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**CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES & EDUCATIONAL LIAISONS**

**Russ Bermejo**  
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**SESSION INFO: DSB–5**

**Date:** Wednesday – June 1, 2016  
**Time:** 7:15am – 8:30am

**ABSTRACT:**

Want to know what sessions you should attend? Have questions about the conference agenda? Need to discuss burning issues impacting your program? This year’s discipline–specific sessions are for you!

This year’s conference includes opportunities for disciplines to meet and resolve burning issues and critical questions. Starting on Monday morning at 7:15am, an expert practitioner who shares your role on the team will facilitate the breakout designated for your discipline. The facilitator will review the conference program; identify sessions specifically designed for your role on the team, and lead discussion to address your burning issues.

**JUDGES – FAMILY DRUG COURTS**

**Honorable P. Britt**  
*Drug Court Commissioner*  
35th Judicial District of Missouri  
Dunklin County, MO

**SESSION INFO: DSB–8**

**Date:** Wednesday – June 1, 2016  
**Time:** 7:15am – 8:30am
THE FAMILY DEPENDENCY TREATMENT COURT MOVEMENT: REACHING THE TIPPING POINT FROM INNOVATION TO INSTITUTIONALIZATION

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Shannon Carey  
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Portland, OR

SESSION INFO: SB–13

Date: Wednesday – June 1, 2016  
Time: 8:45am – 11:45am

ABSTRACT:

FDCs emerged in the mid–1990s to address inadequate access to treatment for substance use disorders among parents in child welfare and to improve families’ outcomes in child welfare services and dependency courts. As an adaptation of the adult criminal drug court model, FDCs used the adult drug court experience, literature, and research to guide development and implementation of its model. With over 300 FDCs now in operation across the nation, FDC outcomes have shown significantly higher rates of parents’ participation in substance use disorder treatment, longer stays in treatment, higher rates of family reunification, less time for children in foster care, and decreased incidence of repeat maltreatment and return to out–of–home care compared to non–family drug court participants (Marlowe & Carey, 2012).

This skills building workshop will include an overview of the FDC movement (including the development of the FDC Key Ingredients and FDC Guidelines) and the federal and private investments, which raised the level of practice and body of knowledge for the field. A panel of guest speakers will also highlight their observations and experiences in key initiatives, which contributed to the movement and its demonstrated outcomes. This presentation will offer practice and policy strategies and opportunities for FDC practitioners, including a call for the necessary leadership to champion the FDC movement forward.

Learning Objectives:

- Explore the FDC movement, from inception to expansion, and the improved recovery, safety, and permanency outcomes it has achieved for children and families
- Highlight lessons learned from key initiatives that raised the level of FDC practice and policy
- Equip and challenge FDC practitioners with the practice and policy skills, leadership, and renewed commitment to achieve lasting systems change
SAMHSA FAMILY DEPENDENCY TREATMENT COURT PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT (FDTC-PM) GRANTEE GATHERING

SESSION INFO: GRANTEE GATHERING (CLOSED MEETING)

Date: Wednesday – June 1, 2016
Time: 10:45am – 2:30pm
Room: Platinum 4, Anaheim Marriott

ABSTRACT:

The 2016 SAMHSA FDTC Performance Measurement Grantee Gathering will take place on Wednesday, June 1 from 10:45am – 2:30pm at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, CA. The Gathering will be held in conjunction with the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) 22nd Annual Training Conference, June 1–4, 2016. At the Gathering, federal and support contract staff will provide project updates, identify needs for technical assistance, and address any grant related concerns. During a poster networking session, the eleven FDTC Grantees will have an opportunity to network with colleagues, learn about each other's programs, and discuss early lessons of program implementation and performance measurement. We hope you are able to stay for the NADCP conference, and take advantage of the Family Drug Court Track.
THE BIG SEVEN – KEY INGREDIENTS FOR AN EFFECTIVE FAMILY DEPENDENCY TREATMENT COURT

Phil Breitenbucher  
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Lake Forest, CA

**SESSION INFO: TS–7**

**Date:** Wednesday – June 1, 2016  
**Time:** 1:15pm – 2:30pm

**ABSTRACT:**

With over 300 FDCs now in operation across the nation, FDC outcomes have shown significantly higher rates of parents’ participation in substance use disorder treatment, longer stays in treatment, higher rates of family reunification, less time for children in foster care, and decreased incidence of repeat maltreatment and return to out–of–home care compared to non–family drug court participants (*Marlowe & Carey, 2012*).

FDCs are able to achieve these outcomes through several common practices or ingredients. This workshop will explore the Big Seven – system of identifying families; timely access to assessment and treatment services; enhanced case management and recovery support; improved family services and focus on parent–child relationships; increased judicial oversight, contingency management, and collaborative approach and efficient information sharing. This presentation will explore the barriers and challenges that FDC teams have encountered in implementing these ingredients as well as the innovative solutions that were formulated to ensure effective practice. This workshop will be the “nuts and bolts” that hold effective FDCs together. Technical assistance and training resources through the National FDC Training and Technical Assistance Program will also be provided to support implementation.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Gain an overview of the FDC model and national outcomes, and the key common practice ingredients to ensure effective practice
- Learn the challenges, barriers, and solutions that have supported effective implementation of each of the Big Seven
- Find out how to access training and technical assistance resources to equip you and your team – “You can do it, we can help!”
**Guess What? You’re a Family Dependency Treatment Court Too: Legal Issues and Practical Considerations When Working with Families in Drug Courts**

**Panel Moderator:**

*Jane Pfeifer*

*Senior Program Associate*

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**Panelists**

**Honorable Phillip Britt**

*Drug Court Commissioner*

35th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

Dunklin County, MO

**Honorable Ingrid Gustafson**

*District Court Judge*

13th Judicial District of Montana

Yellowstone County, MT

**Honorable Jeri B. Cohen**

*Circuit Judge*

State of Florida, 11th Judicial Circuit

Miami–Dade County, FL

**Jeffrey N. Kushner**

*Montana Statewide Drug Court Coordinator*

Montana Supreme Court/ Office of Court Administrator

Victor, MT

**Session Info: TS–15**

**Date:** Wednesday – June 1, 2016

**Time:** 1:15pm – 2:30pm

**Abstract:**

All collaborative courts are family courts if their clients include parents and children. Many clients have legal matters involving juvenile delinquency, dependency, family, and domestic violence matters. This workshop will offer judicial leaders and other professionals working in Adult Drug Courts an overview of the dependency court and child welfare system and offer some practical strategies on how to work with parents who are involved in family courts. Participants will gain a greater understanding and awareness of how decisions in Adult Drug Court impact the child and family, even if the child is never seen in court. This presentation will make the case for why Adult Drug Courts should pay greater attention to children and families and why cross–system collaboration and communication are critical for family safety and recovery. National resources for legal education and training will also be provided.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Gain a greater understanding of the dependency and child welfare system and learn practical strategies on how to work with Adult Drug Court participants who are also child welfare involved
- Gain a greater understanding of the impact of substance use on children, and the importance of addressing the needs of children and the parent–child relationship as a critical part of family recovery
- Learn how cross–system collaboration, communication, and community partnerships are critical in serving the complex needs of children and families in your drug court
Effective Strategies to Support Families Through Reunification

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Track: Raising the Bar: Taking Family Dependency Treatment Courts to the Next Level

Session Info: A–5

Date: Thursday – June 2, 2016
Time: 9:30am – 10:45am

Abstract:

The accountable, time-limited mandate for achieving permanency for children set forth in the 1997 Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) drove the demand for a better and coordinated system response to meet the needs of families affected by parental substance use. This workshop presentation will explore the impact of parental substance use on the parent–child relationship and the essential service components needed to address these issues, including ensuring quality visitation and contact, implementation of evidence-based services inclusive of parent education, therapeutic services, and access to ongoing family recovery support.

This workshop discussion will explore family readiness as a collaborative practice issue by raising the need for coordinated case plans and effective communication protocols across child welfare, treatment, and court systems. Discussion will explore different program designs across sites including the timing and phasing of reunification, family maintenance supervision, and case termination.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the impact of parental substance use on the parent–child relationship and the essential service components needed to address these issues
- Understand family readiness as a collaborative practice issue and why the “team” is just as important as any “tool” for assessing readiness
- Learn various case management strategies, including implementation of quality visitation and contact, evidence-based services, coordinated case plans and effective communication protocols across child welfare, treatment, and court systems
THE PARENT–CHILD RELATIONSHIP: THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES OF FAMILY DEPENDENCY TREATMENT COURTS TO ACHIEVE IMPROVED OUTCOMES

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**TRACK:** Raising the Bar: Taking Family Dependency Treatment Courts to the Next Level

**SESSION INFO:** B–5

**Date:** Thursday – June 2, 2016  
**Time:** 11:00am – 12:15pm

**ABSTRACT:**

A key ingredient that makes Family Drug Courts unique, yet complex, is the mandate to serve families by supporting and healing the parent–child relationship. Improving outcomes for families affected by parental substance use disorders and child welfare involvement starts with a cross–systems commitment and coordinated approach to address the multiple and complex needs of parents and children. Through collaborative efforts around the country, evidence is emerging on what families need to succeed in their efforts to reunify with their children and maintain their recovery. This workshop presentation will explore the experiences, lessons learned, and outcomes of two FDC programs from Nebraska and Sacramento, California who participated in the Children Affected by Methamphetamine (CAM) Grant program (October 2010 – September 2014).

Funded by SAMHSA to 12 FDC Grantee sites over a 4–year period, this initiative focused on expanding and/or enhancing services to children and their families participating in a Family Drug Court due to parental substance use. These two programs will highlight their experiences in delivering evidence–based parenting, therapeutic parent–child interventions, and recovery support services and how they achieved improved safety, permanency, recovery, and well–being outcomes for their families. Through their sustained commitment and leveraged partnerships, these two programs continue to successfully serve families in their communities.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Gain an understanding of the importance of a comprehensive family–centered approach in serving families in FDCs, healing the parent–child relationship, and keeping kids safe
- Highlight two FDCs programs from Nebraska and Sacramento and how their approach in supporting the parent–child relationship to achieve recovery, safety, and permanency outcomes
- Explore strategies on how to leverage collaborative partnerships to meet the multiple and complex needs of participant families
FUNDRAISING AND ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Panel Moderator:
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Dianne Marshall  
Co–Founder & CEO  
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Board of Directors  
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Honorable Richard Vlavianos  
Superior Court Judge  
Superior Court of San Joaquin County  
San Joaquin County, CA

Track: Leadership and Professional Excellence

Session Info: B–10

Date: Thursday – June 2, 2016  
Time: 11:00am – 12:15pm

Abstract:
Some incentives require more funding than a collaborative court team can handle out–of–pocket. Sometimes participants face basic needs that generate obstacles to sobriety and hamper their ability to engage in their court program. When a participant needs pots and pans to cook with and the electricity turned on in a new apartment or tattoos to be removed to get a job or co–pays on dental insurance or money to buy textbooks for a college class, team members may have to think twice as to where money will come from to help.

In this session, you will hear a lively panel discussion moderated by Phil Breitenbucher. Deb Cima, Judith Guthrie and Dianne Marshall will be joined by Judge Richard Vlavianos and Dr. Shannon Carey to address ethical considerations, best practices, types of non–profit partners, as well as how and why tackling these needs incentivizes successful participation. Judicial canons, education, solicitation, and working with non–profits are discussed. How incentives and fundraising tie into the Drug Court Model is presented. Key elements of successful fundraising are detailed along with many dynamic, first–hand experiences of how small cash awards can make a big difference in a collaborative court participant’s life. Panel members will share how these acts of caring help to overcome negative self–images and make it possible for people to experience being valued despite their previous records of substance abuse and crime.

Learning Objectives:
• Present how a Non–Profit Partner can provide needed ethical distance for the Courts
• Identify "unmet needs" for your participants
• Discuss how a Non–Profit Partner helps you raise needed funds to tackle those needs
• Demonstrate how partnering with a Non–Profit Partner is supported by "The Ten Key Components," Best Practices and Design Features
• Focus on successful fundraising
STATEWIDE SYSTEM REFORM PROGRAM Awardee Gathering

SESSION INFO: Awardee Gathering (Closed Meeting)

Date: Thursday – June 2, 2016
Time: 12:30pm – 1:30pm
Gathering Space: Quad Area

ABSTRACT:
This closed meeting will be an opportunity for Awardees to meet with their Change Leader, network with other State members, share program progress, and discuss strategies to overcome identified barriers. By coordinating the meeting with the national conference, awardees have an enhanced opportunity for their team to learn from colleagues in other states, and to hear and exchange information concerning policy, program strategies and advanced practices for families affected by substance use disorders in the child welfare system.
SET-UP FOR SUCCESS – WHY YOU’RE FAMILY DEPENDENCY TREATMENT COURT TEAM NEEDS THE BARRIER BUSTING POWERS OF A STEERING COMMITTEE

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TRACK: Raising the Bar: Taking Family Dependency Treatment Courts to the Next Level

SESSION INFO: C–5

Date: Thursday – June 2, 2016  
Time: 1:45pm – 3:00pm

ABSTRACT:
To achieve long-term success, Family Drug Courts (FDCs) must have a governance structure that includes a strong and thriving Steering Committee. FDCs that are haphazardly organized and lack a formal process for making policy decisions will inevitably drift into ineffective practice, experience limited capacity, suffer poor outcomes, and may even fade into non-existence. This session will explore how an effective Steering Committee can address barriers, ensure vital information flow, and provide team members with a process for obtaining the necessary resources to productively serve families in FDC.

Learning Objectives:
- Attendees will understand how a well-organized Steering Committee results in improved outcomes for FDC participants
- Attendees will gain an understanding of how to use their Steering Committee to access services and supports for FDC families
- Attendees will leave with concrete knowledge about how to develop and maintain a well-functioning Steering Committee
- Attendees will leave with resources and examples that will assist them to develop and/or improve their FDC’s Steering Committee
PLANNING FOR SAFE CARE: WHAT YOUR FAMILY DEPENDENCY TREATMENT COURT NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT THE OPIOID DISORDERS AND SERVING IMPACTED MOTHERS AND THEIR INFANTS

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**TRACK:** Raising the Bar: Taking Family Dependency Treatment Courts to the Next Level

**SESSION INFO:** D–5

**Date:** Thursday – June 2, 2016  
**Time:** 3:15pm – 4:30pm

**ABSTRACT:**

Jurisdictions across the country are faced with developing practice and policy to address the opioid crisis (i.e., heroin and prescription pain medications) and its impact on families. There are many professionals potentially involved in decisions for parenting and pregnant women with opioid use disorders. These include the partners involved in a Family Drug Court (FDC), including child welfare, substance use disorder treatment, and various judicial representatives. In cases involving pregnant women, additional service providers, such as the woman’s primary care/OB–GYN team, are involved in treatment and other decisions. Each of these systems are responding to directives from their organizations, or in the absence of directives, using their professional judgments.

A considerable range and mix of approaches, settings, programs, and professionals can be involved, and health and social service systems typically operate and intersect in ways that are unique to each community. This mixture of participating systems and relationships among them affects service coordination. For example, several different professionals and specialty providers within the medical care system (i.e., an obstetrician, neonatologist, pediatrician, and addiction specialist) might provide care to a woman and her infant during the prenatal and postpartum periods. Within the substance use disorder treatment system, treatment is delivered in a variety of settings (i.e., residential facilities, outpatient clinics, and offices of physicians who provide medication assisted treatment [MAT]), using a combination of therapeutic approaches (i.e., medications, individual and group counseling, and self–help groups). In the child welfare system, services are delivered along a continuum, based on risk and safety factors that range from supports to children remaining in the custody of their parents (often referred to as in–home services) to out–of–home care (i.e., foster or kinship care).

The multitude of systems involved in the care of families affected by opioid use disorders calls for a collaborative effort among the systems. The decisions made by the various systems have a far–reaching impact on families. These decisions can include whether a parent is able to access the clinical standard of care in treating opioid use disorders and determinations on a parent’s ability to safely care for their children.

The scale of opioid crisis underscores and further demands a collaborative approach. The challenges experienced by families affected by substance use disorders are often further complicated by misunderstanding of treatment for opioid use disorders. FDCs have a unique opportunity to improve outcomes for families affected by opioid use disorders. The FDC model is based on the principle of collaborative practice, providing a wrap–around approach to families. The opioid crisis calls for an expansion of FDC partners, particularly, providers of MAT and in cases involving pregnant women, the woman’s primary care/OB–GYN team.
A number of communities across the country have developed collaborative initiatives to make systems and processes work more effectively for families affected by opioid use disorders. Although these approaches vary, they share a focus on coordinating the goals and efforts of an array of partners. Key features, such as early identification and engagement into services and collaborative service planning, hallmarks of the FDC model, have yielded improved health and safety outcomes for families affected by opioid use disorders. The CAPTA Plan of Safe Care is a critical piece in ensuring access to services for affected families, particularly for situations involving pregnant women and infants.

This workshop presentation will challenge preconceived notions regarding opioid use disorders and treatment. The presenter will discuss the disease model of substance use disorders and how it applies to the treatment of opioid use. The workshop will discuss strategies for FDCs to be able to adequately respond to the opioid crisis. Strategies include understanding clinical standards of care in the treatment of opioid use disorders, expanding the scope of the collaborative to ensure that the needs of both children and parents are met, and how to implement the CAPTA Plan of Safe Care to improve outcomes for affected families.

Learning Objectives:

Understand:

- Clinical standards of care for the treatment of opioid use disorders
- The impact of opioid use disorders and treatment on parenting and during pregnancy
- The impact of opioid use disorders and treatment on the infant
- A collaborative approach is necessary to develop a coordinated response to best meet the needs of families affected by opioid use disorders
- Concrete strategies that can be applied in a FDC setting to improve outcomes for affected families
**Abstract:**

Client engagement strategies and practices are at the root of ensuring client participation and ultimate family resilience. Engagement activities have been shown to increase client motivation, client compliance, and client abstinence. The Family Recovery Program, Inc. (FRP) has developed the ‘Six Steps to Support Client Engagement & Retention’ model which can be used at any point within a client’s entry into Family Treatment Court (FTC), and within any domain identified on a client’s treatment/service plan. This model involves a holistic approach, collaboration, innovative strategies, and effective implementation and evaluation.

During this presentation, attendees will engage in a lively and interactive workshop that will provide them with practical skills and techniques that can be implemented in their respective FTCs. Attendees will be introduced to the varying roles, responsibilities, and tasks of Recovery Support Specialists. They will also be introduced to several evidenced-based and trauma-informed techniques that are useful when working to effectively engage clients. Presenters will also discuss the importance of creating a nurturing relationship and its impacts on client satisfaction and long-term client success. Lastly, participants will leave with a greater understanding of how to implement and measure their current client engagement techniques and strategies by being introduced to FRP’s ‘Six Steps to Support Client Engagement & Retention’ model.

Baltimore City’s FRP is a Family Dependency Court that is enhancing outcomes for Baltimore’s children by addressing the many physical and emotional needs of its clients and their families by partnering with community stakeholders while providing excellent case management to Baltimore’s parents with a history of substance abuse. In 2014, FRP was selected to expand its services and provide Recovery Support Specialists to Washington, D.C.’s Family Treatment Court. The Family Recovery Program is recognized by Children and Family Futures and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention as a Peer Learning Court.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Increase participant knowledge surrounding roles and responsibilities of a Recovery Support Specialist
- Increase participant understanding of the variety of tasks that a Recovery Support Specialist performs to support program engagement efforts
- Increase participant identification and implementation of evidenced-based and trauma-informed strategies used by Recovery Support Specialists for client engagement and retention
- Introduce and implement The Family Recovery Program’s ‘Six–Steps to Support Client Engagement and Retention’ for clients preparing to enter FTC, embark in an abstinent lifestyle, and plan for long-term reunification
NATIONAL FAMILY DRUG COURT STRATEGIC PLAN MEETING

SESSION INFO: PLANNING MEETING (CLOSED MEETING)

Date: Friday – June 3, 2016
Time: 8:00am – 9:15am
Room: Marquis Ballroom Northwest, Anaheim Marriott

ABSTRACT:

On behalf of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), the Center for Children and Family Futures and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP), this meeting is being held to continue the development of a National Strategic Plan for Family Drug Courts.

Under the leadership of Administrator Robert Listenbee, OJJDP has been particularly focused on increasing the effectiveness and scale of Family Drug Courts through the following goals:

- Expand the number of Family Drug Courts to reach more children and families
- Improve the effectiveness of existing Family Drug Courts and further develop the Family Drug Court model
- Continue to build the evidence–base about what works for Family Drug Courts to improve outcomes for children and their parents

To improve and sustain these critical outcomes produced by Family Drug Courts across the nation, OJJDP is leading the effort in developing a National Strategic Plan for Family Drug Courts in partnership with leading national and local stakeholders. This June gathering is the second meeting of a yearlong effort that will include one additional planning meeting to be held in Washington, DC (Fall 2016).
**CONCURRENT GENERAL SESSION**

**MATCHING SERVICE TO NEED: EXPLORING WHAT “HIGH RISK/HIGH NEEDS” MEANS FOR FAMILY DEPENDENCY TREATMENT COURTS**

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**SESSION: CG–16**

**Date:** Friday, June 3, 2016  
**Time:** 11:00am – 12:15pm

**ABSTRACT:**

As an adaptation of the Adult Drug Court model, Family Drug Courts have used Adult Drug Court literature and research to guide development and implementation of its model to serve families in the child welfare system affected by parental substance use. For the criminal justice system, research has demonstrated that “high-risk/high-need” offenders are best served in Adult Drug Courts. There are unique aspects of the FDC model that must be considered when translating the high-risk, high-need principle to the FDC context, including how risk and safety are understood in child welfare practice and are defined and assessed in FDCs. In this presentation, Dr. Nancy Young will explore the translation and challenges related to the application of the “high-risk, high-need” principle to the FDC context. FDCs respond to child safety and risk factors associated with parents’ substance use disorders and treat the entire family unit to achieve safety and permanency outcomes within prescribed timelines set forth by the dependency court system. Implications for FDC practice, policy and research will be offered, including the need for timely, structured, and integrated screening and assessment protocols to ensure that the families who need the intensive level of support and supervision provided by FDCs are properly matched and served.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Highlight the unique features of the FDC model and explore the application and translation of “high-risk, high need” principle in the FDC context
- Provide guidance for FDC practice, including the importance of structured, timely and integrated risk, clinical assessments, and linking clients with appropriate services
- Explore policy, practice, and research implications and opportunities for the FDC field
OJJDP Grantee Meeting and Peer Learning Court Gathering

Session Info: Grantee Meeting (Closed Meeting)

Date: Friday - June 3, 2016
Time: 12:45pm – 1:45pm
Room: Marquis Ballroom Northwest, Anaheim Marriott

Abstract:
The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Family Drug Court Program (FDCP) & Peer Learning Court (PLC) Grantee Gathering will provide time for participants to meet with the Federal Project Officer, as well as network and exchange information with other grantees. By coordinating the meeting with this national conference, there is enhanced opportunity for all FDC teams to learn from an expanded network of professionals working in or with family drug courts, and to hear and exchange information concerning policy, program strategies, and advanced practices for family drug courts. Attendance at the national conference is not mandatory for invitees.
VetCon Session

Serving Kids in Vet Court

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Track: VTCs: Special Issues to Consider

Session Info: VCC–CG–12

Date: Friday – June 3, 2016
Time: 1:45pm – 3:00pm

Abstract:

All collaborative courts are Family Courts when their participants include adults who have children. Recent surveys indicate that nearly half of Veteran Treatment Court (VTC) participants have children. Serving children should be a greater priority for all VTCs. This session will explore the importance of incorporating services to children into the Ten Element VTC framework as a way to respond to the effects of deployment on children as well as veterans. Special attention will focus on parental stress, family trauma, and the disruption of the parent–child relationship associated with deployment, reintegration, and then separation from service. Paying more attention in your VTC to children services, however, will require the mobilization and linkage of new resources and forging new partnerships with agencies that already serve children and families. The session will point towards the necessity of a family–centered FOCUS for VTCs and the enhanced collaboration it requires since no single program or entity can do this alone.

Learning Objectives:

- Review the Ten Element VTC Framework and elements that address the family impact of VTCs
- Discuss the importance of serving children and families of veterans and the continuum of services to address the impact of deployment, return, separation of service, and court involvement
- Define the collaborative principles that will guide serving children and families in VTC and securing the resources to accomplish this
THE JUSTICE LEAGUE – THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTORNEY ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT IN FAMILY DEPENDENCY TREATMENT COURTS

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SESSION: CG–32

Date: Friday – June 3, 2016
Time: 3:15pm – 4:30pm

ABSTRACT:

Attorneys and guardians ad litem (GALs) have a critical role to play on the Family Drug Court (FDC) team. This session explores the values, policies, and practices of GALs and all attorneys working in an FDC and how their involvement can strengthen the FDC program. The panel will provide insights for addressing typical concerns that attorneys and GALs may have when working in the FDC and will discuss their experience in FDC including roles, ethical issues, benefits of participation, operational issues, and interacting with other team members. National training and technical assistance resources will be made available to attendees.

Learning Objectives

- Gain a greater understanding of the role and function of attorneys and guardians ad litem on the FDC team
- Learn strategies to increase and enhance attorneys’ and GALs’ participation on the FDC team and how that can have a positive effect on program capacity
- Understand the importance of including attorneys and GALs in all facets of program planning, operation and policy–making
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