



# National Cross-Site Evaluation of Juvenile Drug Courts and Reclaiming Futures

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# Overview

- Multi-Site, four-year evaluation of the Juvenile Drug Court and Reclaiming Futures Initiative
- Charged with evaluating the outcomes and cost-effectiveness of the integration of the Juvenile Drug Court: Strategies in Practice and the Reclaiming Futures Models.



# The Models

## Reclaiming Futures

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- 1) Initial Screening
- 2) Initial Assessment
- 3) Service Coordination
- 4) Initiation
- 5) Engagement
- 6) Transition

## Juvenile Drug Court: Strategies in Practice

- 1) Collaborative Planning
- 2) Teamwork
- 3) Clearly Defined Target Population & Eligibility Criteria
- 4) Judicial Involvement and Supervision
- 5) Monitoring & Evaluation
- 6) Community Partnerships
- 7) Comprehensive Treatment Planning
- 8) Developmentally Appropriate Services
- 9) Gender-Appropriate Services
- 10) Cultural Competence
- 11) Focus on Strengths
- 12) Family Engagement
- 13) Educational Linkages
- 14) Drug Testing
- 15) Goal-Oriented Incentives and Sanctions
- 16) Confidentiality



Objective 1: Assess the operations of Juvenile Drug Court/Reclaiming Futures models using established indices for performance, efficiencies and cost effectiveness

- Critical factors to combining the models
- System level effects that occurred by combining the models
- Adaptations and modifications in integrating the models



## Objective 2: Improve the empirical knowledge base about Juvenile Drug Courts and the Reclaiming Futures Model.

- Services provided
- Service recipients
- Who is missing



## Objective 3: Analyze the efficacy of combined efforts of Juvenile Drug Courts and the Reclaiming Futures Model.

- Approaches to keeping target population involved
- Interventions that support matching clients to services
- System-level approaches, training, & resources associated with changes in services
- Level and appropriateness of services related to client and program performance



## Objective 4: Conduct case studies using Administrative, Collaboration, and Quality Indices and the sixteen key elements of Juvenile Drug Courts

- Individual Case Studies
- System/Organizational Case Studies





## Objective 5: Evaluate the potential for replication of these models

- Cost-effectiveness of different approaches



# Evaluation Challenges

- No blueprint for integration of the models
- Site burden



# Evaluation Progress

- Case studies
- Technological Scan/Process Data
- JDC/RF survey
- Organizational culture survey
- Formal training survey
- Informal training survey
- Service data
- Meta-Analysis



# Giving Back

- Site Specific Reports
- Technical Assistance Opportunities



**Any questions?**