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### **10 Key Components of Healing to Wellness Courts**

The Tribal 10 Key Components are adapted for Tribal Communities from the operational components developed for State Drug Courts. The 10 Key Components emphasize the importance of Tribal sovereignty and the importance of community connection for the participants. This session will discuss each of the components and provide “key take aways”. This presentation is for all levels of experience, but those who are new to Healing to Wellness Courts will benefit from this information.

Learning objectives:

- Learn the 10 Key Components of HTWC.
- Importance of Tribal sovereignty and community connections.
- Key takeaways.

**Presenter:**

**Mark Dyea (Pueblo of Laguna)** is an enrolled member of the Pueblo of Laguna and Disabled Veteran. Mark is the Tribal Grants Manager for the American Probation and Parole Association where he collaborates with tribes to secure training and technical assistance in program planning, implementation, and enhancement. Mark has 17 years of Community Supervision and Treatment Court experience. Mark worked for the Pueblo of Laguna’s Probation & Parole Services for over ten years (2004-2015) as a Probation Officer, Wellness Court Coordinator, and Program Manager. During his time with Laguna’s Probation & Parole Services Mark co-founded the Pueblo’s Community Wellness Court and served as its Co-Coordinator from 2007 to 2014. Mark has also worked as a Case Manager for the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Specialty Courts and Coordinator for the Pueblo of San Felipe Healing to Wellness Court. Mark served as a Sr. Consultant for the NADCP Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Planning Initiative and as faculty for Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI). As a consultant, Mark has worked with numerous jurisdictions across the country to develop and enhance treatment courts.

### **Acudetox/AcuWellness: A Non-Judgmental Supplementary Therapy to Effectively Treat SUD and Trauma**

Acudetox is an ear acupuncture technique also known as the "5-needle protocol" or "5NP". While initially developed for addiction treatment, after 9/11 acudetox was determined effective in providing relief to traumatized first responders and survivors. The overwhelming majority of people on criminal justice supervision are facing substance use problems, trauma and stigmatization. The 5-needle protocol is not a cure, but is a highly effective supplementary therapy. Because 5NP is a non-verbal, non-diagnostic, group therapy, it is particularly effective in helping traumatized and stigmatized people stay in treatment and programming. The 5-needle protocol is extremely safe, inexpensive and effective, as well as easy to learn, and can be easily adopted in drug court settings.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Explain the social justice implications of the history of the development of acudetox and the potential for "grass roots" access to treatment.
- Explain why a non-verbal, non-diagnostic, group therapy like acudetox can be particularly effective and appropriate for participants dealing with addiction, trauma and stigmatization.
- Discuss three ways acudetox could be incorporated into service delivery in problem-solving court settings.

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**Charles Pyle** is a retired US Magistrate Judge for the District of Arizona, as well as co-founder and Board member of the non-profit Second Chance Tucson. In retirement, Judge Pyle has focused on supporting efforts by government agencies and non-profits to help people make a successful transition from incarceration to community. Judge Pyle is an Arizona Acupuncture Board Certified Acupuncture Detoxification Specialist and goes to the BOP halfway house in Tucson every Tuesday evening to provide acudetox treatments for residents and staff.

**Nobi Pyle** grew up in Tokyo, Japan, but has lived in Arizona for over 40 years. She is a licensed acupuncturist and has practiced Asian medicine in Tucson for over 25 years. Nobi is certified to train people to become acupuncture detoxification specialists and holds numerous training classes in Arizona and elsewhere throughout the year. In addition to joining her husband at the BOP halfway house on Tuesday evenings, Nobi and her sewing buddies went to the ADCRR Pima Reentry Center twice a month for four years to provide sewing lessons to the residents, all of whom were male.

**Addiction and Therapeutic Adjustments (NDCI SPONSORED)**

This session will show how addiction science can improve the effectiveness of treatment court behavioral response strategies and why and how treatment services are adjusted in response to participant behavior. It will show how a court deals with addiction and provide the opportunity to practice defining key terms in non-stigmatizing, plain language.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Define addiction and substance use disorder (SUD).
- Define recovery/remission and recovery capital.
- Recognize the differences between treatment interventions and modalities.
- Describe how to adjust treatment plans to coincide with participant progress.
- Define SUD recurrence, continued use, and lapse/slip.
- Recognize how reassessment and proper categorization of participant use (i.e., recurrence or continued use) helps craft the appropriate treatment response.
- Recognize that there is a scientific foundation for changing behavior informed by participants' clinical (recovery) status and progress.
- Identify appropriate participant milestones for recognizing progress and engagement

**Presenter:**

**Helen Feroli** owns a consulting business where she is able to harness her more than 25 years' experience in human services to assist new and existing agencies in the areas of staff & program development, quality management, licensing, and accreditation. She also works part-time providing mental health and substance use disorder counseling services. Helen has worked with treatment courts since 2011 and has served as a consultant faculty member with NADCP since 2016. She is committed to giving back to her community and serves as a volunteer with the American Red Cross and on the board of a local non-profit organization providing sober housing & wraparound services to families affected by addiction. Helen received her Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology from Bridgewater University. She lives in Bend, Oregon with her husband and daughter. In her free time, Helen enjoys gardening, horseback riding, historical fiction, and spoiling their two large dogs.

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**BJA Listening Session: BJA Grant Solicitation**

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**Facilitators:** Shannon Carey and Theresa Herrera Allen



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**BJA Listening Session: Recovery Capital**

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**Facilitators:** Shannon Carey and Theresa Herrera Allen



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**BJA Listening Session: Treatment Court Enrollment**

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**Facilitators:** Shannon Carey and Theresa Herrera Allen



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**Choosing Effective Responses (NDCI SPONSORED)**

This session will cover the critical issue of how to address multiple behavioral problems with multiple responses to appropriately respond to participant behavior. Teams will practice using a graduated approach to ISTA (Incentives, Sanctions & Therapeutic Adjustments), determining proximal and distal behaviors, and deciding how to select the appropriate type and magnitude of response to participant behavior.

**Learning Objectives:**

- State that consequences for participants' behavior need to be predictable, fair, consistent, and administered in accordance with evidence-based principles of effective behavior modification.
- Explain how certainty and immediacy are dealt with in treatment court.
- Define proximal, distal, and mastered goals.
- Describe strategies for tailoring consequences to the person and their circumstances.
- Recognize how to combine rewards, sanctions, and therapeutic adjustments to address multiple behaviors of participants.
- Identify the best order in which to address simultaneous achievements and infractions by participants.
- Identify how to shape behavior by prioritizing participant goals.
- Describe purpose of six-question analysis.
- Recognize how to select the appropriate type and magnitude of response.

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**Presenter:**

**Michelle Hart** worked in the field of probation, in Coconino County, AZ, for nearly 28 years; retiring in June 2021. During her tenure in as a probation officer, she worked in various areas of supervision, such as juvenile probation, Adult Intensive Probation and Treatment Courts. In 2010, Ms. Hart became a Probation Supervisor, and 2016, became the Deputy Chief of her department; the position she held at retirement. Throughout her career, Ms. Hart has held a passion for training in the field of probation supervision and treatment courts, along with implementing best practices to achieve the best outcomes for both officers and the clients served. In addition to training within her department, she has trained throughout the state of Arizona and nationally. In 2008, Ms. Hart began presenting at national conferences. She is a certified trainer in the areas of domestic violence and motivational interviewing. Ms. Hart is also a certified facilitator in the criminal thinking program Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) and National Curriculum and Training Institute's cognitive behavior groups. Additionally, she has been trained in EPICS-II and SUSTAIN. In 2012, Ms. Hart became a faculty member with the National Drug Court Institute. She continues in this capacity and has the honor of working with treatment court teams throughout the country, providing training, group facilitation, and technical assistance. Ms. Hart has been a board member of the Arizona Association of Drug Court Professionals since 2009, previously serving as Vice President and President. She also currently serves on the Advisory Board for the National Drug Court Resource Center, and the Advisory Council for the Rural Justice Collaborative.

**Community Efforts: A journey of learning we can't do it alone, a path to diversity, balance, service and honesty.**

Clinical Director - Will provide information on clinical, cultural, and various approaches to treat drug and alcohol abuse within the Native American community. Director of Operations - Will provide information on how important the care and needs of the Native American patients we serve outside the facility services are. Vice President will provide awareness and address current & historical trauma in the Native American communities.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Service
- Balance
- Awareness

**Presenters:**

**Allen King** is a member of the Zuni tribe (mother) and Dine' tribe (late father) of New Mexico. Mr. King now serves as the Vice President for Sunrise Native Recovery in Scottsdale Arizona for tribal members seeking recovery on a national level. He has over 15 years of experience working with tribal communities and in the health field such as IHS and Urban Indian Health, and CMS. He has been recognized locally in Arizona and nationally as a person who is dedicated to community service, both in the rural and urban areas for tribal members. He understands we cannot make healthy changes alone; Allen's commitment is to unite with other Native American organizations, businesses, and entrepreneurs to become a healing forest for our tribal communities.

**Cristina Perez** has been in the clinical field for over 18 years, recently serving as the Sunrise Native Recovery Clinical Director. Her administrative functions are related to compliance with budgets, clinical services, quality control, and coordination with organizations, and is passionate about working with Native American communities. Mrs. Perez obtained a bachelor's from ASU in Justice Studies, an MBA from the University of Phoenix, a Professional Certification in the Nonprofit Management program at ASU, and many other certifications, and has been an Independent Licensed Substance Abuse Counselor since 2004.

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Mrs. Perez was inducted into the US Department of Labor/Job Corps Alpha Award, as the Hall of Fame winner for her participation and support in the community.

**Kelley Hartman** hales from the Midwest and has been serving the Phoenix community for the last eleven years. Ms. Hartman has a background as a military police officer serving during the Iraq War. She continued to serve veterans as an assistant in the Mental Health Department at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Phoenix while also pursuing her pre-med degree. Ms. Hartman completed her Master's degree in Physician Assistant studies with a heavy emphasis on Dual Diagnosis and Addiction Medicine. She combined her two passions of law enforcement and medicine as a clinical liaison with Maricopa County Drug Court and continued to build a career as an Operations Director of Substance Abuse facilities.

### **Contingency Management: Using Rewards to Drive Recovery**

Contingency Management is a form of addiction treatment that activates the brain's reward system to promote healthy behaviors and bridge the gap between drug use and sustained sobriety. Despite decades of evidence supporting contingency management as the best treatment for stimulant use disorders (e.g., methamphetamine, cocaine, prescription stimulants), operational and insurance challenges have largely limited its use to research studies, the Veterans Health Administration, and state programs. Within the last couple years, innovative technology has been developed to expand access to this much-needed treatment to people nationwide, including those involved in the criminal justice system.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

- Discuss the theory behind contingency management,
- Review evidence for the efficacy of contingency management,
- Discuss how innovative technology can increase access to contingency management and provide better overall addiction care than "care as usual."

#### **Presenter:**

**Jon Peeples, M.D.**, is the Chief Medical Officer of Affect Therapeutics, a national substance use disorder treatment program that addresses both stimulant use disorders and alcohol use disorder. Before joining Affect, Dr. Peeples served as the Chief of Psychiatry and Interim Chief of Behavioral Health at the Mann-Grandstaff VA Hospital in Spokane, Washington. His areas of expertise are addiction, telehealth, integrated care models, and suicide prevention.

### **Core Treatment Elements**

This workshop examines the root causes of substance use disorders and the effects of addiction, with a focus on evidence-based treatment options. Additionally, recovery support efforts, characteristics of recovery, coping styles, and protective factors will be presented, as well as risk factors and challenges to individual recovery.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

- Understand the root causes and short- & long-term effects of addiction,
- Examine evidence-based treatment options and treatment goals for substance use disorders,

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- Conceptualize and identify the stages of recovery, and review coping styles & risk factors for relapse.

**Presenter:**

**Ken Robinson** was instrumental in creating the first mental health crisis unit in Memphis, Tennessee, and served as Director of Clinical Services and Director of the Crisis Stabilization Unit for Midtown Mental Health Center for several years.

In addition to co-developing MRT, Dr. Robinson has co-authored numerous cognitive-behavioral treatment programs to address a variety of issues including mental health, substance abuse, trauma recovery, relapse prevention, DUI offenses, criminal thinking, and anger management. The programs have been implemented by behavioral health providers, community-based organizations, criminal justice settings, private care agencies, and many others.

**Cultural and Community Connections in Healing to Wellness Court (TPLI SPONSORED)**

Acknowledging the importance of culture and incorporating culture into the treatment process is one of the hallmarks of Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts. This presentation will explore the importance of culture and reconnecting with the community in Tribal HTWCs. A brief background of historical trauma will also be presented to help non-tribal practitioners understand how this may impact building a collaborative relationship with tribal communities and participants. Discussion will also include examples of ways culture and reconnecting to the community can happen. This presentation is open to all levels of experience.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Explore the importance of culture and reconnection with the community in Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts.
- A brief look at historical trauma and how this may impact building a collaborative relationship with tribal communities and participants.
- Examples of how the inclusion of culture and community reconnection can occur.

**Presenters:**

**Kristina Pacheco** is an enrolled member of the Pueblo of Laguna, where she lives and works from her home in New Mexico. Kristina is a Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Specialist for Tribal Law and Policy Institute. She is also a licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselor in the state of NM and has over 20 years of experience in the field of substance abuse treatment and prevention. Prior to joining Tribal Law & Policy Institute she worked for the Pueblo of Laguna for 14 years; as a Supervising Probation Officer (2004-2010), Lead Counselor (2010-2014) and Behavioral Health Program Manager (2014-2019). In 2007, Kristina and the staff of the tribal court began the Pueblo of Laguna Healing to Wellness Court. She has been providing training and technical assistance to tribal communities for over 20 years.

**Mark Dyea (Pueblo of Laguna)** is an enrolled member of the Pueblo of Laguna and Disabled Veteran. Mark is the Tribal Grants Manager for the American Probation and Parole Association where he collaborates with tribes to secure training and technical assistance in program planning, implementation, and enhancement. Mark has 17 years of Community Supervision and Treatment Court experience. Mark worked for the Pueblo of Laguna's Probation & Parole Services for over ten years (2004-2015) as a Probation Officer, Wellness Court Coordinator, and Program Manager. During his time with Laguna's Probation & Parole Services Mark co-founded the Pueblo's Community Wellness Court and served as its Co-Coordinator from 2007 to 2014. Mark has also worked as a Case Manager for the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Specialty Courts and Coordinator for the Pueblo of San Felipe Healing to Wellness Court. Mark

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### **Dare Them to Dream: Building Recovery Capital Step by Step**

While utilizing substance use disorder treatment is critical in the drug court model, what other elements are important to bring about long-term recovery for clients? Research over the past two decades has found that individuals with strong concentrations of personal, social, and community capital are more likely to sustain long-term recovery. But what exactly does this mean, and how do we operationalize this in the treatment court model? This session will introduce participants to the concept and definition of Recovery Capital.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

- Explain the research findings on the importance of assessing and building personal, social, and community capital to strengthen long-term recovery – long past the exit from treatment court.
- Teams will learn how to move these concepts into practice throughout their program, with a specific focus on applying the recovery capital framework in staffing and case management.

#### **Presenter:**

**Carolyn Hardin** is the chief of training and research for NADCP, a nongovernmental organization based in Washington, D.C. She oversees the daily operations for NADCP's three divisions: National Drug Court Institute, National Center for DWI Courts, and Justice for Vets. She also oversees the development and implementation of training for the organization. Ms. Hardin currently travels nationally and internationally, assisting teams with planning and operating successful drug courts. She received her master's degree in public administration from the University of Akron in Ohio and her B.A. degree in public administration from Talladega College in Talladega, Alabama. Her work experience includes resource development and acquisition, program planning and evaluation, and MIS database management. Ms. Hardin has supervised probationers, parolees, and federal inmates and has supervised special caseloads, including sex offenders, dual-diagnosis offenders, and violent offenders.

### **Digital Transformation of Community Supervision**

Participants will learn about the Digital Transformation of Community Supervision (DTCS) grant research project. Facing dramatic increases in the number of defendants referred to the diversion program, in a county the size of Connecticut with limited resources, the Pinal County Attorney's Office submitted the (DTCS) proposal to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The DTCS project is a grant funded research study funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The goal of the project is to increase positive outcomes for misdemeanor and low-level felony defendants in the Pinal County Diversion program by providing a digital case management platform for trained diversion officers who rigorously implement Evidence Based Practices content for individualized, targeted learning and violence reduction.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

- Identify how has the Risk-Needs-Responsivity (RNR) model supports justice involved individuals, especially with drug and mental health issues;



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- Explore how digital transformation can assist corrections program fully actualize R-N-R;
- Examine the use of asynchronous digital education and support for community supervision.

**Presenters:**

**Teresa Fuller** was recently appointed as the Division Manager of Reentry Services for the Pinal County Adult Probation Department. Prior to that, Ms. Fuller was the Manager of Victim Services and Adult Diversion at the Pinal County Attorney's Office for 4 years. Mrs. Fuller has worked in various governmental capacities for 17 years, within Child Protective Services, Adult Probation, and Juvenile Probation. Throughout her career, she has initiated or participated in innovative projects aimed at increasing the availability and implementation of evidence-based alternatives for community supervision, including Teen Court, the Crossover Youth Project, the adoption of EPICS training for supervisors and diversion officers, and the development of policies for increasing evidence-based practices in community supervision. In addition to her role as the Reentry Services Division Manager, she currently serves as director of the 4-year, Bureau of Justice Administration funded Justice Reinvestment Initiative research project titled Digital Transformation of Community Supervision. Mrs. Fuller has a master's degree in Family and Human Development from Texas Woman's University.

**Sarah Blanton-Curiel** has served the public for the past 30 years. She has held her current position as the supervisor of the adult diversion program with the Pinal County Attorney's for four and half years. In this role Mrs. Blanton-Curiel has been a part of a 4-year, Bureau of Justice Administration funded Justice Reinvestment Initiative research project titled Digital Transformation of Community Supervision. Prior to the County Attorney's Office, she had a thirteen-year career with the Department of Child Safety, eight years as certified police officer and held other roles such as a victim advocate and working in a domestic violence shelter. Mrs. Blanton-Curiel is also dedicated to helping foster children, serving over 12 years on the Pinal Council for CASA/Foster, Inc. board.

**Nicole Buccellato** worked at the Department of Corrections for 6 years as a contract employee and immediately after that she began working at the Pinal County Sheriff's Office for 13 years as a Detention Officer. While at the Pinal County Sheriff's Office, Mrs. Buccellato also held the title of the Internal Grievance Officer for 6 years. Mrs. Buccellato was a POST Certified General Instructor, Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor, Facilitator for the Utah Sheriff's Association and a Community Resource Officer for Pinal County. After 13 years at the Sheriff's Office, Mrs. Buccellato decided she wanted to further her career so she transferred to the Pinal County Attorney's Office where she now works as a Senior Diversion Officer and is a Certified ORAS Instructor. Mrs. Buccellato handles all Felony diversion cases.

**Effective Communication and Judicial Temperament (New and Improved!)**

Learning how to communicate with drug court participants begins behind the scenes. Judge Williams will discuss effective collaboration with the drug court team to determine how to connect with each participant. He will discuss interview techniques that help build rapport with juvenile and adult drug court clients. Judge Williams will illustrate his techniques with a combination of informative and entertaining video and live illustrations.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Effective communication techniques within the drug court team dynamic,
- Interview skills for drug court participants,
- How to use creative incentives and sanctions that improve a participant's communication and engagement.

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**Presenter:**

**Rick A. Williams** is the Presiding Juvenile Judge of the Mohave County Superior Court. He has presided over adult and juvenile drug courts since 2009. Judge Williams also presides over adult and juvenile health and wellness courts, and a truancy court. Judge Williams has served as a Judge Pro Tem for the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One.

Judge Williams was a member of the Judicial College of Arizona for several years. He teaches Legal Liability and Ethics at the Arizona IPS Academy. Judge Williams is currently a member of the Court Leadership Institute of Arizona. He has developed and presented courses for the Committee on Judicial Education and Training (COJET), Mohave County Bar Association, Arizona Judicial Conference, and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. Judge Williams is a two-time recipient of the COJET Excellence in Education Award.

**Effective Ways to Engage and Respond to Participants in Mental Health Court (NDCI SPONSORED)**

This session will provide conference attendees with practical skills and applications to improve their effectiveness in engaging with and responding to participants. By taking a fearless inventory of our individual and collective practices; team members can identify and implement strategies to more effectively align with participants to develop trust, instill hope, and improve outcomes for participants and their court.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Increase understanding what client engagement is and why it matters.
- Develop understanding of communication techniques/models engage and motivate participants.
- Increase awareness of barriers and solutions to developing rapport with participants.
- Learn skills to enhance team member and cross-system collaborations to effectively respond to participants and improve participant engagement.

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**Enhancing Compliance with 24/7 Transdermal Drug Testing**

There are undeniable challenges related to drug testing and holding participants accountable. But building a comprehensive, multi-faceted testing plan that leads to actual behavior change can help improve individual and family outcomes. This presentation will explore the value of 24/7, transdermal drug testing,

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including external and internal motivators. We will examine the benefits of continuous monitoring, which helps identify and address underlying issues that lead to addiction. And we will illustrate the impact of confidently knowing that your team is utilizing reliable and accurate testing methods and how that leads to better accountability with clients. Attendees will walk away with best practices that they can use to help those on the road to recovery, change lives, and make the communities they call home a little safer.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Participant Accountability: Review drug trends and how to hold clients accountable.
- Education: Discuss court-validated and evidence-based drug testing tools.
- Science and Technology- Understand transdermal testing and how the sweat patch works.
- Program Fidelity: Identify drug testing gaps in current programs and finding a solution.

**Presenter:**

**Jennifer Rankin** was hired in 2022 as Business Development, Sales, and Agency Training Leader by PharmChem. Prior to accepting her role at PharmChem, she spent over 10 years with Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. (SCRAM Systems), the world's leading provider of continuous alcohol monitoring devices. Jennifer worked closely with Problem Solving Courts, Probation Offices, Sheriff's Offices, Pretrial Services, etc., across the United States as an advisor in monitoring participants. She was responsible for the development and implementation of numerous county-wide monitoring programs that effectively targeted reducing recidivism rates for alcohol & drug offenses. She also specializes in providing continuing legal education for attorneys, courts, and related agencies within the criminal justice system. Jennifer attended Southwest Missouri State where she studied Communications.

**Ensuring Fidelity to Best Practice Standards (NDCI SPONSORED)**

Drug courts are among the best-researched criminal justice innovations in history, and studies consistently show that these courts, when implemented properly, improve treatment outcomes, reduce reoffending, save lives, and save money. However, these positive outcomes are achieved only when treatment courts operate with fidelity to best practices. Courts that stray from best practices see smaller positive effects and, in some cases, can even do harm. In this session, an expert from the National Association of Drug Court Professionals will discuss some common challenges drug courts face in implementing the Adult Drug Court Best Practices Standards and explain how courts can use an online assessment tool to assess their fidelity to the Standards.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Identify the 10 best practice standards for adult drug courts;
- Understand common implementation challenges and how to overcome them; and
- Find resources for measuring their adherence to best practices.

**Presenter:**

**Aaron Arnold, Esq.** is chief development officer at the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, where he works to develop new initiatives to support and strengthen drug courts across the country. Prior to joining NADCP, Aaron spent 15 years at the Center for Court Innovation, overseeing the Center's national work in the areas of treatment courts, community justice, alternatives to incarceration, tribal justice, and more. Aaron has served as a prosecutor

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with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office in Phoenix, Arizona, where he gained first-hand experience working in several problem-solving courts. Aaron is graduate of Cornell University and the University of Arizona College of Law.

**Equity & Inclusion (NDCI SPONSORED)**

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:**

- Learn the best practice standard on Historically Disadvantaged Groups.
- Identify equity and inclusion issues beyond race.
- Identify strategies to ensure equivalent treatment of all persons in Drug Court.

**Presenter:**

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**Family Treatment Court Best Practices and Arizona Family Treatment Court Collaboration Building**

Family Treatment Courts have existed in Arizona for almost 25 years. However, Arizona has lacked a state-wide approach and FTCs have functioned largely in isolation. More recently, several counties are in development of Family Treatment Courts and established programs continue to work to increase participation. This session will include a panel presentation and discussion with Judge's from the Maricopa, Yavapai and Pima County Family Treatment Court Programs. The group will discuss approaches and practices that can be applied to meet the needs of different communities across the state. Program design, recruitment, court management and best practices will be discussed. This session will allow team members from existing and developing Family Treatment Courts to build an ongoing professional partnership.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Participants will learn the varied practices and program designs currently being utilized around the state of Arizona for Family Treatment Courts.

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- Participants will increase their understanding of how the FTC Best Practice Standards are useful in developing, maintaining, or growing a Family Treatment Court.
- Attendees will learn strategies to ensure that their Family Treatment Court is family-centered in addition to focusing on individual recovery.

**Presenters:**

**Kathleen A. Quigley** has served on the juvenile court bench since 2003 as a hearing officer and in April of 2009, she was appointed as a Pima County Juvenile Court Commissioner. In October of 2012, she was appointed by Governor Brewer to the Pima County Superior Court Bench where she served as the Presiding Judge of Pima County Juvenile Court from 2014 - 2020. She is honored to serve on many community, state, and national committees. She has been a proud member of NCJFCJ since 2010 and has served on the NCJFCJ Board of Directors since July of 2018.

**Rhonda Repp**, Commissioner/Judge Pro Tem of Yavapai County Superior Court since 1997, has presided over Family Drug Court since 2017 following presiding over Recovery and Mental Health Courts. She served as Deputy County Attorney and Assistant United States Attorney in Tucson after graduating from U of A Law School. In Prescott she was in private practice until her appointment to the as Family Law Commissioner for 13.5 years. As a judge she focuses on serving families and children and supporting the recovery court-involved individuals/parents who suffer from substance abuse disorders. Judge Rep's membership on state-wide committees helped improve family law practices.

**Keelan S. Bodow**, Maricopa County Superior Court Commissioner, assigned to Juvenile Department and Family Treatment Court. As a Commissioner she has presided over other legal areas and several therapeutic courts. She was formerly the Unit Chief Counsel for the Arizona AG's Office, Child and Family Protection Division following work in different areas of private practice. She received her J.D. in 1994 from the University at Buffalo School of Law, and her B.A. in 1989 from Brown University. Comm. Bodow is admitted to practice in AZ and NY and is a member of various legal organizations with significant volunteer contributions.

**Jenny Zelt** is in her fifth year as Supervisor of the Pima County RAISE Family Treatment Court Program. Jenny came to FDC after 23 years with the Arizona Department of Child Safety and four years serving as a Juvenile Probation Officer in Indiana. Over the years, the significance of trauma, family relationships and the need for family services made a strong impression. Jenny was thrilled five years ago to join the RAISE team after having been a part of the original Pima County FTC exploratory committee more than 20 years ago.

**How to Build and Sustain Peer/Alumni Groups (NDCI SPONSORED)**

Recovery courts have increasingly become more aware of the need to provide more support for their participants in their treatment court programs. As a way to support your participants in the process of change, as well as introduce them to recovery, it has become vital to incorporate the peer support experience into their process. Having individuals who can share their lived experiences of strength and hope impact a participants' ability to identify with the thought of recovery. Utilizing alumni participants of your program can also provide an important way to provide that level of support and assistance for the team and participants. This session will identify what a peer support group is, how to create a peer support/alumni group, as well as identify ways to maintain sustainability.

**Learning Objectives:**

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- The learner will understand what a peer support/alumni group is, as well as the importance of this type of support.
- The learner will learn how to implement a peer support/alumni group into their court program.
- The learner will identify ways to sustain a peer support/alumni group into their court program.

**Presenter:**

**Sarah Sistrunk** obtained her B.S. in psychology and human services in 2006 from Clayton State University, concentrating on working with HIV prevention groups and on the decriminalization of mentally ill offenders in the criminal justice system. She obtained her master's degree in community counseling from Argosy University in 2010. She is a licensed professional counselor in the State of Georgia as well as a member of the National Board of Certified Counselors. She also holds a master addictions counselor certification. Ms. Sistrunk began her career in 1998 at the City of Atlanta Department of Corrections, where she focused on mentally ill offenders, as well as inmates in a substance use program. She has also worked in community corrections, where she supervised various types of offenders. In addition, she worked with the mental health treatment court of Fulton County to improve client efficacy and has worked in inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance use treatment facilities. She is certified to teach Relapse Prevention Therapy, Behavior Stabilization, Moral Reconciliation Therapy, and Thinking for a Change. Currently, she is employed with the Superior Court of Fulton County's accountability court as the clinical director, overseeing the clinical staff and ensuring that evidence-based, manualized treatment is being held to fidelity.

**How Treatment Courts Can Innovate and Adapt to Address New Challenges**

Judge Reed and Judge Williams will discuss their approach to problem solving with a recovery court team, including the research and collaboration required to adapt recovery court procedures to best serve clients. Judges Reed and Williams will discuss specific examples of innovation regarding the implementation of medication assisted treatment, addressing medical and recreational marijuana use in recovery and health and wellness courts, and fashioning effective incentives, responses, and sanctions to modify client behaviors.

**Learning Objectives:**

- How to balance adherence to well-established principles and adaptability and innovation with a treatment court team,
- How to identify and implement effective "promising practices" that adhere to the fundamental components of a treatment court,
- How to tailor incentives, responses and sanctions fairly and effectively when the science, law, or resources are evolving.

**Presenters:**

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Judge Williams was a member of the Judicial College of Arizona for several years. He teaches Legal Liability and Ethics at the Arizona IPS Academy. Judge Williams is currently a member of the Court Leadership Institute of Arizona. He has developed and presented courses for the Committee on Judicial Education and Training (COJET), Mohave County Bar Association, Arizona Judicial Conference, and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. Judge Williams is a two-time recipient of the COJET Excellence in Education Award.

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**Ted S. Reed** has served as a Superior Court Judge since January 2011. His caseload includes juvenile delinquency, family law (dissolution and paternity, child custody, parenting time and child support cases), and Coconino County Recovery Court. Judge Reed graduated summa cum laude from Northern Arizona University, where he earned his undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice and Psychology. Judge Reed continued his education at the University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law, where he was an editor of the Utah Law Review and published several articles. Judge Reed graduated at the top of his law school class, summa cum laude, and Order of the Coif.

### **Incorporating Humanization in Court Ordered Treatment**

How to embrace and encompass humanization treatment for offenders who are court ordered to engage in treatment as part of their legal processes, while simultaneously providing psychoeducation and behavioral modification modalities to reduce likelihood of repetitive negative behaviors which result in a reduction of recidivism.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Individualist perspective for clients,
- How to incorporate humanity in behavioral health COT,
- Reduce recidivism.

**Presenters:**

**Kim Davidson** is an LMSW and is the Clinical Coordinator at Focused Family Services, overseeing various programs including counseling services, DUI provider services, Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse programs, among others. She has been in the behavioral health field for well over a decade, in areas including working with those in targeted mental health therapies such as substance use treatment (both inpatient and outpatient). She is open about her own mental health struggles and addictions which led her to behavioral health field. "My goal as a counselor and a leader is to help guide people as other people guided me".

**Adrienne Bryant**

### **Intimate Partner Violence (JFV SPONSORED)**

This plenary will focus on the problem of intimate partner violence (IPV) in a subset of the justice-involved veteran population. The speaker will discuss the etiology of IPV, focusing on how trauma and related problems such as posttraumatic stress disorder may influence how veterans interpret and respond to others in conflict situations. The discussion then shifts to a description of the Strength at Home program, including how motivational strategies facilitate accountability for abusive behavior. The session concludes with a review of the scientific evidence for the intervention.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Review social information processing model for intimate partner violence.
- Discuss strategies for motivating those who use intimate partner violence to increase their engagement in the therapy process.

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- Describe suggested programmatic modifications that can enhance participant outcomes.

**Presenter:**

**Dr. Casey T. Taft, Ph.D.**, is a staff psychologist at the National Center for PTSD in the VA Boston Healthcare System and professor of psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine. He received the 2009 Linda Saltzman Memorial Intimate Partner Violence Researcher Award from the Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma. Dr. Taft has served as principal investigator on funded grants focusing on understanding and preventing partner violence through the National Institute of Mental Health, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Centers for Disease Control, the Department of Defense, the Blue Shield Foundation of California, the Bob Woodruff Foundation, and the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation. He was the primary developer of the Strength at Home program to prevent intimate partner violence, with current grants to implement the program within the VA and in military settings, as well as a pilot grant to adapt and evaluate the program for civilians. Dr. Taft is on the editorial boards of five journals and has published over 110 peer-reviewed academic articles and a book on trauma-informed intervention in partner violence published by the American Psychological Association.

**Jail Sanctions: How Incarceration Can Support Treatment Goals**

Bobby DeBatt and Judge Williams will discuss the purpose of jail sanctions, how they can effectively address willful defiance or continued maladaptive behaviors, how to create a therapeutic intervention before, during and after the jail sanction, and discuss specific case examples when limited, strategic jail sanctions resulted in positive behavioral changes.

**Learning Objectives:**

- The purpose of a jail sanction,
- How and when to use a jail sanction,
- How to incorporate jail sanctions in conjunction with therapeutic interventions.

**Presenters:**

**Bobby DeBatt** is the Clinical Operations Director for WestCare Arizona, Inc. in Bullhead City, Arizona and has been with WestCare for thirteen (13) years. Mr. De Batt provides clinical leadership, development, and oversight for residential and outpatient treatment programs and facilities. His therapeutic approach aligns with the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) of being clinically driven, and outcome based. He has a passion for substance use intervention and treatment and has brought that passion to the Mohave County Adult Recovery Court since August 2012. Mr. De Batt has presented twice on expert panels at the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP), served as a panelist for the AADCP Annual Conference, presented at the Arizona State University Summer Institute, and at numerous local events. Mr. DeBatt holds a Master's Degree in Forensic Psychology, degrees in Chemical Dependency, Social/Behavioral Science, and Public Administration. Mr. DeBatt is an Arizona Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselor (LISAC) and a Nevada Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC). Mr. DeBatt's most recent accomplishments include implementing clinical operations and treatment of a sixteen (16) bed co-occurring residential facility for women and their babies, with an emphasis on substance use and mental health conditions facing Women in Recovery and the Trauma Women Experience.



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#### **Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Eligibility Criteria & Initial Screening (NDCI SPONSORED)**

This workshop introduces practitioners to the importance of identifying the target population and ensuring equitable access by adhering to eligibility criteria and conducting appropriate screening and assessments for youth and families.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Describe the appropriate Juvenile Treatment Court target population,
- Discuss the research and science behind risk/needs and how to use assessment tools to identify appropriate clients,
- Develop standard eligibility criteria that result in equity of access for all youth,
- Develop procedure to exit youth that does not meet criteria.

**Presenter:**

**Chief Rosie Medina** began her career working with Juvenile Drug Treatment Program's in 1998 and has been a part of two successful programs in New Mexico and Texas. Since 2003 she has served in various administrative capacities to include PAVE Coordinator, Juvenile Drug Court Coordinator, Director of Special Programs and now El Paso County's first Latina Chief Juvenile Probation Officer. In her most recent role as Director of Special Programs, Ms. Medina managed and lead two specialty courts; the El Paso County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court and Project HOPE which is a juvenile mental health court program in addition to five other specialized programs for moderate to high-risk offenders. Rosie holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from New Mexico State University, a Masters in Justice Management from the University of Nevada, Reno and has previously served as a faculty member for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, has served as a consultant for the Organization of American States and provided JDTC training to members of the Peruvian Judiciary and public health officials. She currently serves as a Consultant for the National Drug Court Institute providing training and technical assistance to Columbian government officials and stakeholders who are in varying stages of planning and implementing Juvenile Drug Treatment Courts in their country. In addition, Chief Medina serves as the Director at Large for the Texas Association of Specialty Courts and was recently appointed to the Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health Collaborative Council.

#### **Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Evidence-Based Practices and Treatment (NDCI SPONSORED)**

Critical to the success of a Juvenile Treatment Court program is ensuring that evidence-based treatment services are available for youth and families. During this session, participants will review the importance of having access to, and using a continuum of evidence-based substance use treatment resources—from

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in-patient residential treatment to outpatient services. Referral processes, case planning, use of family-based therapies, mental health services, and applying trauma-focused care for youth and families will all be discussed.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Describe why utilizing evidence-based treatment modalities for adolescents and families is critical to positive program outcomes.
- Discuss the various types of cognitive-behavioral modalities, family therapies and trauma-informed care processes that should be utilized in the Juvenile Treatment Court program.
- Utilize treatment modalities and dosages that are appropriate for youth.
- Develop an understanding of the importance of prosocial modeling, mentoring, and community-based support.

**Presenter:**

**Dr. Bridgett E. Ortega** is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, an associate dean of career services and professional development at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, and a senior organizational consultant and trainer for the NADCP, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, American University's Justice Program Office, and the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence. She is also a lawyer and researcher and is currently the equity and inclusion officer for the Georgia affiliate of the ACLU. At the law school she oversees a homeless veterans' legal clinic, where she works closely with the justice program officers of the VA to help veterans with legal barriers that impede their ability to obtain housing. Her training and technical assistance repertoire includes best practices for juvenile and adult drug courts, compassionate practice in problem-solving courts, compassionate communication, compassionate family engagement, domestic violence, equity and inclusion, and cultural competency. Ms. Ortega is the former deputy director for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Reclaiming Futures Initiative, a reform initiative aimed at creating strategies for intervening in the lives of young people with substance use disorders and other issues that bring them into juvenile court. She cofounded the Santa Clara County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court, receiving a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for that work. She holds M.A., J.D, and Ph.D. degrees in organizational management and leadership. Her published research dissertation is entitled "Compassionate Jurisprudence: A Praxis for Justice."

**Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines & Cross-Sites Evaluation Study (NDCI SPONSORED)**

This workshop introduces participants to the history, development, and operations of Juvenile Treatment Courts (JTCs). Much like their adult counterparts, Juvenile Treatment Court programs have moved through stages of development and operations. To provide a framework based on research and evidence, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines were introduced in 2016. This session explores the history and research to date, the conceptual framework of the Guidelines, and provides participants with an overview of each of the Guidelines. Participants will learn practical tips for the implementation of the Guidelines.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Describe the history and stages of development of Juvenile Treatment Courts, the 16 Strategies in Practice, the Office Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Juvenile Court Guidelines, and the Cross-Sites Evaluation Study.
- Discuss the seven Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Objectives and corresponding Guidelines, and how each is reflected in current or pending practice.
- Develop a working knowledge of the Guidelines, the importance of following the Guidelines, and tips for implementation.

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**Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Implementation of Court Structure and Supervision (NDCI SPONSORED)**

This workshop introduces participants to operations and processes that assist in the implementation of the Guidelines. One way to operationalize practices associated with assessment, case planning contingency management, skill-building/pro-social activities, school/community engagement, and treatment delivery is a common practice that is already used by Juvenile Treatment Courts – phases. However, the current phase structure that is in use can be problematic. Participants will review common court requirements, as well as traditional phase structures for Juvenile Treatment Court programs. Standard policies and practices for staffing, phases, graduation, and termination will be covered. The session will also include a review of recent promising findings from Juvenile Treatment Court sites that have moved away from standard phase progressions and towards individual performance-based outcomes.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Describe a procedurally sound court and staffing process for a Juvenile Treatment Court that focuses on goal achievement.
- Discuss standard court requirements that should be reflected in written policies and handbooks.
- Engage in a phase structure that matches the needs and motivations of youth and families, and that will allow the judge to apply program requirements consistently.

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**Mission Possible-Aligning Best Practices and Innovation**

The Administrative Office of the Courts drug court team will present an overview of Arizona statewide projects including the status of the best practice guidelines, implementation of a care management system, a trauma informed approach to drug testing, enhancing drug courts capabilities, growing capacity and strengthening team relationships. Join us in learning about how Arizona is supporting supervision through innovative technology that prioritizes engagement, analyzes data and offers therapeutic interventions to implement best practices and improve behavioral health outcomes.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Participants will identify the benefits of trauma informed drug testing methods.
- Participants will learn how technology may enhance treatment court participation.
- Participants will better understand the Arizona Best Practice Guidelines.

**Presenters:**

**Krista Forster** has over twenty-five years of experience in the criminal justice and probation field. She is the Statewide Adult Drug Court Coordinator and Program Services Manager, with oversight of the Adult Drug Courts and Drug Treatment and Education Fund. She is an expert in evidenced-based practices, assessments, case planning, case documentation and cognitive interventions. Ms. Forster has been employed by the AOC for fifteen years. Ms. Forster has Bachelors' Degrees in both Justice Studies and History from Arizona State University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Northern Arizona University.

**Sixto Valdivia** is a former U.S. Marine who has worked in the criminal justice system for over 20 years. He managed probationers sentenced to probation and worked in Specialty Courts for 10 years as a coordinator. Sixto developed curricula and served as faculty at the Education Services Division in the Probation Officer Academy and Faculty Skills Development courses. At the AOC he supported statewide committees and initiatives in probation and training issues. Currently, he is assigned to manage the statewide BJA Adult Drug Court grant which will implement statewide guidelines and gamification technology into adult drug courts.

**MOUD & MAT (NDCI SPONSORED)**

The current overdose crisis in the U.S. has increased the focus on the importance of Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT) and specifically Medications for Opioid Use Disorders (MOUD) in helping individuals survive. This session will present a basic overview of the neurochemistry of addiction, focusing on opioids including fentanyl. Fentanyl is currently responsible for the majority of opioid overdose deaths in the U.S. Fentanyl has been regularly found in

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samples of heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, and other drugs. The pharmacology and effectiveness of the various types of MOUD will be discussed as well as implications for Drug Treatment Courts.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Provide a description of the various issues that make working with OUD different from other substances.
- Increase understanding of effective treatment interventions for OUD.
- Increase understanding of why MAT is so important.

**Presenter:**

**Soumya Pandalai, M.D., FACP, FASAM**, is a board-certified physician in internal medicine and addiction medicine. She currently works at Banner University Medical Center Phoenix in Phoenix, Arizona, as a specialist in addiction medicine and provides both inpatient consultation services and outpatient treatment to persons with substance use disorders (SUDs). Dr. Pandalai has helped refer several patients from the hospital to the Addiction Recovery Center and also gets new referrals from the community for patients with SUDs as they continue their path to recovery. She works with an interdisciplinary team of social workers, counselors/therapists, and medical providers. This team is an integral component of patient care, given that many patients with SUDs have a complex set of medical, mental health, and psychosocial needs.

**Positive Ethics and the Professional Relationship**

Treatment Court professionals encounter circumstances that pose potential or actual boundary issues with those they serve. Although court policies can provide general guidelines, positive ethics, good judgment, and the willingness to reflect on one's own practices are essential. This workshop is designed to assist attendees reflect on their own decision-making processes as they seek greater integrity, authenticity and ethical risk management in their practices as a treatment court professional.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Become familiar with potential boundary crossings, boundary violations, and dual relationships in their practices.
- Examine ethical decision-making related to relationships that might create a “slippery slope” and increase risk.
- Use an ethically informed rationale in the decision-making process regarding professional boundaries and dual relationships.

**Presenter:**

**Dr. Larry Sideman** is a Clinical Professor and core faculty member in the Doctor of Psychology program at Northern Arizona University. He is a licensed and board-certified psychologist, a licensed professional counselor and a licensed independent substance abuse counselor. He also earned certification as a Master Addiction Counselor and is a Certified Clinical Supervisor. Since 1995, he has maintained an independent psychological practice where he provides psychological assessment and individual, couples, and family psychotherapy. He has provided clinical supervision for practicum, internship, and post-doctoral trainees at TASC, Inc. where from 1993 to 2003, he was the agency's Clinical Director and Assistant Executive Director, a key contributor to the first Maricopa County Juvenile Drug Court, and served as a member of the Cultural Dialogue Workgroup for the Maricopa County Superior Court, a Committee Chair of the Arizona Coalition against Domestic Violence, and a member of the Central Arizona Region HIV Prevention Planning Committee. He has been a practice monitor for the State of Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners, a consultant for the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners and continues to

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facilitate a wide array of continuing education workshops for behavioral health professionals throughout Arizona, including for many years at the annual AADCP conference.

**Evaluation 101 for Non-Researcher Team Members: What to Collect and How to Use it for Self-Review (NDCI SPONSORED)**

Is your Drug Court an effective program? Are you reaching your goals for your program? How do you know? In this climate of scarce public resources, monitoring and evaluation can help Drug Court programs demonstrate their program's worth to internal and external stakeholders. Regular review of program operations and outcomes can also help improve the quality of your program. This session will break down the major components of evaluation, including what information to collect, tips for collecting data, and how you can use the information to perform a self-review of your Drug Court program.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Understand the basics of program evaluation and its importance.
- Understand what data your Drug Court program should collect.
- Understand how you can use your data to monitor your Drug Court program's progress.

**Presenter:**

**Dr. Shannon Carey**, co-president and senior research associate at NPC Research, has worked in the areas of criminal justice and substance use treatment for 20 years, particularly in the area of drug courts and cost analyses. Altogether, she has been involved in performing process, outcome, and/or cost evaluations in over 300 adult, juvenile, family, reentry, DWI and veterans drug courts across the U.S., including federal drug and reentry courts in Oregon and Virginia. Dr. Carey also provides consulting and training in treatment courts operating in Australia, Chile, New Zealand, and England. She was involved with developing and writing the NADCP Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards and has assisted several states in writing their state-specific standards for all types of treatment courts. She also assisted in developing treatment court certification processes as well as a peer review process that has been launched in several states, in which treatment court teams visit and give feedback and support to each other on implementing research-based best practices.

**Project Care - The Intrusion of Fentanyl in Our Society**

With the rising overdose and death rate among our children and adults due to Fentanyl use, it is important to know how we can positively lower those rates. Thus, our purpose is threefold: 1. Educate our clients and community on the need to be informed about the fatal risks of Fentanyl use 2. Educate our clients and community on the proper use of Narcan 3. Educate the community that Fentanyl is not culturally biased and it can affect everyone in our society. Our Vision is to raise awareness and hope in our community. Narcan saves lives, and through project C.A.R.E. and harm reduction we hope to change the stigma and reduce the statistics of overdose deaths in our community.

**Learning Objectives:**

- The risks of Fentanyl use and overdose awareness
- The proper use of Narcan
- Harm reduction education and addressing the fentanyl stigma

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**Presenters:**

**Stephanie Meyer** is currently part of Pinal County Adult Probations two-person Community Restitution Team. She has been employed with probation for 13 years. Ms. Meyer has been fortunate to be part of her department's CPR/First Aid instructor team for the past 4 years. Ms. Meyer has had the opportunity to be active in our Project Care Program that helps educate employees and community members on the importance of knowing how to use NARCAN & compressions only CPR when necessary. It is her hope to inform the community that we are here to help educate them on the importance of NARCAN training and overdose prevention.

**Adam Short** is currently a supervisor with the Pinal County Adult Probation Department. He supervises the Court Services Unit. Mr. Short has spent over 20 years working in public service as a Probation Officer, Police Officer and EMT. He has been fortunate enough to use CPR on many occasions that have resulted in saving multiple lives. Mr. Short enjoys educating both the community and employees in CPR/First Aid and its importance. Mr. Short's goal is to help inform the community that compressions only CPR works! We don't need to be afraid to help!

**Psychosocial Intervention for Pain: Treating the Person, Not the Pain**

Chronic pain affects 24% to 67% of persons with substance use disorders. Persons with pain are at higher risk for substance use disorders has been demonstrated to affect the participation and outcomes of those individuals in substance abuse treatment. Previous studies have demonstrated the efficacy of psychosocial approaches, especially those from the cognitive behavioral and acceptance-based approaches in reducing levels of pain and improving overall functioning. This presentation will provide an overview of the psychosocial approach to pain management and highlight strategies from these perspectives that can be readily incorporated into practice for clients being treated for comorbid substance use disorder and chronic pain.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Recognize the key characteristics of the psychosocial intervention of pain.
- Identify characteristics of pain catastrophizing in persons with pain.
- Identify three strategies that can be employed for pain relief among those individuals experiencing chronic pain.

**Presenter:**

**Lindy Lewis**, PhD, LCSW- C has worked in the field behavioral health for over 30 years with both adolescent and adult populations. For the past 15 years he has focused on providing specialized substance abuse and co-occurring counseling to elder persons and those with significant medical co-morbidities. He currently provides behavioral health consultation at a primary care office and behavioral health therapy and clinical hypnosis at an outpatient mental health clinic in Maryland.

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**Rat City: How to Get Out of the Maze and The Questions We Forget to Ask**

Addiction is so many things: loneliness, mental health, trauma, routine, a lack of community support, and fear. The road to sobriety can be painful and uncomfortable, but by utilizing harm reduction practices and meeting people where they are at, we can help people ease into sobriety. This class will focus the roots of addiction and finding ways to create a safe environment, because the opposite of addiction is community.

**Learning Objectives:**

- What is Harm Reduction and How Can You Use It in Your Court.
- Barriers Clients Face.
- Ways To Create a Safe Environment.

**Presenters:**

**Kacie Nickel** has been working at the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office for 5 years. As a law student she worked for the City of Phoenix Veterans Court for 3 years. Kacie has been a part of the Maricopa County Specialty Court Team for a year and a half representing clients in the Drug, DUI, and Veterans Court. Kacie knows that a big part of harm reduction is creating community connection and providing clients opportunities to change their life routines. In order to help clients achieve success, Kacie focuses on finding and utilizing community resources. She understands that recovery may not start with sobriety, but rather someone caring enough to help a client find a food box, low-cost dentist, work clothing, housing, fentanyl test strips, naloxone, or safe syringes.

**Amy Melcher** has been working at the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office for 12 years. For the last 7 years, she has been representing clients in the Drug and DUI Courts. Amy is an expert in connecting with clients who are hesitant to engage in programming, by bringing "meet them where they are at" energy to the team, Amy has changed many lives for the better. Unfortunately, during the last 7 years Amy has also lost clients to addiction. These losses have inspired her to learn about harm reduction and work to implement those practices into our treatment courts.

**Marc Bivens** has almost 10 years of experience as a Public Defender, 6 of which has been with the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office, and 4 of that has been with the Specialty Court Division covering Drug and DUI Court and Mental Health Court. Marc is a true advocate for his clients, if a client is struggling to work with their probation officer or case manager, he always finds a way to bridge the gap. The reality is addiction can bring up some uncomfortable topics and feelings, but Marc is always there to provide a judgment free zone for his clients. Marc understands that harm reduction is key to helping clients achieve success, this means that patience is needed to meet client where they are at. Marc is ready to celebrate clients that find success in a few months, as well as those that take years to gain sobriety.

**Restorative Justice in Court Ordered Treatment**

Participants will learn how to apply restorative justice in their court ordered treatment process. Participants will have the ability to participate in talking circles and learn about topics that are addressed using the RJ method in drug court programming.

**Learning Objectives:**



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- Restorative Justice;
- Court Ordered Treatment Modalities;
- Partnerships between Judges and Behavioral Health.

**Presenters:**

**Blanca Acosta**, CCBT, BHP, has served as the Executive Director of Circles of Peace since 2008. In 2001, Blanca began her work in this field while working in another community agency as a Domestic Violence Facilitator. That program used the most common approach to treatment of domestic violence crimes in the United States, the mandated group-based Batterer Intervention Program (BIP). While there, she realized the enormous need for holistic healing and restoration for these individuals and their families. In 2008, she began searching for alternative treatment approaches to domestic violence. It was then that she learned about the restorative justice-based treatment program for domestic violence offenders called Circles of Peace (CP) located in her hometown of Nogales, Arizona. She immediately applied for an open position to work as a Circle Keeper and was offered the job! Since 2008, Blanca has helped grow Circles of Peace from a small treatment agency, to a regional and state leader in restorative justice, treatment and prevention of domestic violence and substance abuse. She is a strong advocate for using restorative justice practices in response to many kinds of crime and conflict in her community. Blanca spearheaded on the creation of policies and procedures that started the first Drug Court and Pretrial Services Programs in Santa Cruz County, programs she has directed since 2012 in collaboration with the county court system. Under her leadership, Circles of Peace has now become a model for research, discussion, and replication across the county. Blanca sees her work at Circles as a calling, not a job. She lives this calling by using her platform to prevent domestic violence and substance abuse by strengthening individuals, families and communities. Blanca was born in Mexico and has lived in Arizona for 28 years where she and her husband have raised 3 wonderful, now adult, children.

**Eva Zuniga**, BS, CCBT, BHT, is the Youth and Family Programs Manager for Circles of Peace. She began her journey at Circles of Peace in 2016 as a prevention specialist in the DFC program working with youth. In 2018, she was given the opportunity to become a BHT and provide domestic violence offender treatment. In 2020, she stepped into a new role within the team as prevention programs manager.

**Emilio Velasquez**, has been serving Santa Cruz County as Justice of the Peace since 2015. Judge Velasquez first became involved in public service in 2008 where he served as Chief Deputy for the Santa Cruz County Recorder's Office. During this time, he served on several boards including United Way, Young Audiences, The United Village and as a member of the American Cancer Society. Within that first term, he worked arduously to create change. Many programs were instituted since his inception as Justice of the Peace such as License Compliance Program, University of Arizona internship program, Warrant Day, and Home Detention Program, to name a few. More recently, Judge Velasquez turned his focus to behavioral and mental health matters. Relying on his previous work experience in the behavioral health field, he instituted specialty courts such as the Adult Recovery Court Program and Mental Health Program known as the Behavioral Empowerment Court. In conjunction with community agencies, Judge Velasquez led the formation of the Behavioral/Mental Health/Substance Abuse Community Court Coalition in Santa Cruz County. Most recently he has been the recognized and the recipient of "Keep Hope Alive" award and the "Judicial Officer Mental Health Criminal Justice Collaboration" award for his continuing dedication to drug addiction and mental health issues.

Prior to relocating to Nogales, Judge Velasquez resided in Laguna Beach, California. He was Chief Executive Officer and owner of a pharmaceutical research company that specialized in psychotropic medications for mental health disorders. He previously served as Vice President for a pharmaceutical research company which he expanded from Southern California to the San Francisco Bay area. He was introduced to the Behavioral Health System in his early career as

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a Western Regional Director opening and managing 22 Behavioral Health hospitals in the western United States. Judge Velasquez is a native Nogalian from a pioneer family and is a proud resident of Santa Cruz County.

**Restoring Hope in the Veteran Population (JFV SPONSORED)**

Participants in a veterans treatment court or veterans treatment docket will often have multiple challenges that are both seen and unseen. As they propel towards program completion, each multidisciplinary team member's relationship and approach to guiding and empowering them through these challenges will vary from team member to team member. However, what should not change is each team member's intent to foster or restore a sense of hope, meaning-making, and purpose in the justice-involved veteran participant that extends far beyond the program's length. This session will emphasize working with participants in a holistic manner that emboldens them in their everyday accomplishments while at the same time encouraging them to lead a purposeful life. This session will explore skills that team members can use to assist them when working with participants that may result in the individual practicing or developing behaviors that positively influence their quality-of-life choices in the present and future.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Define the complexity of the justice-involved population concerning potential VTC team member assumptions and biases that may impact their approach when working in the judicial setting.
- Identify literature and research concerning the role of hope, meaning making, and purpose on the health and well-being of specific populations.
- Describe the impact of social connectedness and ways of developing and/or enhancing it.

**Presenter:**

**Scott Tirocchi, M.A., M.S., L.P.C.,** is a division director for Justice for Vets (JFV), a division of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP). He is an experienced administrator and licensed therapist who has worked in the criminal justice and behavioral health fields for over 30 years, striving to impact individual and systemic change within community, hospital, correctional and judicial settings. He holds professional certifications in clinical trauma and Dialectical Behavior Therapy. As a human services professional, he has engaged with various specialty populations, including those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, serious mental illness, substance use disorders, co-occurring disorders, acquired brain injury, and chronic health conditions. Highlights of his employment history include serving in the role of assertive community treatment (ACT) case manager, residential program 10 director, emergency services crisis clinician, jail and prison social worker, pretrial services officer, program administrator for veterans treatment court, deputy director for pretrial services, and adjunct faculty for Salve Regina University. He has been employed in both the private and public sectors assisting and empowering at-risk and adjudicated juveniles, older adults, and veteran and non-veteran persons with criminal justice involvement; to include those on pretrial release, detainees, and inmates. Additionally, Scott is a veteran. He was a military police officer in the U.S. Army Reserves and Army National Guard for 21 years. From 2003 to 2004, he was deployed to Afghanistan and served as commander for the training and doctrine component of Training Assistance Group II to the Afghan National Army. In 2008, he retired at the rank of Major.

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**Strategies to Address the Treatment Needs of the Elder Client**

As the population of the United States continues to age, corresponding increases have been noted among those admitted to substance abuse treatment. Drawing from principles of Cognitive Behavior Theory, Behavioral Activation, and Reminiscence Theory, this presentation will provide some practical strategies to enhance treatment to meet the specific needs of the elder substance abuse client. The presentation will highlight key developmental issues and characteristics of elders followed by specific intervention strategies to address the needs resulting from those aspects of the elder experience. Incorporation of cognitive remediation techniques will also be included.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Identify key psychological, social, and biological characteristics of elders.
- Identify three important factors related to substance abuse and the elderly.
- Identify five strategies to employ working with elders.

**Presenter:**

**Lindy Lewis, PhD, LCSW- C** has worked in the field behavioral health for over 30 years with both adolescent and adult populations. For the past 15 years he has focused on providing specialized substance abuse and co-occurring counseling to elder persons and those with significant medical co-morbidities. He currently provides behavioral health consultation at a primary care office and behavioral health therapy and clinical hypnosis at an outpatient mental health clinic in Maryland.

**Strategies for Serving Low-Risk or Low-Need Individuals (NDCI SPONSORED)**

Treatment courts are designed to serve high-risk, high-need individuals and should strive to focus their resources on this population whenever possible. However, there are many court-involved individuals with problematic substance use who are lower risk, lower need, or both. In this session, experts from the National Association of Drug Court Professionals and the Center for Justice Innovation will discuss concrete, evidence-based strategies for serving these individuals, including light-touch options that do not involve probation or formal court supervision. Among the approaches to be discussed are law enforcement deflection programs, pretrial diversion programs, multi-track drug courts, and more.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Identify at least three specific strategies for serving low-risk or low-need individuals with problematic substance use;
- Understand the differences between these strategies and the key features of each; and
- Assess which strategies may be appropriate for their communities.

**Presenters:**

**Aaron Arnold, Esq.** is chief development officer at the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, where he works to develop new initiatives to support and strengthen drug courts across the country. Prior to joining NADCP, Aaron spent 15 years at the Center for Court Innovation, overseeing the Center's national work in the areas of treatment courts, community justice, alternatives to incarceration, tribal justice, and more. Aaron has served as a prosecutor

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with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office in Phoenix, Arizona, where he gained first-hand experience working in several problem-solving courts. Aaron is graduate of Cornell University and the University of Arizona College of Law.

**Brett Taylor, JD** is a Senior Advisor for West Coast Initiatives at the Center for Justice Innovation (formerly the Center for Court Innovation). Mr. Taylor brings more than 15 years of technical assistance experience in helping jurisdictions to study, plan, and launch criminal justice reform efforts, including alternatives to incarceration efforts. Mr. Taylor works with jurisdictions around the country and collaborates with other TTA providers to advise justice system actors, including through the MacArthur Safety & Justice Challenge. Mr. Taylor has provided technical assistance to numerous jurisdictions on the design, launch, and operations of their local restorative justice programs. He designed and helped to launch the award-winning Red Hook Peacemaking Program in Brooklyn. Mr. Taylor has extensive experience in providing trainings and presentations, and has facilitated convenings across many topics including bail reform, jail reform, early diversion, and community engagement for community justice related projects. Mr. Taylor previously served as the Deputy Director of Technical Assistance and Director of Operations of the Tribal Justice Exchange team at the Center. Prior to joining the Center, he was a public defender in Brooklyn for sixteen years.

#### **Supporting Power and Purpose: Therapeutic Approaches for Emerging Adults**

Emerging adults (ages 18-25) also known as Transitional Age Youth (TAY) are at a unique point in their lives. What was once viewed as a straightforward path to adulthood has become a more complicated and sometimes prolonged journey filled with uncertainty. In this workshop we will discuss why specialized programming for this population is warranted and consider ways your program can address the unique vulnerabilities, needs and strengths of emerging adults.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

- Recognize the power and purpose of the young adult brain and how specialized programming can create structure with empowerment.
- Understand the opportunities and challenges of working with TAY.
- Gain knowledge of therapeutic approaches and programmatic considerations for supporting TAY.
- Apply a case study to understanding collaborative court and treatment approach to supporting TAY dealing with substance use challenges.

#### **Presenter:**

**Celina Hennessey, LMFT**, is a California Board of Behavioral Sciences registered Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Ms. Hennessey currently serves as the Clinical Supervisor and Program Manager for the Felton Institute's Young Adult Court (YAC) program. YAC is a collaborative between the City and County of San Francisco's Superior Court, Office of the District Attorney, Office of the Public Defender, Adult Probation, the Department of Children Youth and their Families and the Felton Institute. This unique collaborative court serves justice impacted Transitional Age Youth (TAY), ages 18-25. Since its inception in 2015, 155 emerging adults have graduated from Young Adult Court. Ms. Hennessey provides programmatic oversight and manages clinicians and direct care staff to provide intensive clinical case management, support groups, therapeutic interventions and linkages to other community resources.

Ms. Hennessey completed her undergraduate degree in Sociology at Sonoma State and Masters in Counseling Psychology at the University of San Francisco. Prior to joining the Felton Institute, while also completing her clinical internship hours, she worked at the Niroga Institute, a non-profit focused on bringing mindfulness and yoga to schools, senior centers, and juvenile hall. She completed a 200-hour Yoga Teacher Training and has taught mindful yoga to Asian refugee women, senior citizens, employees of the Alameda County Public Health Department and high school students. She has over a decade of professional

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experience working with vulnerable and marginalized populations in clinical and school-based settings. She has worked with survivors of interpersonal violence, high school students, the LGBTQIA+ community and emerging adults.

Ms. Hennessey's work is trauma informed and framed with an intersectional, feminist lens and is inspired by mindfulness and empowerment-based counseling. She believes that remembering to breathe is one of our most powerful tools towards wellness and that advocacy is also a form of healing.

### **Suicide Prevention & Awareness: What Every VTC Needs to Know (JFV SPONSORED)**

Suicide Prevention is everyone's responsibility. This session examines the warning clues, direct and indirect symptoms, and other areas of concern that are potential risk factors for suicide. Most importantly, this session provides the VTC team member with the ability to identify steps and take actions that can prevent suicide regardless of role.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

- Describe and refute common myths and assumptions as they relate to suicide awareness and prevention.
- Describe the warning signs/clues and identify direct and indirect symptoms for suicide risk. • Describe protective factors that you can leverage with participants to prevent suicide.
- Appraise your skills concerning suicide prevention and tailor your training/educational response to enhance personal, professional development.

#### **Presenter:**

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### **Supporting Justice Involved Patients Through Dedicated Reentry Department, Peer support, and Data Analytics**

This presentation will discuss the successes of having and supportive clinical reentry department focused on community collaboration, forensic peer support and data analysis. Discussion points will include: the process of building a cross-system collaboration between healthcare and justice systems, creating

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integrated care teams to support the needs of reentrants, workforce co-location across health centers, fostering sustainability, and how the program has used data to improve care for the justice involved populations. The session will conclude with a question-and-answer session.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Introduce an innovative model that effectively improves health and justice outcomes for justice involved individuals.
- Discuss the creation and maintenance of a cross-system collaboration between healthcare and justice systems.
- Share successes, results, and lessons learned that help foster sustainability.

**Presenters:**

**Ray Young**, LPC., is an Arizona Licensed Professional Counselor and Arizona Board of Behavioral Health (AZBBHE) approved Clinical Supervisor. Ray currently serves as an Integrated Care Site Director, overseeing the operations of Terros Health 27th Ave Integrated Health Clinic. Ray also serves as the Program Sponsor for Terros Health's Targeted Investments Program. Ray served as President of the Arizona Counselor's Association in 2019. In 2020, Ray was recognized by the Phoenix Business Journal as a Health Care Hero. Ray continues his passion in his field by working with his teams to promote and provide integrated health services for all.

**Lori Jones** is a Licensed Professional Counselor who has worked in the counseling field for over 20 years helping individuals get set free from addiction's, anxiety, depression, eating disorders, PTSD and healing marriages. Lori is currently the Terros Health Reentry Manager, helping Justice involved individuals overcome obstacles and assisting in a smooth transition from incarceration to society. Lori's team completes jail and prison in-reach visits and connects individuals to outpatient integrative health care upon release. Lori is involved with the successful collaboration with Adult Probation Department, Arizona Supreme Court Education Services, Correction Health Services and the Department of Corrections.

**Lani Horiuchi** is an experienced healthcare project manager. Her current role is the Consultant of Operational Projects at Terros Health, where she oversees a team of project managers that work on various grants and projects throughout the organization. She has been the project manager on the Targeted Investments Justice Program since 2018 and has worked specifically with the justice involved population, off and on, over the last decade. Lani has a Master's degree in Healthcare Innovation, and a Bachelor's in Health Policy and is passionate about creating better outcomes for both patients and systems alike.

**Supporting Participant Success in and After Healing to Wellness Court (TLPI SPONSORED)**

Healing to Wellness Court teams are often left wondering why individuals in HTWC "just can't get with the program". Healing to Wellness Courts are also an opportunity to engage participants in the treatment process and develop a path of recovery. This presentation will explore the impact of addiction on HTWC (including Juvenile and Family) participants. Participants will discuss ways to respond to participant behaviors through guided case studies. Participants will also learn how THTWC can assist in sustaining recovery and learned skills in preparation for the return of a participant as a member of the community.

**Learning objectives:**

- Explore the impact of addiction on HTWC participants.
- Learn ways to respond to behaviors.
- Explore the importance of building collaboration and sustainability for THWCs.

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- Looking at aftercare planning.
- Building recovery capital and support.

**Presenter:**

**Kristina Pacheco** is an enrolled member of the Pueblo of Laguna, where she lives and works from her home in New Mexico. Kristina is a Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Specialist for Tribal Law and Policy Institute. She is also a licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselor in the state of NM and has over 20 years of experience in the field of substance abuse treatment and prevention. Prior to joining Tribal Law & Policy Institute she worked for the Pueblo of Laguna for 14 years; as a Supervising Probation Officer (2004-2010), Lead Counselor (2010-2014) and Behavioral Health Program Manager (2014-2019). In 2007, Kristina and the staff of the tribal court began the Pueblo of Laguna Healing to Wellness Court. She has been providing training and technical assistance to tribal communities for over 20 years.

**Synergy**

In an environment like rural communities where resources can be finite and difficult to cultivate, it is imperative that Courts, probation departments and provide agencies develop the ability to collaborate in order to synergies their efforts and result in favorable outcomes for participants. The Yuma community was recently highlighted at the Stimulant Summit focusing on the collaboration efforts that have resulted in improved programs and outcomes. The facilitators will discuss common barriers and solutions that have been implemented to overcome them.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Participants will be able to define the concept of synergy as it applies to programing and resource collaboration.
- Participants will hear examples of solutions for overcoming common barriers in rural communities with limited resources.
- Participants will be encouraged to identify and develop solutions to better meet the challenges that face their communities and programs.

**Presenters:**

**John Abarca** oversees treatment programs, residential programs, and the Yuma outpatient clinic. He works closely with criminal justice partners such as Yuma County's Adult Probation, Adult Drug Court and Mental Health Drug Court as an expert and advocate for patients. Knowing that he works alongside a great team of professionals in helping individuals in recovery get healthy is the benefit he most enjoys at CBI. Prior to joining CBI, John's diverse and textured professional journey included being a fire captain and paramedic, a realtor, a paralegal and the Director of Operations at the Yuma Community Food Bank. John began his career at CBI in 2014 as Program Manager of Residential programs in Yuma and Benson until becoming the Director of Program Operations in 2017. In 2018 John received the Tom C. Cole award from the Yuma County Adult Drug Court, for his role in the drug court program.

**Deborah White** began her career in 1984 with OK Community, a non-profit organization who provided substance abuse services to Department of Corrections where she worked as the Unit Supervisor at the Arizona Center for Women for three years. In early 1996 Deborah began working with Intensive Treatment Systems to open the first MAT program in Yuma Arizona. While opening the Yuma Treatment Center Deborah also began working with the Cocopah Indian Tribe as a substance abuse counselor and later the Program Director. Debbie is a LISAC and serves as treatment Supervisor for Yuma County Adult Probation.

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**Carlos Flores** started using drugs at 15 years old with his classmates in Yuma and continued throughout his education. After his Graduation, his Addiction took him in and out of incarceration, homelessness, treatment and relationships. With all his Struggles in the Yuma Community with Drugs and trying to find Recovery, He ultimately found his Recovery with the support of Drug Court, TLCR and Family. He has been able to apply his personal experience to a growing career in Behavioral Healthcare. He started his career as a Peer Support specialist, a Behavioral Health Technician and a Health Care Coordinator prior to becoming the Yuma Treatment Services Coordinator for Transitional Living Center Recovery (TLCR) in Yuma.

### **The Art of Getting Unstuck**

The aim of this presentation is to identify, educate and provide an overview of the implications that PTSD has on substance use disorder and other maladaptive coping mechanisms. The overview will present the current research on neuroplasticity and trauma and how those two considerations relate to individuals engaged in a therapeutic recovery process.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

- Understand the effects trauma has on neurocircuitry.
- Understand the neuroplasticity and SUD.
- Understand the correlation between trauma and SUD.

#### **Presenter:**

**Adam McLean**, Psy.D., serves as the Director of Business Development for Guest House Ocala. Upon receiving a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from California University, Dr. McLean has continued to be involved in research activities in the areas of positive psychology, trauma, and addiction as evidenced by working with clients and their families by providing them with evidence-based tools and resources to help them understand the dynamics behind addiction and trauma.

Adam's clinical career began in Northern Arizona in the non-profit community mental health sector. He assisted in development of a long-term extended care program that combined outdoor adventure therapy with traditional treatment modalities and has also created a long-term treatment center for young adults focusing on substance use disorders and collegiate recovery.

Adam's passion, education, and experience has allowed him to help hundreds of families get their loved ones into treatment. Adams extracurricular activities include outings to the trampoline park, aquarium and swimming with his son.

### **The Importance of Connection in Recovery**

The need for social connectedness begins in infancy and continues throughout the life cycle. Research shows that addiction is often a lonely road and one often filled with shame and guilt. Those feelings may lead people in active addiction to seek connection with people who are not in their own best interests just to have the need for connection met. This can create problems for those attempting to abstain from substance use, as individuals tend to classify



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themselves according to the social groups with whom they are aligned. This interactive workshop will discuss the importance of connectedness and will offer solutions for keeping treatment court participants connected to healthy supports while in the program and continuing on after graduation.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Participants will identify 2 ways to foster connectedness for individuals currently enrolled in their treatment court.
- Participants will gain an understanding of the importance of connectedness for those in recovery.
- Participants will learn the importance of using a certified Peer Support Specialist with lived experience to connect with community supports.

**Presenters:**

**Melissa Monahan** is a Licensed Professional Counselor and the Clinical Supervisor for Maricopa County's Recovery Courts. She has a Master's degree in counseling and a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology. Melissa has presented at both the AADCP and NADCP conferences, as well as APPA. She values her work in the recovery field and enjoys working with a multidisciplinary team of amazing people.

**Georgette McNally** is a Drug Court Counselor for Maricopa County Adult Probation. She is a licensed professional counselor and has been working for the county for over 7 years. Georgette has experience providing assessment and counseling services to adults in the court system. Currently, she works with clients participating in the Drug Court, a 14-month minimum program. She takes an active role organizing events, speaker meetings, and programs for Drug Court Alumni participants.

**Anne Marie Johnston**, Senior Director of Housing and Community Integration. Anne Marie has over 10 years of experience at CBI as a Peer Support with lived experience, providing oversight of managers, senior managers and Associate Directors on grant program compliance and financial spend down of grant funds. She provides leadership, guidance and professional development of staff, and is responsible for monthly deliverables to funders. She has vast experience in managing federal funding at a program level to include ESG funds, HUD COC funds (166 PSH vouchers), SSVF (Supportive Services for Veteran Families) and PATH.

**The Science of Behavior Change (NDCI SPONSORED)**

This session covers the science behind the disease of addiction and the substance use disorder model treatment courts use. Teams will explore the scientific foundation of behavior change theory and the concept of research-to-practice translation in treatment courts.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Recognize there is a scientific foundation for changing behavior.
- State at least two of the proven principles of behavior change.
- State the two ways to reward, punish, or treat or supervise (to give or take away).
- Recognize the importance of immediate and intermediate-magnitude consequences in modifying client behavior.
- Recognize the difference between court-imposed incentives/sanctions and treatment or supervision responses.
- Identify at least two common myths and assumptions associated with behavior change.
- Identify elements of procedural fairness in a court's ISTA system.

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- Identify appropriate and inappropriate reasons for discharge/termination.
- Identify at least one way in which cultural competency with participant populations impacts on successful behavior change.

**Presenter:**

**Sarah Sistrunk** obtained her B.S. in psychology and human services in 2006 from Clayton State University, concentrating on working with HIV prevention groups and on the decriminalization of mentally ill offenders in the criminal justice system. She obtained her master's degree in community counseling from Argosy University in 2010. She is a licensed professional counselor in the State of Georgia as well as a member of the National Board of Certified Counselors. She also holds a master addictions counselor certification. Ms. Sistrunk began her career in 1998 at the City of Atlanta Department of Corrections, where she focused on mentally ill offenders, as well as inmates in a substance use program. She has also worked in community corrections, where she supervised various types of offenders. In addition, she worked with the mental health treatment court of Fulton County to improve client efficacy and has worked in inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance use treatment facilities. She is certified to teach Relapse Prevention Therapy, Behavior Stabilization, Moral Reconciliation Therapy, and Thinking for a Change. Currently, she is employed with the Superior Court of Fulton County's accountability court as the clinical director, overseeing the clinical staff and ensuring that evidence-based, manualized treatment is being held to fidelity.

**Title 36 Civil Mental Health Commitments, Jeopardy! Edition**

In Arizona, what happens when an individual appears to be in need of psychiatric treatment but is unwilling or unable to consent to treatment? Do you think you know all there is to know about Title 36 Civil Mental Health Commitments (COE/COT)? Come test your knowledge against your peers and colleagues in a fun, low-stakes (yet high fun) trivia/gameshow setting. You will come away with a better understanding as well as dispel any myths you may have about COE and COT. This includes the newest changes, and how the statute is interpreted/applied in various counties. Please join us for a fun and informative way to learn about the processes.

**Learning Objectives:**

- To impart an understanding of the legal process for mental health commitments in Arizona;
- Ensure both compliance and proper application of the Title 36 Statute;
- Learn and discuss the newest Legislative changes (effective 9/24/2022)

**Presenters:**

**Veronica P. Valencia** is currently the Court Specialist for Banner University Health Plans since 2018. Previously, Ms. Valencia was a paralegal with the Pima County Mental Health Defender's office for five years. Prior to working with the defense, she spent nine years at the Pima County Attorney's Office, first in the Criminal Division (Special Victims unit) and then the Civil Division. While in the Civil Division, Ms. Valencia earned my Associate's Degree and became a staff trainer. Additionally, she has worked for five years at the County Hospital (Kino Community Hospital) as a Title 36 Liaison.

**Denise Beagley, MSc**, works at Banner University Health Plans (BUHP) as the Associate Director of Crisis and Justice Systems, teaches graduate level classes for Arizona State University's School of Social Work, and at the City of Chandler Fire Department as a Crisis Intervention Specialist. She has worked within the behavioral health system since 2002. Prior to working in Arizona, she completed her master's degree in Counseling Psychology at Trinity College Dublin.

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**Christy Weaver**, BA in Family Studies and MBA, is the Jail Liaison for Banner University Health Plans (BUHP). Christy previously worked with at risk families and DCS for 12 yrs and then transitioned to working with the SMI population as a rehabilitation specialist at La Frontera-EMPACT. Christy has worked for different health plans assisting incarcerated members with both medical and behavioral health issues, helping members engage/re-engage with services once released into the community.

**Tribal State Collaborations: Strategies for Developing Meaningful Engagement between Tribal Nations and State Courts (TLPI SPONSORED)**

The development of Tribal law and policy has produced jurisdictional complexities that have worked to produce gaps in justice system access and service provision for many Native individuals within Arizona. Intergovernmental collaboration between Tribes, the State and local jurisdictions is an incredibly powerful strategy for improving the responses and outcomes of therapeutic justice programs within Arizona. Although Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts seek to address the unique needs and experiences of their communities, all therapeutic justice programs located within Arizona may share similar issues due to its unique demographics and characteristics. After laying a foundation on the current legal scape surrounding tribal justice in Arizona, the presentation will highlight solutions to addressing existing barriers in access to meaningful engagement with Native participants, with an emphasis on building relationships between Tribal nations and the Statewide Drug Court Coordinator which is vital for improved information and resource sharing.

**Learning objectives:**

- Learn about how the history of US-tribal policy development led to jurisdictional complexities within Arizona and explore the importance of intergovernmental collaborations.
- Learn ways for improving outcomes for indigenous defendants through intentional collaborations with Tribal Nations and engagement with local, culturally-specific service providers; and how to initiate engagement between Tribal Healing to Wellness Court programs and the Statewide Drug Court Coordinator.
- Learn about several successful collaborations and efforts that courts have made to improve equitable experiences and outcomes for tribal members in their justice systems.
- Spotlight examples from jurisdictions who have benefited from developing a Healing to Wellness Court-Statewide Drug Court Coordinator relationship.

**Presenter:**

**Suzanne Garcia** serves as TLPI's Tribal Legal and Child Welfare Specialist. She provides training and technical assistance on tribal child welfare and related topics such as the commercial sexual exploitation of children and tribal/state/local collaboration. Prior to coming to TLPI, Suzanne served as the Assistant General Counsel for the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California for over seven years. In that role, she worked extensively with child welfare issues, including negotiating tribal-county agreements, developing policies and procedures, and extensive work with the Tribal Title IV-E development grant, Tribal Court Improvement grant, and Children's Justice Act grant. Suzanne represented the Tribe in ICWA child welfare proceedings in state courts and child dependency cases in Washoe tribal court. She also developed and delivered both written and oral testimony in response to requests for consultation from ACF, IHS, BIA, and the DOJ. As a representative of the Washoe Tribe, Suzanne provided excellent peer-to-peer information sharing with tribes throughout the country about 'lessons learned,' and offering insight to the Washoe tribal experience in developing Tribal IV-E plans. Suzanne has coordinated several tribal gatherings

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focused on tribal access to Title IV-E direct funding. Suzanne holds a Jurisprudence Doctor degree from the University of Arizona College of Law and an Applied Baccalaureate degree in Philosophy from the University of California, Davis.

**Utilizing KPIs and Other Metrics to Monitor and Track Performance, Safety, Patient Flow, and a Variety of Other Data Points**

Many service providers put a great deal of focus on the quality of their services, product, etc. Very few do the additional work to track the quality, efficiency, operations, and safety related to that work, however. Without significant data to speak to what it is we do; we cannot truly say that we are providing the best quality of care that we can. With the advent of value-based purchasing, this is now more crucial than ever. This presentation will expand on this with a variety of topics related to KPIs and other data metrics.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Learn how to truly track and analyze the services we provide.
- Improve the quality of those services and customer satisfaction.
- Be equipped to present objective data to our payors that can speak objectively to the quality of our work and outcomes.

**Eric Perry** is the Executive Director at Virtue Recovery Center, an inpatient treatment facility in Sun City West, AZ. He holds a Master's Degree in Counseling and Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. He also trained extensively at the Philadelphia Child & Family Therapy Training Center. He's a Licensed Substance Abuse Counselor and a Nationally Certified Counselor. He has years of clinical experience in substance abuse, family therapy and mental health treatment, as well as extensive leadership experience. He is also on the Board of Directors for the Arizona Board for Certification of Addiction Counselors.

**Veterans and Impaired Driving (JFV SPONSORED)**

If you're working with justice-involved veterans in any capacity, you may have recognized that their entry into the system is often due to impaired driving. The issues veterans present with and treating them can be complex. Impaired drivers are also a unique demographic, often presenting with co-occurring disorders, and the balance of treatment and ensuring public safety can be difficult. The intersection of veterans and impaired driving can be all the more challenging for treatment courts. This session will examine the unique demographics and behaviors of impaired drivers who are veterans to enable your program to respond to their needs.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Identify unique demographics, behaviors, and needs of veterans and impaired drivers.
- Identify differences in case planning, program requirements, and responding to behaviors of impaired drivers.
- Describe and recognize appropriate screening and assessment tools for impaired drivers to accurately identify risk and need.

**Presenter:**

**Jim Eberspacher** is a division director for the National Center for DWI Courts (NCDC), a division of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP). His background in the drug court model includes experience at the state and local levels. For seven years, he was the state drug court coordinator

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for the State of Minnesota, providing oversight of drug court policy, strategic planning, state standards, and funding; assisting in research; and providing training and technical assistance to drug court teams. He also served as the coordinator of three drug court teams – DWI court, hybrid drug/DWI court, and family dependency treatment court – in rural Minnesota. Prior to his involvement in the drug court field, Mr. Eberspacher was a probation officer in community supervision and in a juvenile institution. Overall, he has 19 years of combined experience in drug courts, corrections, policy development, and training/technical assistance.

**When Ethics Seem to Clash: Navigating Various Codes of Ethics on a Treatment Court Team”**

Nearly every profession today has a code of ethics or a code of conduct. Working in a multidisciplinary team setting means those codes, with their varying emphases, may come into conflict. Without understanding the subtleties of these codes, it would be easy to make wrong assumptions about a team member’s motivation for the position they are advocating. This presentation will include an overview of some of the differences in codes that are represented on a treatment team. There will also be scenarios for group discussions on navigating the potential for conflict.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Participants will recognize that professional behavior in a treatment court setting may be driven by subtle differences in codes of conduct for each profession.
- Participants will be able to identify at least one way in which their code of conduct may vary from other professional codes of conduct for treatment court team members.
- Participants will be able to apply this understanding to difficult discussions in treatment court team settings.

**Presenters:**

**Melissa Knight** has worked in various aspects of the criminal justice system for over 30 years. For two decades she has worked with treatment courts, facilitating their development in Pinal County and serving as a coordinator. Most recently, Melissa's career has taken a new turn, as she now manages the Vulnerable Persons Unit at Pinal County Court Administration. Her unit supports the court in cases that involve guardianship, conservatorship, court ordered treatment and competency to stand trial. She remains involved with treatment courts, serving on the Pinal County Specialty Court Steering Committee, and on the Board of the Arizona Association of Drug Court Professionals.

**Cathryn Whalen** graduated from the Arizona State University College of Law in 2003, Cum Laude, with a Pro Bono Distinction and an Award for Trial Advocacy. She was admitted to the State Bar of Arizona in 2003. From 2003 to 2020, Cathryn worked at the Law Office of the Maricopa County Public Defender. In 2020, Cathryn became the first ever Director of the newly formed Office of Public Defense Services in Pinal County. Cathryn has been active with treatment courts for many years. She is currently a member of the Arizona Association of Drug Court Professionals, and previously served as AADCP President.

**Paula Krasselt** is Mercy Care’s single point of contact with Arizona’s justice system, working as interagency liaison for an array of criminal justice partners. She is responsible for justice system reach-in initiatives. Prior to joining Mercy Care, Paula served as a counselor and clinical supervisor for Maricopa County Adult Probation, working to improve outcomes for adult probationers as a champion of evidence-based practice. She has experience overseeing clinics, clinical

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staff, and all aspects of programming. Paula earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of Texas at Arlington, a Master of Arts in counseling from Webster University, and a PhD in Behavioral Health from Arizona State University.

