
**Enhancing
Treatment Outcome
with Clients in
Addiction Treatment
and the
Criminal Justice System**

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Challenges

- Unique issues for clients in a Recovery Oriented System of Care
 - Criminal thinking
 - Personal Values
 - Problems with anger and hostility
 - Stigma of being criminals
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Information on evidence based practices

- ❑ Offender/clients - best served by substance abuse treatment and criminal justice system working together
 - ❑ requires leaders in both systems promoting mutual goals
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Information on evidence based practices

- Definitions of both system
 - Substance Abuse Treatment: broad range of primary and supportive services
 - Identification, brief intervention, counseling, etc.
 - Criminal Justice System: include four sub-systems
 - Pretrial and diversion, jails and detention, prisons and community supervision settings

Philosophies of both system

- ❑ Substance abuse: harms reduction, abstinence, long term recovery

 - ❑ Criminal Justice System: retribution, penal harm, restitution, restoration
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Information on evidence based practices

- ❑ Need for screening and assessment
 - ❑ Collecting accurate information is key
 - Substance use history
 - Booking records
 - Self-reports/interview info
- ❑ Variables of screening and assessing
 - ❑ Timing
 - ❑ Drug Testing
 - ❑ Screening instruments
 - ❑ Trauma, Co-occurring Disorder

Information on evidence based practices

□ Treatment Levels

- Outpatient, inpatient, residential

□ Motivation and Readiness for Change

- Important predictors of treatment compliance, dropout and outcomes

□ Justice system influences

- sanctions and incentives
 - probation
 - mandatory treatment
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Drug Court



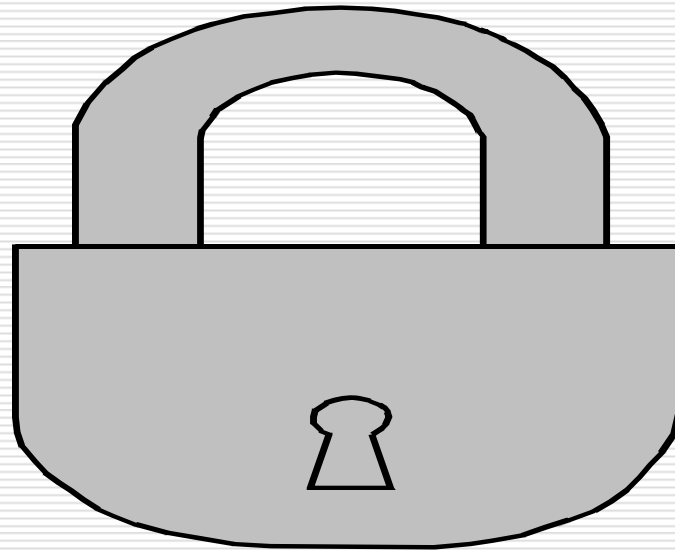
- Purpose of TIM Court
 - Intensive team approach
 - National Association of Drug Court Professional
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Drug Court



- public safety versus public health
 - treatment versus corrections
 - differing client needs, issues of culture and society
 - and local characteristics of the criminal justice
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Unlocking the keys to success



Collaboration

- Recovery oriented system of care
 - treatment providers
 - criminal justice
 - Recovery coaches
 - Recovery capital
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Indicators of success

- Reduction of drug abuse – sustained recovery
 - Low or no recidivism rate of criminal behavior
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Recovery oriented system approach

- The National Outcome Measures (NOMs)
 - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) approach to performance measures.
 - NOMs are broken down into sub-categories called “domains”
 - Assist communities
 - Work with community partners to promote wide use of best practices
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National Outcome Measures Domains

- ❑ 1: Reduced Morbidity – Abstinence from Drug/Alcohol Use
 - ❑ 2: Employment/Education
 - ❑ 3: Crime and Criminal justice
 - ❑ 4: Social Connectedness
 - ❑ 5: Access/Capacity*
 - ❑ 6: Retention
 - ❑ 7: Cost Effectiveness*
 - ❑ 8: Use of Evidence-based Practices and Strategies*
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Balanced and Restorative Justice

- ❑ Crime is Injury, hurts victims, communities and the offenders themselves
 - ❑ Obligation to make things right – all parties responsible
 - ❑ Accountability and restoration
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Coalition to Reduce Recidivism

- A felony conviction is not a life sentence – no more victims
 - Reentry programs
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Enhancing Outcomes

- ❑ Outcomes must link interventions with results
- ❑ A continuous and ongoing system – not a study
- ❑ a formula for states: treatment + outcomes = funding

Christner & Stovell, 1996

Enhancing Outcomes

- ❑ Encourage collaboration. Importance for two way communication in providing the relevant information in working with offenders
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Enhancing Outcomes

- ❑ Recognizing and report to legal system the clients changes.
 - ❑ Successful link with community's agencies and legal system require careful planning by attending committee or planning meetings.
 - ❑ Involving family and significant others in treatment process
 - ❑ Utilize evidence based practices to increase engagement and retention of clients with addictions involved in the criminal justice system
 - ❑ Implement collaborations for alternative to incarceration and enhancing treatment outcomes
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