

NADCP WEBINAR – SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

April 22, 2020-April 23, 2020

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020

DRUG TESTING MYTHBUSTERS

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM (CTL)

Speaker: Paul L. Cary, M.S., - NDCI consultant

What is fact and what is fiction? Using the popular Discovery Channel's show "MythBusters" as a launching point, this session will investigate and evaluate many of the popular myths associated with drug testing. This presentation aims to "prove" or "bust" the myths your clients use to rationalize unfavorable drug testing results. Learn to be savvier than your clients.

Learning Objectives-At the end of this session, the participants will be able to:

- Review the most popular myths used to discredit drug testing results.
- Analyze how these myths are designed to confuse drug test result interpretation.
- Explore the origins of drug testing myths and why they perpetuate.

EQUITY AND INCLUSION

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (CTL)

Speaker: Anne Janku, NDCI Consultant National Association of Drug Court Professionals

Racial disparities in drug and other treatment courts continues to be a challenge as it relates to access, engagement, retention, service delivery and other areas. Courts struggle to address the issue of disparities, and many don't recognize they exist. The Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards state that citizens who have "historically experienced sustained discrimination or reduced social opportunities because of their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, sexual identity, physical or mental disability, religion, or socioeconomic status receive the same opportunities as others." This session will explore how a Drug Court can ensure equivalent access, retention, treatment, incentives and sanctions, dispositions, and provide team training on the necessary issues.

Learning Objectives-At the end of this session, participants will:

- Learn the best practice standard on historically disadvantaged groups.
- Identify strategies to ensure equivalent treatment of all persons in Drug Court.

THE INTERSECTION OF CBD AND TREATMENT COURTS

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM (CTL)

Speaker: Paul L. Cary, M.S., - NDCI consultant

This session will feature an extensive discussion of how the use of cannabidiol (CBD) by participants affects court-mandated abstinence monitoring.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2020

SO, WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO USE JAIL: WHAT DO WE DO INSTEAD? ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION AS A SANCTION.

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (CTL)

Speaker: Dr. Shannon Carey – NDCI Consultant Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center

By definition, drug courts are a nod to the inherent harms of incarceration and its overall ineffectiveness in addressing the health needs of drug-using offenders. Jail sanctions, however, remain a common drug court practice, used to hold participants accountable for certain incidences of noncompliance. This presentation will take a fresh look at this practice and ask: "is it time for change?" The session will also describe a different approach to responding to participant behavior and will cover a variety of options for effective responses that don't involve jail. Common questions will be addressed such as - What if we believe the participant is going to overdose? What if we're waiting for a treatment bed? What if the participant is homeless and we don't want him on the street? What if the participant has threatened the integrity of the program? And what if the participant is dangerous?

Learning Objectives: At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Understand the potential impacts of incarceration
- Learn some different approaches to changing participant behavior
- Gain knowledge of a variety of effective responses to participant behavior that can result in longer lasting behavior change

ALTERNATIVES TRACKS

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM (CTL)

Speaker: Dr. Shannon Carey – NDCI Consultant Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center

Research has indicated that the treatment court model has the largest impact on high risk/high need participants. What about those at other risk and need levels? Does treatment court work for them? What happens to those defendants if they aren't eligible for treatment court? The speaker for this session will describe the latest breaking research on the benefits of creating tracks in your treatment court. They will also cover why and how you should assess for risk and need and discuss in practical terms how they implemented different tracks in their own programs and the lessons learned in the process.

Learning Objectives-At the end of this session, the participant will be able to:

- Understand risk and need and the importance of good assessments
- Gain awareness of the latest research on programs with multiple tracks and the benefits of separating participants at different risk and need levels
- Learn the key steps in creating multiple tracks in your treatment court