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A Message From OASAS Commissioner
Karen Carpenter-Palumbo

2008 Conference Registration Still Available

Late registration is still available for the New York Association of Drug Treatment Court Professional's 2008 Annual Conference. NYADTCP is offering on-line registration again this year at www.nyadtcp.org, although mail-in registration is still available. The conference will be held from March 5 through March 7, 2008 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown Buffalo and the theme for this Tenth Annual Conference and Exhibit is *"Celebrating a Decade of Partnership: Reaffirming Our Commitment."*



Following a "Call for Presentations," the Conference Planning Committee reviewed numerous submissions made by professionals throughout the drug court and substance abuse treatment fields. The following pages contain the preliminary schedule of events for this year's conference.

This year's conference promises to be the Association's biggest and most exciting ever! All are encouraged to register early. And don't forget lodging! The Association has reserved a block of rooms at the Adam's Mark Hotel and overflow hotels, be sure to mention NYADTCP when making reservations in order to obtain the Association's negotiated rate.

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Conference and Exhibit Invitation

Dear Treatment Court Professionals:

Since Drug Treatment Courts were first opened in New York State, there has been no more "business as usual" in our courthouses. The desperation and despair surrounding cases of substance abuse and alcoholism have been replaced by the hope of treatment and redemption. The choices of incarceration or release have been replaced by the option of comprehensive supervision and appropriate consequences. This success belongs to us all - the partners in the drug treatment court movement.

In 2008, we will be holding our 10th training conference and our focus is on our partnerships. This year the conference will be extended by a half a day to allow for more interaction than ever between peers. We will be highlighting our partnership successes at the local level and at the state level. As always, we will be asking how we can do better.

- Hon. John Rowley, President, New York Association of Drug Treatment Court Professionals



Preliminary Conference and Exhibit Schedule

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Registration & Exhibit	Grand Hall/Grand Pavilion
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Plenary I: "New York's Future: A Strategy for Successful Collaboration" Grand Ballroom (CASAC/CLE Approved)	

Introductions: Honorable John Rowley, President NYADTCP

Speaker: Karen Carpenter-Palumbo, Commissioner of OASAS

Description: The focus of this presentation will be to outline how to achieve successful outcomes through collaboration on shared goals among criminal justice, public safety and the addictions field.

2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Plenary II: "Effective Treatment for Mandated Populations"	Grand Ballroom
(CASAC/CLE Approved)		

Speaker: Timothy P. Condon, Deputy Director of NIDA

Description: Dr. Timothy Condon will provide an overview of what is currently known about the biological, behavioral and social mechanisms of drug abuse and addiction and discuss strategies being employed by NIDA to help move promising treatments from research to practice in community-based and criminal justice settings.

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Coffee Break	
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions by Role	
3:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Registration & Exhibit	Grand Hall/Grand Pavilion
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	NYADTCP Board Meeting	Olmstead Room
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Opening Reception	Grand Hall/Grand Pavilion

Opening Remarks: Hon. John Rowley, President, NYADTCP

Keynote: Hon. Judy Harris Kluger, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Court Operations and Planning, NY

Thursday, March 6, 2008

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Grand Hall/Grand Pavilion
7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration	Grand Hall/Grand Pavilion
8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Opening Session	Grand Ballroom

Introductions: Honorable John Rowley, President, NYADTCP

Opening Remarks: Honorable Judy Harris Kluger, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Court Operations and Planning, NYS

8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Plenary I: "Trauma-Informed System Responses"	Grand Ballroom
(CASAC/CLE Approved)		

Introduction: Honorable Jo Ann Ferdinand, Acting Justice of the NYS Supreme Court for Kings County

Speaker: Joan Gillece, Project Director for the National Coordinating Center for the Seclusion and Restraint Reduction Initiative

Description: This session will explore the psychological and social dimensions of trauma and post-traumatic stress as they relate specifically to the experiences of drug court participants and the ongoing work of drug court professionals. The session will emphasize the importance of strong partnerships and ongoing collaboration with mental health providers to ensure that all drug court professionals have a better collective understanding of trauma and that trauma survivors are being identified and provided with more appropriate interventions.

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **BREAK**

10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions I**

Breakout 1: **"Mental Health Court Vs. Drug Court: A New Direction for the Same Path"**

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: Adult

Speakers: Timothy Murray, Executive Director, Pretrial Justice Institute; C. Terence McCormick, MSW, MPA, Mental Health/Criminal Justice Consultant

Description: Starting in the early 1990's and prior to the development of an evidence base, drug courts were the first specialty courts to be adopted by states and localities across the nation. Most recently, there has been a similar phenomenon in the creation of the concept of mental health court and the adoption of this model by over two hundred communities across the country. This workshop will contrast and compare the history and current status of both drug and mental health courts and how these two specialty court models complement or conflict with each other. Additionally the potential role of pre-trial services in both of these models will be discussed.

Breakout 2: **"Trauma Informed System Responses"**

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: All

Speakers: Joan Gillece, Ph. D, Project Director for the National Coordinating Center for the Seclusion and Restraint Reduction Initiative; Co-Presenter: Tonir

Description: This presentation will expand upon the plenary "Trauma Informed System Responses" that explored the psychological and social dimensions of trauma and post-traumatic stress as they relate specifically to the experiences of drug court participants and the ongoing work of drug court professionals. The session will focus specifically on effective treatment strategies for working with trauma victims in drug court settings. Further opportunities for "Questions/Answers" will also be provided in order to increase understanding of the profound impact of traumatization and trauma informed responses that influenced Tonir's life.

Breakout 3: **"An Overview of Addiction Treatment Services for Adolescents in New York State"**

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: Juvenile

Speaker: Maria Morris-Groves, CASAC, Coordinator of Youth and Adolescent Treatment NYS OASAS

Description: This workshop will describe the clinical enhancements that OASAS is making to chemical dependency services for youth with a substance use disorder. The program presenter will provide a snapshot of adolescents in treatment on any given day in New York State and discuss the treatment services available to the adolescent and their family. It will specifically describe two new innovations to the OASAS treatment system for adolescents; Part 817 - Residential Rehabilitation Services for Youth and the Adolescent Outpatient Pilot.

Breakout 4: **"Criminal Procedure 101: For Our Community Agency Partners"**

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: Adult

Speakers: Joseph Valentino, Esq., Law Clerk to Hon. Patricia D. Marks; Constance J. Hart, Esq., Law Clerk to Hon. John R. Schwartz

Description: Drug Court is a unique partnership between the criminal justice system and treatment, operating within the court system. The partners from the criminal justice system (judge, prosecutor, defense bar and court personnel) are better able to do their part to make drug courts successful because they have learned about the disease of addiction, how treatment works, and about obtaining a GED, employment and suitable housing. To make drug courts work even better, it is essential that the non-criminal justice system partners have a basic working knowledge of how the criminal justice system works. Drug courts are not "business as usual". This presentation will discuss a "business as usual" case vs. a case that is transferred/referred to drug court.

Breakout 5: **"Understanding and Coping with Relapse as a Drug Court Practitioner"**

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: All

Speaker: Joe Lunievicz, Deputy Director of the Training Institute at NDRI

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Description: As Drug Courts move from start-up and initiation of services to stabilization and on-going evaluation, long-term issues of team continuity, maturity and growth take on increased importance. Practitioner turnover has become a significant issue for those more established courts. A more informal work environment, increased accessibility in the context of a dual criminal justice and drug treatment environment, the difficulties of coping with relapse, issues of counter-transference, and the impact of vicarious trauma impact upon this. Practitioners learn about participant histories of drug abuse frequently accompanied by violence and trauma as part of the engagement process. The vicarious impact of these histories can have a cumulative effect on any worker. Dealing with a chronic illness for which the client is prone to relapse requires a further understanding of the relapse process and a re-examining of a practitioner's standard of success. As a mitigating factor, practitioners need an awareness of how counter-transference affects their reaction to individual participant relapse and trauma. Self-care and overall team care around these issues will be the key to long-term team survival and continued effectiveness.

Breakout 6: "Developing Accountability in the Lives of Youth: Staff and Youth Perspectives"

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: Family

Speaker: Betsy Stevens, J.D. and MSW, Assistant Counsel, NYS Office of Children and Family Services

Description: Parents in Family Treatment Court may be overwhelmed by the requirements of three different systems: Family Court, AOD treatment and child welfare. How can attorneys, Judges, treatment providers and DSS case workers collaborate to design and implement an effective and coordinated treatment plan for the entire family? What do these systems need to understand about each other and how can they collaborate to meet the needs of the whole family and not just the identified client? This workshop is for anyone on a family treatment court team who is struggling to overcome the conflicts between systems, wants to learn more about the underlying concerns of each system and identify solutions that work for families.

Breakout 7: "Findings from the Multi-Site Adult Drug Court Evaluation"

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: Adult

Speakers: Michael Rempel, M.A., Research Director at the Center for Court Innovation; Janine Zweig, Ph. D., Psychologist, Senior Research Associate at The Urban Institute

Description: This session will include results from the "Multi-Site Adult Drug Court Evaluation," a five-year study of drug courts across the country, including eight in New York State. The presenters will discuss the impact of drug courts as compared with conventional prosecution on drug use, criminal behavior, mental health, employment, and other socioeconomic outcomes. The presenters will also report findings concerning what specific drug court policies produce better or worse outcomes, exploring the role of the judge, case management, drug testing, sanctions, legal consequences of graduation and failure, and defendant perceptions related to how fairly they were treated during their court experience.

Breakout 8: "Clinical Supervision: Partnering Together to Sustain our Commitment"

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: All

Speaker: Pamela Mattel, LCSW-R, CASAC, Executive Deputy Director, BASICS, Inc.

Description: The New York Association of Drug Treatment Court Professionals has a unique opportunity to forge a new path by creating a rationale for clinical supervision and subsequently designing policy and procedures to effectively implement a clinical supervision component. This break out session will focus on identifying the readiness of the court system to explore the use of clinical supervision, and brainstorm starting points. The session is open to any drug treatment court professional.

Breakout 9: "Improving Outcomes: Cultural Proficiency in Drug Court Practice"

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: All

Speaker: Andrew Osborne, MS Ed, Director of the Training Institute of the National Development and Research Institutes (NDRI) and Director of the Training and Dissemination Core of the Center for Drug Use and HIV research (CDUHR)

Description: Culture impacts behavior. Judges, prosecutors, defenders, treatment providers, coordinators and evaluators will be better able to understand, assess and evaluate behavior by observing it through a cultural lens. Re-

sistance can be better explained and addressed. Without insight into the role that culture plays we make assumptions that may lead to poor outcomes.

Breakout 10: "What Do Courts, Child Welfare and Substance Abuse Have in Common?"

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: Family

Speakers: Frank Jordan, Executive Assistant, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge; Larry Pasti, Director, Bureau of Planning and Intervention Design NYS OCFS, Lureen McNeil OASAS Director of Recovery Services and Deputy Director of New York City Operations.

Description: For the past fifteen months, OCFS, OCA and OASAS along with our county and NYC partners, have been participating in an In-Depth Technical Assistance (IDTA) project sponsored by the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare. The focus of this New York Partnership for Family Recovery has been on improving outcomes for families with substance abuse problems involved in the child welfare and family court systems. Workgroups have focused on cross systems training opportunities, funding issues and developing products to support responsive cross system practice. The guidance on practice from screening to discharge along with Shared Values and Guiding Principles Statement will be shared. Dialogue will be encouraged on how to bring this to our collective work.

11:45 a.m. - Noon BREAK

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch Grand Ballroom

Guest Speaker: West Huddleston, CEO National Association

Presentation of the Sherry Lintz, Drug Court Award of Excellence

Honorable John R. Schwartz, Supervising Judge of City Courts, Acting County Court Judge, Seventh Judicial District
Judge Judith Kaye, Chief Judge of the State of New York (Invited)

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Plenary II: "The Development of Recovery Communities"

(CASAC/CLE Approved)

Speaker: Phillip Valentine, Executive Director for the Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR)

Description: CCAR, a leading recovery community organization, has a rich experience in "putting a face on recovery" and "providing recovery support services". This presentation will describe the history of establishing four successful recovery community centers and the services they offer, one being the telephone recovery support program.

2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. BREAK

2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions II

Breakout 1: "Problem Solving Courts Collaborating with Community Based Organizations to Identify and Serve our Veterans"

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: Adult

Speakers: Hon. Patricia Marks, Acting Supreme Court Justice, Presiding Judge, Rochester Drug Treatment Court and Mental Health Court; Carol R. Zimmerman, Vice President of Clinical Services, Veterans Outreach Center; Christopher R. Wilkins, Vice President, DePaul Addiction Services, President ASAP

Description: Veterans Outreach Center (VOC) began collaborating with the Rochester Drug Treatment Court in 1999. Since that time the VATIP (Veterans Alternative to Incarceration Program) has helped close to 300 veterans turn their lives around. This collaboration has yielded an estimated savings of more than \$4 million public dollars. VATIP identifies veterans of all ages as they enter the criminal justice system or return to it through the Department of Parole for conduct violations. So often, as we work with veterans to identify the cause of their problems, we find they stem from their military service, explaining why at least 15% of all problem solving court participants are veterans. The experiences of the veteran while serving our country, has left deep emotional and physical scars. VATIP is designed to address these issues in using a person-centered model. The veterans, who choose this program as an alternative to incarceration, pay their debt to society by "serving time" in a productive manner and building a better life. We, in turn, owe them this chance to heal, to change and to become positive, contributing members of our community.

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Breakout 2: “Developing Accountability in the Lives of Youth: Staff and Youth Perspectives”

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: Juvenile

Speakers: Michael Magnani, Esq., Director, Division of Grants and Program Development; Dr. Shelly Cohen, Ph. D., Senior Research Specialist, Stony Brook University; Pamela Linden, LMSW, Senior Research Specialist

Description: Opening and maintaining a successful Juvenile Treatment Court takes strong leadership, hard work, and a caring and dedicated staff. Strong community collaboration, and a commitment to continuous modification in response to the changing needs of the youth and families that are being served by the Court is necessary. This presentation summarizes lessons learned from site visits to four operational Juvenile Treatment Courts within New York State and site visits to nationally recognized juvenile court programs on how to overcome the natural obstacles in the planning and implementation of a successful Juvenile Treatment Court. The result of those site visits was the creation of a training curriculum, *Developing Accountability in the Lives of the Youth (DAILY): The New York State Approach*, which was presented to three sets of Juvenile Treatment Court teams in both the planning and implementation stages. Feedback immediately after these trainings and post a follow-up period was also valuable in determining the needs of Juvenile Treatment Court teams in implementing successful strategies for dealing with the multiple problems presented by youth involved in the Juvenile Justice system.

Breakout 3: “Psychopharmacology of Addiction and Relapse”

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: All

Speaker: Steve Hanson, CASAC, LMHC, Director of the NYS OASAS Bureau of Addiction Treatment Centers

Description: Recent advances in understanding neurochemical aspects of addiction and relapse can help Drug Courts understand some of the difficulties experienced in helping people maintain recovery. This workshop will present some of these concepts in an easy to understand fashion. The topics include: brain chemistry, reward circuits, impulse control, stress and relapse, etc. There will also be a discussion of techniques that Drug Courts can use to help their participants in early recovery.

Breakout 4: “Community Linkages for Infectious Disease Support: Insights from Drug Treatment Programs”

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: All

Speaker: Sheila Strauss, Ph. D., Principal Investigator and Director, Pless Center for Nursing Research at NYU

Description: Drug court staff is in an optimal position to collaborate with community health care workers in order to provide Hepatitis C virus (HCV) and other infectious disease related support and care for drug users. To inform an optimal system of collaboration involving drug courts, we report results from a unique set of data collected from our research projects involving HCV services facilitated by drug treatment programs. Intended for staff in drug courts involved in infectious disease care or referral, our presentation will discuss, from the perspectives of clients, staff, and administrators, their views on the availability, value, and use of HCV services offered through these programs, focusing especially on community-based linkages.

Breakout 5: “Our Stories Have Power: A Media Workshop for Recovery Addiction”

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: All

Speakers: Tom Coderre, National Field Director, Faces and Voices of Recovery; Betty Currier, Board Member/Northeast Regional Rep Faces and Voices of Recovery and Director of the Council on Addictions of New York State

Description: By changing the way that we talk about our “message” and our experiences with recovery, we can gain broader public support for policies that support recovery and remove discriminatory barriers. Telling our stories purposefully in the media and putting a face on recovery is one way to explain to the public and policymakers why it makes sense to invest in more opportunities for people to achieve long-term recovery. Learn interviewing tips and techniques and how to use your story and Faces & Voices’ messaging in the media and with policymakers and allies.

Breakout 6: “Patterns of Criminality and their Implications for Treatment Professionals”

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: All

Speaker: David Deitch, Ph. D., Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at the University of California, San Diego on sabbatical at Phoenix House

Description: How do issues of criminality affect drug misuse? Environmental impacts on adolescent development that influence criminality, drug misuse and mental illness will be explored; distinct patterns of criminality and their implications for treatment providers will be described and an overview of complicating profiles in the treatment arena (i.e. the issues of psychopathic vs. antisocial vs. garden variety offending which is socialized) will be provided; lastly, the key differences and implications for both assessment and treatment considerations will be addressed.

Breakout 7: “Overview of the Treatment of Opioid Dependence and the role of Buprenorphine/Naloxone in Drug Court Treatment”

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: Adult

Speakers: Hon. Robert Ziemian, Presiding Judge South Boston Drug Court, Andrew Perry, MD, South Boston Community Health Center; Grace Saunders, USPO

Description: This workshop will provide an overview of the treatment of Opioid dependence and the role of Buprenorphine/Naloxone (Suboxone®). Distinctions between Suboxone® and Methadone and their associated treatment settings/practices will be outlined and the role and value of medication-assisted treatment in drug court clients discussed. Presenters will provide an overview on the evaluation of drug court clients for medication-assisted treatment and discuss best practices for drug court management of clients on Suboxone®, focusing on how to maximize success while minimizing relapse and diversion. Personal experiences in the drug court world will be discussed.

Breakout 8: “Strong Roots; Solid Growth: The History and Future Direction of AOD Prevention in New York State”

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: All

Speaker: Fran Harding, Associate Commissioner of the Division of Prevention and Recovery

Description: This workshop will highlight the conceptual framework, current prevention system and future direction of the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services Division of Prevention. A brief history of the prevention field will be discussed and a detailed explanation of the current Risk and Protection Prevention Framework will be shared. Partnerships are a key element in the success of the prevention system and the collaborations between treatment, recovery and prevention community providers will be explored. The workshops will also delve into the key partnerships needed to create and sustain a successful community coalition. Specific evaluation data highlighting one award winning New York State community coalition will also be presented.

Breakout 9: “Vicarious Trauma and Compassion Fatigue in the Drug Court Setting”

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: All

Speakers: Peter K. Navratil, LCSW-R, ACSW, CASAC, Director of Mental Health Services, Rochester Rehabilitation Center, Inc.; Patricia Lincourt, CASAC, Addiction Planning Analyst; Robert Killar, CASAC, Director, Counselor Wellness Program

Description: This workshop will focus on the stressors experienced by working directly with drug court participants. Issues to be addressed include the communication barriers, conflicts of interest, dependence on others for performance of one’s job, and lack of participation in decision-making within the court structure. In addition to working within the court system, drug court personnel are often exposed to client failure, sanctions, trauma, grief and other stress related events, regarding drug court participants. Such exposure is stressful enough to have a cumulative and devastating effect on one’s view of the world and oneself, and sometimes one’s willingness and ability to work effectively with drug court participants. This workshop will address techniques for recognizing and managing these stressors and coping with potential burnout.

4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. BREAK

4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Plenary III: “Stories of Hope” Grand Ballroom

Introduction: Honorable Jo Ann Ferdinand, Acting Justice of the New York State Supreme Court for Kings County-
Panelists: Graduates from various New York State Judicial Districts

(CASAC/CLE Approved)

Preliminary Conference and Exhibit Schedule

Description: Drug court graduates from various districts in the State of New York will share their experiences in the courts, and their stories of hope, to motivate policy makers and drug court professionals to continue to expand the number of people served.

Friday, March 7, 2007

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast Grand Hall/Grand Pavilion

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Concurrent Sessions III

Breakout 1: "Experiential Approaches to Addiction Treatment"

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: All

Speaker: Steve Hanson, CASAC, LMHC, Director of the NYS OASAS Bureau of Addiction Treatment Centers

Description: Experiential exercises are becoming a proven way to engage participants in treatment, enhance team building and trust, and to liven up the therapeutic process. By actively engaging people in activities designed to help them solve problems, recognize feelings and cope with stress, treatment can be more effective. The exercises are also fun, which helps keep staff and participants engaged in the treatment process. This workshop will demonstrate some of the many different exercises that one can use to enhance treatment.

Breakout 2: "The UTA: Overcoming Communication Barriers Between Drug Courts and Treatment Providers"

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: All

Speakers: Christina Ruffino, CASAC-T, Clinical Director of the Brooklyn Treatment Court; Co-presenters: Kevin Lasko, MS, Statewide Trainer for the Office of Court Drug Treatment Programs; Ranji Lachmansingh, CASAC, Legal Coordinator; Herbert Hardwick, CASAC, Community Resource Coordinator for Brooklyn Treatment Court

Description: The workshop will focus on ways that treatment providers and drug court teams can improve their communication and better serve their participants; ensuring the exchange of accurate and critical information regarding the treatment process in a timely and efficient manner by utilizing the Universal Treatment Application (UTA). In addition, a description of the UTA and Citrix will be offered.

Breakout 3: "The Use of Medication in the Treatment of Alcoholism"

Audience: Adult/Family

Speaker: Robert F. Forman, Ph. D., Clinical Scientist, Medical Affairs

Description: The FDA has approved four medications for the treatment of alcohol dependency: Disulfiram, Naltrexone, Acamprosate and Vivitrol for extended release injectable suspension. In this presentation, an overview of the clinical pharmacology, efficacy and safety of each medication is reviewed. Following this overview, the role of medication non-adherence in compromising the efficacy of certain of these medications is discussed. Real world practical implications of alcoholism medication will be explored.

Breakout 4: "Rebuilding Community Relationships - Community Service and Restorative Justice"

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: Adult

Speakers: Karen Ambrozik, Project Manager New York State Drug Treatment Courts; Desiree Rogers, CASAC, Tompkins County Drug Treatment Courts Resource Coordinator; Sara Luck, Resource Coordinator Fulton County Court; Darlene Desmond, Assistant Coordinator for Tompkins County Treatment Courts

Description: This session is designed to give operational Drug Treatment Courts ideas about how to incorporate community service as part of their programs. Panelists will discuss Restorative Justice and community service initiatives designed and implemented by the participants and the benefits from those projects for the participant and the community.

Breakout 5: "Engaging the Latina Client to Successfully Complete the Drug Court Program"

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: All

Speaker: Diana Padilla, Program Manager for a BJA funded Drug Court Program Cultural Proficiency in Drug Court practice and the Coordinator of Training for NDRI

Description: Working with the Latina population in the Drug Court program can present some unique challenges to this community. While many women in the drug court program share common factors, it is important for practitioners to understand the issues specific to the Latina client. Drug Court teams face the arduous task of identifying these factors and developing an individualized treatment plan that will engage the Latina client and enhance the chances of completing the program and increasing the likelihood of retention. Understanding the client's cultural perceptions of child care, family values, abuse and other issues will help in developing effective approaches of engagement which are essential to promoting behavior change with the Latina population. Practitioners will gain an understanding of how these cultural issues affect Latina clients and begin to develop strategies to address them.

Breakout 6: "Tobacco Free Services: How This Regulation May Impact Your Clients"

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: All

Speakers: Patricia Flaherty, Esq., Associate Council NYS OASAS; Thomas Nightingale, CASAC, NYS OASAS, Division of Treatment and Practice Innovation; Peggy Bonneau, NYS OASAS, Director of Health and Wellness

Description: The workshop will explore the regulatory process, the intent behind the rule, and the expectations the agency has in regard to compliance issues. Your understanding of the agency's rule in your role as a drug court professional will be an integral part of how the overriding theme of wellness, recovery and abstinence from all harmful and addictive substances is communicated throughout the treatment continuum. Tobacco use and continued alcohol and other substance use are related as to negative consequences of both as well as poor treatment outcomes in those that continue to smoke. The research and health consequences are described so that the participant can understand the reasons for this initiative.

Breakout 7: "Queens DWI Court - A Pilot Program"

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: Adult

Speakers: Hon. Marcia P. Hirsch, Presiding Judge of the Queens Treatment Court and the Queens Mental Health Court; Helena Campbell, Probation Officer; Peter Manzo, Case Manager Queens Treatment Court

Description: Queens County has the highest Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) arrests compared to the other four boroughs of New York City. In October 2006, The Queens County Court established the first DWI pilot program that targets felony level DWI offenders in New York City. Under the DWI Court Treatment protocol, once the participant successfully completes the program, the felony conviction is reduced to a misdemeanor with 3 year's probation. The presentation will discuss the participants' demographic, program requirements and the collaboration with the New York City Department of Probation. DWI participants are assigned to Interim Probation Supervision (IPS) which allows the Probation Officer to conduct field visits to home and employment, collateral visits to school and treatment programs, office visits and random drug tests on site and in the field.

Breakout 8: "Motivational Interviewing: The Court and the Defendant Working Together"

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: All

Speakers: Charles Syms, MSW, LCSW, Clinical Associate Professor, University of Buffalo School of Social Work; Peter Sobota, MSW, LCSW, Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Buffalo School of Social Work

Description: Increasingly, in the addiction treatment field, there is a shifting away from confrontational techniques in favor of more motivational approaches. The underpinning of this kind of approach is to identify and enhance the internal motivation for change. Motivational Interviewing is an evidenced-based intervention that could begin with the initial court process and continued into the treatment arena. Motivational Interviewing has been designated as a best practice by NYS-OASAS and has a significant amount of evidence demonstrating its effectiveness.

Breakout 9: "Self Help as an Adjunct to Treatment"

(CASAC/CLE Approved) Audience: All

Speakers: Howard Halligan, LMHC, CASAC, Addiction Program Specialist; Henry Kurcman, CASAC

Description: Self help programs can be an important adjunct to treatment if used effectively. This presentation will review the basic elements of self help programs and their strengths as well as limitations.

Preliminary Conference and Exhibit Schedule

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **BREAK**

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **Plenary I: "The Power of the Story of Recovery"** **Grand Ballroom**

(CASAC/CLE Approved)

Introduction: Honorable John R. Schwartz, Supervising Judge of City Courts, Acting County Court Judge, Seventh Judicial District

Speaker: Earl Hightower, CCDC

Description: A nationally acclaimed, certified interventionalist will discuss why people in recovery are celebrating their successes and sharing them with others in an effort to educate the public about treatment, how it works, for whom, and why. Because these successes often go unnoticed by the broader population, these efforts provide a vehicle for people to share their recovery stories to impact policy.

11:30 a.m. *Conference Adjourned*

Conference and Hotel Information

Date

March 5-7, 2008

Where

Adams Mark Hotel
120 Church Street
Buffalo, NY 14202
United States
(716) 845-5100

Hotel Information

Adams Mark Hotel is now fully booked for the conference dates. Please make reservations at the Holiday Inn Buffalo/Downtown 716 886 2121, Hyatt Hotel 716 856 1234 or the Comfort Suites 716 854 5500. All three overflow hotels will honor the \$89/night room fee.



Registration

Conference registration may be completed online by visiting www.nyadtcp.org. Please note that you do NOT have to pay online to register for this event. If you would rather mail the registration and pay by check or money order, you or your organization should do the following: After filling out all of the appropriate information on the registration website, copy the Conference Purchases section and print out for your Purchasing Department. Then simply by-pass the order section and click on submit, attending. Your purchasing department may then send the appropriate payment via check MADE PAYABLE TO NYADTCP INC. and mail to Jennie Cunningham McManus. YOU WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED REGISTERED UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED BY THE PLANNER.

Conference Fees:

Conference Participant Ticket (register on or before February 15, 2008)	\$175
Conference Participant Ticket (register after February 15, 2008)	\$195

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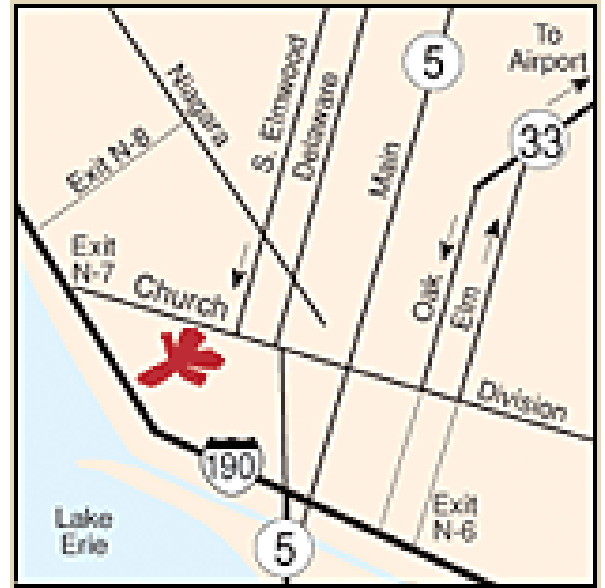
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Family Treatment Court - An Attorney's View

By Julia Kretzmann, Esq.

I have worked as a respondent's attorney in Tompkins County Family Treatment Court for approximately five and a half years. I was immediately interested in the concept of family treatment courts and throughout my time working within this particular one I have not been entirely disappointed. Of course, what may seem like a very good idea on paper can often be extremely difficult to achieve in reality. The idea of breaking the cycle of neglect in families that struggle with substance abuse as well as other issues is a great one. Providing a higher level of support, accountability and opportunities may make the difference between patching a bandaid on a problem and truly healing it. Sometimes our family treatment court appears to provide this arena for true change while other times it feels more like we're just putting a bigger and fancier bandaid on the same old problem.

I'm honored to represent the clients that participate in family treatment court. They are all people who have suffered, often for more than one and many different reasons, and yet still find the strength to push forward and meet the challenges of this rigorous program. They are full of wisdom, wit and bravery and I very much enjoy getting to know them and working with them. A unique closeness comes about with my family treatment court clients for two main reasons. The first is that this program requires such an intrusion into a person's most private life so that there is a sort of forced intimacy. And the second is the amount of time we spend in an attorney/client relationship. Most family treatment court cases do not resolve, either through graduation of the participant from the program or some other resolution, until at least a year and a half to two years, if not significantly longer in some cases. In addition, there is at least weekly face to face meetings with each client when they begin the program and are coming to court on a weekly basis as well as numerous other interactions on a very regular basis.

I think the respondent's attorney has an important role in family treatment courts both in the beginning when the neglect petition is first filed and then also in an ongoing capacity once a respondent has joined the program. One of the most intensive times spent with family treatment court clients is prior to their entering the program when we as their attorneys help them decide whether to enter the program or not. I want to be able to tell these prospective participants that this is a new and different approach to neglect cases, that it is strength-based, that they may even end up having a positive opinion of DSS and that it is probably the surest and best way to have their children returned, or to keep their children at home if no removal has yet taken place. I actually do tell my clients this, but unfortunately I'm not 100% convinced that all of that is true so I have to temper it with words like "usually" and "in most cases". Of course, a great deal of how each case progresses depends on the client's performance. However, I also believe that our program anyway has not yet perfected the new approach and we aren't always able to deliver what the program is supposed to offer.

Post disposition, the presence of a respondent's attorney in family treatment court is still vital. Being my clients' voice at team meetings and advocating for their positions and rights with the team and in court feels like a necessary and important job. There is often no one else at the table who has the luxury of being able to have such a simple agenda - what does my client want and how do I help him or her achieve that. There are many other people involved with the team who are looking out for the best interest of the children and the best way to recovery from addiction. In addition, in a atmosphere that is all about openness and honesty, it is helpful for the client to still have a place where things can be discussed privately in the context of attorney/client confidentiality. In this way, I am often able to help participants make decisions that will serve them better in the end and shield them from complete exposure when their nerves are already raw.

I think the most difficult part for me as a respondents' attorney in the context of family treatment court is the amount of speculation that occurs regularly at our team meetings. As an attorney we are used to dealing with the facts, and only the facts that can be proven within the rules of evidence. I find myself saying "We don't know that yet" on a very regular basis at our team meetings. It is understandable that speculation occurs but it troubles me

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because I think it is not just innocent, it has a lasting effect that can be damaging. For example, if there is some talk about the likelihood that a participant is using, because of rumors or behavior but no positive tests to confirm use, the suspicion still remains and colors how that participant is approached, whether consciously or not. That approach or attitude then inevitably colors how the participant reacts to team members and things often snowball.

The other significant aspect of being a respondent's attorney in family treatment court is the teamwork. The challenge of working within the framework of a team should never be underestimated. From the beginning I thought to myself this will be good for me, because I'm not traditionally a team player. I'm a solo practitioner by choice. I like calling the shots, being solely responsible for my work product and being my own boss. So sitting down at a table twice a week with at least a dozen people from all different disciplines is interesting to say the least.

But it is good for me and for everyone on the team, I think. It is inevitable that there will be clashes between personalities and we won't always agree on the best course of action but the pooling together of the resources each person brings to the team and coming up with the best possible result is remarkable and when it's working I'm proud to be a piece of it. As our family treatment court judge recently said "This is about excellence". I want this to be about excellence. So my job is to advocate for my client's positions as clearly and strongly as I can while at the same time helping my clients accept the support and aid offered by other team members. Family treatment courts should be able to make a real difference in the long run for the children growing up now. Achieving this desired result will continue to depend on a commitment to the strength-based approach as well as a commitment to working together as a team, no matter how stressful that can sometimes become.

When I think about the big picture and how we function as a human race, one of the most obvious things I believe we can do to elevate us all is to treat each other with respect and compassion, no matter what our circumstances. I catch a glimmer, and sometimes more than a glimmer of that through my work with family treatment court.

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nate the efforts of both systems.

OASAS will continue to support all treatment providers working together with their local Drug Treatment Court to help people end their addiction and their criminal involvement. This is one of the most effective partnerships in existence, and all New Yorkers benefit from its accomplishments.

The treatment of addiction is most successful when the individual receives the support of caring people, evidence-based practices, a consistent message and sufficient time in treatment. Drug Treatment Courts embody these principles with an acute reliance on individual accountability. When everyone - from clients of the program to attorneys and partners in the criminal justice system - have a stake in the treatment process, recidivism is reduced, families are reunited, and criminal justice costs are diminished.

I look forward to my future visits to Drug Treatment Courts around New York, participating in graduations, and meeting with your leaders and members to further strengthen our commitment to our state's outstanding system.

- Karen Carpenter-Palumbo



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It is a privilege for the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services to join with the New York Association of Drug Treatment Court Professionals in its outstanding work in Drug Treatment Courts.

Congratulations to Judge Judith Kaye, Judge Judy Kluger, the NYS Office of Court Administration and the NYSADTCP on the award presented last month in Washington, D.C., for the recognition brought to the Drug Treatment Courts of this state.

In 2006, OASAS served more than 7,000 clients through the Drug Treatment Courts and I would like now to express our continued commitment to the leadership role that New York has taken in this area. We recognize the vital role that Drug Courts play in helping those who suffer from addiction. This model has been one of the most effective collaborative efforts ever developed in addressing addiction.

Our Executive Team at OASAS is working with me to identify the ways in which OASAS can continue to be helpful in providing treatment and recovery support resources to the Drug Courts. Steve Hanson, the OASAS Assistant Director of Addiction Treatment Centers, now serves on the Board of Directors of NYADTCP. Through his work and that of our entire team, we are invested in helping foster and encourage the Drug Court movement in the state.

OASAS provides training to Drug Treatment Court professionals, a training module that has emerged into a nationally recognized standard of excellence. OASAS also collaborates with the Office of Court Administration (OCA) and the Center for Court Innovation to pilot family-based prevention services in five Family Treatment Courts across the state; as well as participating in the best practices committee for Drug Courts. In Brooklyn, OASAS is now working with the Brooklyn Drug Treatment Court to develop a model for clients ages 18 to 24. OASAS and OCA also co-chair a bi-monthly meeting of New York City Drug Treatment Court personnel and certified treatment agencies to coordi-

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