

Discipline Specific Resources - Attorney



Family Drug Court - Attorney Specific Orientation Materials

Please visit [Family Drug Courts TTA](#) website for updated materials

- **Tutorial 3: Understanding Substance Use Disorders, Treatment, and Family Recovery: A Guide for Legal Professionals:** Provides legal professionals with knowledge of alcohol and drug addiction and its impact on parenting; engagement, treatment, and recovery strategies for families affected by substance use disorders; ; services needed by children whose parents have substance use disorders; and methods of improving collaboration among substance abuse treatment, child welfare and court systems. In 2015, this course was enhanced and updated with new content and the latest research.
- **Understanding Substance Use Disorder Treatment in Your Community: A Draft Discussion Guide for Child Welfare and Court Professionals to Identify the Best Treatment Fit for Families:** This discussion guide is designed to help child welfare and court professionals increase their knowledge and capacity to better meet their client's substance use disorder treatment needs.
- **Collaborative Practice at the Frontline: The Role of Dependency Courts and Attorneys in Assessment | Screening and Assessment for Family Engagement, Retention, and Recovery (SAFERR)- Section 3:** This section of the larger SAFERR publication provides information regarding cross-systems collaborative practice and highlights the roles of dependency courts and attorneys in the collaborative process.
- **Drug Court Judicial Benchbook:** This publication presents a wealth of information for new judges considering starting an adult drug court, and for veteran judges who seek to tune-up their operations.

- **Ethical Challenges for Attorney's Practicing in Family Treatment Courts:** This publication seeks to answer that question through a commentary on selected provisions of three American Bar Association (ABA) ethical codes – the Model Code of Judicial Conduct, the Model Rules of Professional Conduct, and the ABA Standards for Criminal Justice. This study concludes that practitioners in drug court need heightened ethical sensitivity in both the design of particular drug court programs and in daily practice, but the proper exercise of the roles of judge or lawyer in drug court need not conflict with the professionals' ethical obligations. Indeed, drug court practice has the potential to fulfill the highest aspirations of judicial and legal ethic
- **Family Drug Treatment Courts: A Place for Judicial Activism?** This article by the Honorable Agenda Edwards Roberts provides an overview about Family Drug Treatment Courts and their operations for judges and attorneys, the benefits of FDTCs, and judicial ethics in the FDTC setting.