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Visit Us at the NADCP Conference

This summer, Project Director Preeti Menon and JPO staff are scheduled to host sessions at the National Association of Drug Court Professionals Annual Training Conference at the National Harbor, July 9-12. These sessions include “Making the Most of the National Drug Court Resource Center” and “VJO Specialists: A Key Component to Veteran Treatment Courts.” Look for our resource table for the National Drug Court Resource Center in the pre-convention area!

New Podcast Series: On the Docket with the National Drug Court Resource Center

The Justice Programs Office has released its first episode in a series, called 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. The first episode explores the basics of and research behind family treatment courts through talking with Evan Ellen, the Executive Director of Reclaiming Futures. To listen and download episodes of this podcast, follow this link to the Apple Podcast Store or click here to visit the NDCRC website.

Join the JDTC Interactive Listserv!

The Coalition for Juvenile Justice hosted their annual conference on June 14-17, 2017 in Washington, D.C. Zoë Root, JPO Senior Policy Counsel & Project Director of the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court (JDTC) Initiative, presented with Jennifer Tyson from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Their session, entitled “An Evidence-Based, Treatment Oriented, and Developmental Approach for Youth with Substance Use Disorders in the Justice System,” focused on how to apply the research behind OJJDP’s Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines. In this interactive and well attended session, they emphasized the importance of screening, assessment, evidence-based treatment, court practices, and equity of access.

The JDTC interactive listserv is up and running! If your JDTC is struggling to address an issue, chances are another court has dealt with it, too. This listserv provides courts with an opportunity to connect to the nationwide JDTC community, ask questions of others in the field, problem-solve, and share resources on issues unique to the JDTC field. To sign up, send an e-mail to jdtc@american.edu with “Subscribe to listserv” in the subject line.

Register to Attend the Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Enhancement Training

The Tribal Law and Policy Institute invites you to attend the free Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Enhancement Training scheduled to take place September 12-14, 2017 in Albuquerque, NM. It is the preeminent national training opportunity for tribal problem-solving courts. This training event focuses upon tribal issues, including jurisdictional and legal issues unique to Indian country, the incorporation of custom and tradition into the phases, case management, treatments, and tangential services; and the peer-to-peer sharing of successful Healing to Wellness Courts models in operations. For more information, visit: https://www.enhancementtraining.org/.
Rural Drug Court Listserv

Do you have a question for the field? Looking for creative solutions to a problem you’ve been experiencing in your drug court? The Rural Drug Court Listserv is an active outlet to bounce ideas off others working in the drug court arena. Topics that have been recently discussed on the listserv include:

- Incentive ideas
- Physician involvement
- Support group compliance methods
- Department of Corrections and drug court relationship

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