug testing, web-based training, and other cutting-edge technologies to enhance the way treatment courts operate. The jurisdictions featured in this publication use teleservices to increase treatment court capacity, overcome treatment barriers, supervise participants, and provide training for staff. By demonstrating the effectiveness of teleservices in practice, these jurisdictions are setting an example for other courts to follow. Visit the [CCI website](#) to view and download the fact sheet.

CCI has also added new content to [TreatmentCourts.org](#), one of the nation's premier online training resources for treatment court practitioners. This free, web-based platform is designed to ensure that treatment court practitioners have access to the ongoing training they need to keep up with emerging research, new evidence-based practices, and the latest innovative approaches. There are 6 new presentations, including a Veterans Treatment Court training and 5 Healing to Wellness Court interviews with experienced practitioners exploring the role of the judge, role of the treatment provider, role of the probation officer, role of the project coordinator, and role of the trainer. Check back regularly for newly added content!

Tribal Law and Policy Institute Releases Treatment Guidelines

[Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts: Treatment Guidelines, 2nd ed.](#) (2017) is designed to provide tribal communities with an overview of Western substance use treatment strategies that have been developed by drug court programs over the past several years and that tribal programs might consider adapting, along with traditional healing practices. This guideline draws upon drug court standards and best practice, and the experiences of hundreds of tribal and state adult and juvenile drug court programs, operating in various environments and serving a wide range of individuals addicted to alcohol and/or other drugs.



Practitioners can download this publication for free on the [Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Publication Series](#) webpage, as well as on the [Home.TLPI.org](#) website. The *Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Publication Series* is a free resource available to the field, documenting best practices and the latest in practice-based knowledge.

Calendar of Events

Trainings
Conferences
Webinars
Forums
Roundtables

[2nd Annual Conference Progress Made Possible: Better Outcomes at the Intersection of Mental Health and Criminal Justice](#)

December 3-5

[Mindfulness in Recovery Webinar](#)

December 6; 3:00 - 4:30 PM

[American Indian Justice Conference](#)

December 7-8

[American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry \(AAAP\) Annual Meeting](#)

December 7-10

[Using Acceptance and Commitment Therapy Webinar](#)

December 20; 3:00- 4:00 PM

[NDCI Coordinator Training](#)

March 5-8, 2018

[NDCI Judicial Training](#)

March 12-15, 2018

[NDCI Community Supervision Training](#)

September 17-20, 2018

For more events, see the full calendar [here](#) .

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