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
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?