



# National Drug Court Resource Center

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## **NDCRC Awarded Grant to Enhance Services to the Drug Court Field**

JPO is pleased to announce that NDCRC has been awarded \$630,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice's [Office of Justice Programs](#) (OJP) to expand our services to the field.

"The Justice Programs Office is delighted to continue and expand upon the National Drug Court Resource Center thanks to this funding," said Kim Ball, Director, Justice Programs Office. "JPO launched a number of new and successful projects this year, and I'm excited that this funding will enable us to create and release additional episodes of our podcast series, 'On the Docket with the National Drug Court Resource Center,' which provides treatment courts with another avenue for receiving information relevant to their work."

NDCRC currently maintains extensive policy and evidence-based drug court resources, offer intensive site-based technical assistance and training support resources to approximately 230 of the OJP's [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA) grantees, and collaborate with other providers in the field to complement their efforts and avoid gaps and redundancies in services.

With this new funding, we will develop and distribute culturally-appropriate resources representative of a wide-range of communities, including rural and urban drug courts and veterans treatment courts, and will develop a new array of resources focused on the national increase in opioid use and how drug courts can help address this issue.

“As a Statewide Coordinator, I am always looking for the latest resources that I can send to treatment court professionals in South Dakota. In addition to providing a one-stop shop for this information, JPO has created great original content this year that has helped my practitioners implement policies that improve outcomes for our participants. I can’t wait to see what they will be able to achieve with another year of funding,” said Noreen Plumage, State Drug and DUI Court Liaison and Statewide Drug Court Coordinator.

For more information, visit [our website](#).

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## Call for Papers on Veterans Treatment Courts

*Drug Court Review*, the premiere publication on problem-solving courts, invites submissions for a special issue on veterans treatment courts. Submissions should be original papers on topics of interest to researchers, practitioners, and/or policymakers such as:

- Addressing trauma
- Family involvement
- Implementation (including key components)
- Innovative practices
- Law and policy evaluation
- Mentoring
- Multi-site research
- Outcomes (mental and behavioral health, social, legal)

Commentaries (works without any theoretical, legal, policy, or statistical analysis) will not be accepted.

Interested authors should submit detailed outlines by **October 18, 2017** to the Editorial Team for review. Submissions should be attached as Word documents and emailed to [ndcrc@american.edu](mailto:ndcrc@american.edu) with “Drug Court Review Submission” in the subject line.

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## New Opioid Resources

NDCRC has launched a resource page focused on addressing opioid abuse reduction through problem-solving courts. On it, you'll find:

- Fact sheets on topics like understanding and detecting prescription drug misuse and misuse disorders
- Online trainings for treatment court professionals, clients, and stakeholders covering areas such as the stages of addiction to opioids and evaluating addiction to prescription medications
- Updates on the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis

Visit our [Opioid Abuse Resource Page](#).

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## On the Docket with the National Drug Court Resource Center

Have you been listening to our new podcast series, [On the Docket with the National Drug Court Resource Center](#)? The series explores problem-solving courts that address substance use, mental health, and co-occurring disorders within the criminal justice system. These voluntary programs serve as a form of deferred adjudication that focuses on rehabilitation and treatment, rather than incarceration.

Our first episode featured an interview with Evan Elkin, the executive director of [Reclaiming Futures](#), and explored the basics of and research behind family treatment courts.

In last month's episode, we spoke with Jill Murphy, the program supervisor of the King County Family Treatment Court about how family treatment courts function, innovative strategies for working with participants of family treatment courts, and how to keep a family-centered approach with involvement from large systems.

You can download and listen to both episodes in [Apple's iTunes Podcast](#) app.

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## Don't Miss the JDTC TTA Team and Drug Court Resources from NDCRC at Upcoming Conferences

Are you up to date on the [Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines](#)? The [Juvenile Drug Treatment Courts \(JDTC\) Training and Technical Assistance \(TTA\)](#) team is busy traveling and training this fall, and you can find them presenting OJJDP's [JDTC Guidelines](#) at a variety of conferences across the country, as well as providing interactive training sessions with JDTCs working to implement these new guidelines.

If you are at any of the following conferences, don't miss their presentations:

- **October 23-24:** [Ohio Annual Specialized Dockets Conference](#)
- **October 26:** [Washington Juvenile Drug Court Conference](#)
- **December 6-8:** Annual Tennessee Association of Drug Court Professionals Conference

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# Calendar of Events

Trainings  
Conferences  
Webinars  
Forums  
Roundtables

[DART-TOF MS Screening of Fentanyl and Other Emerging Drugs](#)  
October 11 at 11:00 AM

[International Drug Policy Reform Conference](#)  
October 11-14

[Pennsylvania Association of Drug Court Professionals Conference](#)  
October 11-13

[5th Annual Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts Conference](#)  
October 11-13

[National Association of State Controlled Substance Authorities](#)  
October 17-20

[International Nurses Society on Addictions Annual Educational Conference](#)

October 18-21

[Utah Statewide Drug Court Conference](#)

October 19-20

[The 2017 Specialized Dockets Annual Conference](#)

October 23-24

Alabama State Drug Court Conference - no further information available

October 24-27

[19th Conference of the International Society of Addiction Medicine](#)

October 26-29

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

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