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National Family Drug Court  
Training and Technical Assistance Program

# Peer Learning Courts: Highlighting Effective Practice in FDCs

Wednesday, June 19, 2013  
11:00 am – 1:00 pm (Pacific Time)

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| <b>11:00 – 11:05 am</b> | <b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b><br><i>Phil Breitenbucher, MSW</i>                                       |
| <b>11:05 – 11:20am</b>  | <b>Peer Learning Court Program – Overview</b><br><i>Phil Breitenbucher, MSW</i>                            |
| <b>11:20 – 11:50 am</b> | <b>PLC Highlight - Pima County (AZ) Family Drug Court</b><br><i>Chris Swenson-Smith, MSW</i>               |
| <b>11:50 – 12:20 pm</b> | <b>PLC Highlight - Chatham County (GA) Family Dependency Treatment Court</b><br><i>Jean Cottier, M.Ed.</i> |
| <b>12:20 – 12:30 pm</b> | <b>Q&amp;A and Discussion</b>  |
| <b>12:30 – 12:35 pm</b> | <b>Next Steps &amp; Resources</b><br><i>Phil Breitenbucher, MSW</i>  |



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# Presenters

## Phil Breitenbucher , MSW



Mr. Breitenbucher serves as the Program Director of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Family Drug Court Technical Assistance Program, and the Project co-Director for the SAMHSA Children Affected by Meth-amphetamine (CAM) grant program, at Children and Family Futures, Inc. He has nearly 15 years of experience in the management of public child welfare and community-based prevention services, including the implementation and management of three FDC sites, four Family Resource Centers as well as various prevention, diversion and early intervention programs. He manages the design and implementation of an effective TAT model, utilizing a wide range of computer-based and communications technologies. He also works with national experts and State FDC Coordinators on the development of FDC Guidelines and Mentor Courts. Mr. Breitenbucher received his Master of Social Work from California State University, San Bernardino and his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from California Baptist University.

## Chris Swenson-Smith, MSW



Chris Swenson-Smith, M.S.W., is the Children & Family Services Division Director at Pima County Juvenile Court in Tucson, Arizona. She was previously the Family Drug Court Coordinator. Before coming to the Juvenile Court, Ms. Swenson-Smith worked at Child Protective Services as the Unit Supervisor for the C.P.S. unit that managed the first Family Drug Court pilot cases. She has been the Project Director for five SAMHSA grants, including the current Children Affected by Methamphetamine grant project, a SAMHSA Drug Court Expansion Grant and a Governor's Office Grant from the Arizona Parents Commission on Substance Abuse Prevention.

## Jean Cottier, M.Ed.



Jean N. Cottier serves as the Deputy Court Administrator for the Chatham County Superior Court and the Savannah-Chatham Drug Court (SCCDC) Coordinator in Savannah, Georgia. She previously served as the Coordinator for the Chatham County Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC). The SCCDC and FDTC are current National Peer Learning Courts and were selected as Top Courts of their kind in the State of Georgia for 2012. She holds a Masters of Education degree in Emotional and Behavioral Disorders from Armstrong Atlantic University, and a Bachelors of Science in Psychology from East Tennessee State University, as well as teacher certifications in 7 areas. She has a 30 year history of working in Criminal and Juvenile Justice that includes service on numerous committees at local and state levels, and researching, developing, and conducting workshops for Children and Youth Coordinating Council of the Office of the Governor. She is married to Kevin Cottier, and has 2 children and 3 amazing grandchildren.