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ADULT TREATMENT COURT FIDELITY GUIDE

ABSTRACT

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Introduction

What is the Adult Treatment Court Fidelity Guide?

The Adult Treatment Court Fidelity Guide is a summary of an interconnected fidelity process for adult treatment court program assessment, practitioner education, and program modification to enhance adult criminal treatment court practice in New York State. The Fidelity Guide is a team-based process that practitioners can implement to promote the utilization of researched practices in adult criminal treatment courts. Through detailed guidance, this resource can inspire practitioners to improve treatment court operations and participant outcomes.

How should adult treatment courts use this guide?

This comprehensive guide is designed to serve as a resource for adult criminal treatment courts seeking to elevate the program's operational performance and to enhance fidelity to nationally accepted practice standards provided in the *All Rise Adult Treatment Court Best Practice Standards*. Courts are encouraged to utilize the tools and educational resources outlined in this guide to improve court practice through program analysis and periodic data reviews. For additional support, technical assistance can be requested through the Division of Policy and Planning and a consortium of Bureau of Justice Assistance technical assistance providers, including All Rise, the National Center for State Courts, the American University School of Public Affairs. The Center for Justice Innovation also provides additional technical support through its collaboration with NYS Courts.

Courts can use this guide to improve court operation in the following manners:

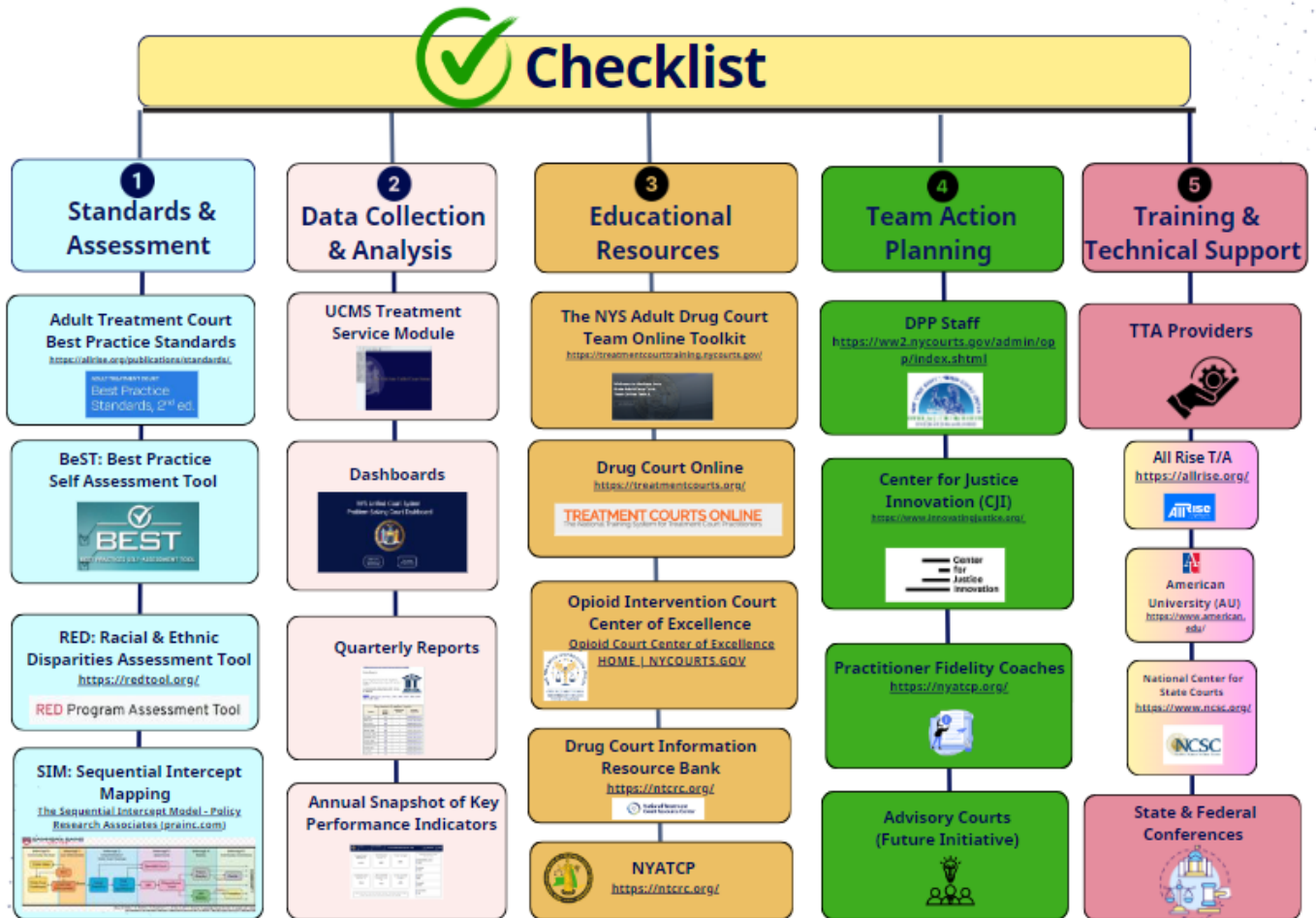
1. To identify trainings that support professional development
2. To develop an orientation strategy for new team members
3. To engage in team program reviews
4. To prepare for and take fidelity assessments
5. To identify and request technical assistance

This Fidelity Guide will be updated frequently to include All Rise Adult Treatment Court Best Practice Standards updates and to align with ongoing NYS data collection and analysis approaches to enhance team education, training, and technical support.

The Adult Treatment Court Fidelity Structure

The Adult Treatment Court Fidelity Guide can be visualized as a Fidelity Structure designed to guide courts through a comprehensive process to promote fidelity to *All Rise Adult Treatment Court Best Practice Standards* and other research-based practices. The Fidelity Structure has **six** distinct yet buildable stages of program analysis, education, and team action planning for program modification. The "Checklist" is considered the foundation or Stage 0 of the structure. Courts are encouraged to begin the model with completing the checklist. Fidelity strategies (1-5) are available to both practitioners seeking self-improvement and treatment court teams aiming to enhance overall program operations.

Fidelity Structure



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Courts seeking support to engage in the Adult Treatment Court Fidelity Guide will receive a link to complete a Fidelity Checklist. The Fidelity Checklist allows courts to indicate what types of program assessment or education the treatment court team has completed to date. The Division of Policy and Planning will review the submission and schedule a meeting with any adult criminal treatment court team to review the need for assessment, training, and technical assistance to conduct program analysis and modification.

Fidelity Checklist Instructions:

1. Click [here](#) to complete the Checklist.
2. Treatment court teams will engage with DPP staff, Center staff, and Judicial District fidelity coaches to establish timelines and objectives for working through a facilitated education and technical assistance fidelity process.

Standards and Assessment

The New York State Unified Court System released in 2017 the *Future of Drug Courts in New York State: A Strategic Plan*, which set forth a uniform state policy to ensure that drug courts can continue to work effectively. To produce the plan, the Office of Policy and Planning worked closely with Judicial District representatives composed of judicial and non-judicial staff from the Unified Court System. The New York State Strategic Plan indicated that adult criminal treatment courts should follow the *All Rise Adult Treatment Court Best Practice Standards* to support continuous assessment of their programs. Program assessments are a fundamental tool for the data-gathering process to enhance practitioner understanding of the court's needs and ensure fidelity of the Adult Treatment Court model.

Adult Treatment Court Best Practice Standards

All Rise is updating the *Adult Treatment Court Best Practice Standards* ([Adult Treatment Court Best Practice Standards - All Rise](#)) with research from the past decade. The Standards will be reviewed and applied throughout the fidelity process. Best Practices Self-Assessment Tool (BeST)

The Best Practices Self-Assessment Tool (BeST) is an online adult treatment court assessment tool developed by NPC Research. The assessment requires treatment court teams to respond objectively to questions about program procedures and practices. The responses are translated into an assessment report that measures a court's fidelity to All Rise's *Defining Drug Courts: The Key Components and its Adult Treatment Court Best Practice Standards* (the Standards). The BeST applies to all adult treatment court models.

Best Practices Self-Assessment Tool Instructions

1. A treatment court team completes the online assessment (licensed link provided by DPP), and once completed, a report detailing the court's adherence to the Standards is generated.
2. The BeST assessment report provides treatment court teams (and collaborative partners, if applicable) with a summary of how closely the program is implementing the Key Components and Standards. Aggregate results will be sent directly to courts and state administrators.
3. The BeST assessment report demonstrates where programs are aligned with treatment court best practices and where they need additional support, including education, training, and technical assistance. Courts interested in completing the BeST assessment should contact DPP for more information and access.

Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R.E.D.) Assessment Tool

The Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R.E.D.) Program Assessment tool, created by American University's School of Public Affairs, is a web-based platform designed to capture information about treatment court operations and procedures. It emphasizes examining areas where racial and ethnic disparities may exist in programming. The tool poses a series of questions related to operational best practices. The R.E.D. tool provides an overall assessment score and individual scores for each of the assessment sections. It also provides operational recommendations for alleviating racial and ethnic disparities.

R.E.D. Assessment Instructions

1. A treatment court team completes the free online assessment. Teams can access the R.E.D. Assessment by clicking this link: [redtool](#).
2. Once completed, a report detailing the court's responses to addressing racial and ethnic disparities is automatically generated. Aggregate results will be sent directly to courts and state administrators.
3. The R.E.D. assessment and report provide treatment court teams (and collaborative partners, if applicable) with an understanding of how the court addresses racial and ethnic disparities in court policies and practices.
4. The R.E.D. report provides recommendations that will enhance operational responses to disparities. In addition to the report, supplemental technical assistance is available from American University, funded by BJA, to courts who seek additional support.
5. Courts interested in completing the R.E.D. assessment should contact DPP for more information and access.

SIM: Sequential Intercept Mapping

The Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) was developed over several years in the early 2000s by Mark Munetz, MD, Patricia A. Griffin, PhD, and Henry J. Steadman, PhD, of Policy Research Associates, Inc. The SIM was developed as a conceptual model to inform community-based responses to the involvement of people with mental and substance use disorders in the criminal justice system. (SIM Mapping: [prainc.com](#)).

Data Collection and Analysis

The NYS Unified Court System has developed management information systems designed to support treatment court operations and program analysis. By collecting treatment court information and conducting analysis using these systems, treatment courts can gather accurate and relevant information about program operations and populations served. These tools are a valuable resource for treatment court teams to make informed decisions about necessary program modifications to better serve program participants. Representatives from the Division of Policy and Planning and the Center for Justice Innovation staff will work with treatment court teams to identify assessed areas of practice that need attention and to develop learning plans that identify what materials a team should review to guide their analysis of areas of practice.

The UCMS Treatment Service Module (UCMS TSM)

The Universal Case Management System (UCMS) is the NYS Unified Court System case management system for treatment courts. The Treatment Service Module (TSM) is a compartment/tab within UCMS that houses confidential information. Users have specific permissions to record notes, drug tests, assessments, other treatment, and court supervision information.

New York State Drug Court Assessment Tool (NYS-DCAT)

The NYS Drug Court Assessment Tool (DCAT) is a risk-needs assessment tool for NYS Adult Drug Courts that predicts an individual's risk of re-offending. It also screens for important needs that should be targeted to reduce risk, including education, employment, housing, substance use, and criminal thinking. The use of risk-needs assessment tools is a best practice for screening participants for treatment courts. NYS Courts have instructed court staff to screen participants using the DCAT to assess potential treatment court participants by completing the assessment early in the screening process. The DCAT is only for use with adult drug court potential applicants. The NYS Drug Court Assessment Training Workbook [DCAT Training workbook](#).

Drug Court Assessment Tool Instructions

1. Log into UCMS located on the top bar, click on Bookmarks
2. Click on UCMS Screening and Assessment Forms
3. Log into ASCOT (Assessment & Screening Collection Online Tool)
4. Create "NEW CASE" and enter identifying client information
5. Select DCAT Screener and complete the screening
6. Court use DCAT assessment results to prioritize high-risk clients for the highest levels of supervision and case management.
7. Based on risk categories, courts should create a multi-track system that bases the level of supervision, treatment, and case management on the outcomes of the assessment. (See *Educational Resources* section for resources on building multi-track systems)

UCMS Treatment Service Module Data Dashboard

The UCMS Treatment Service Module Data Dashboard utilizes data from UCMS to highlight relevant trends in treatment court programs and produce snapshots of program outcomes. This tool transforms raw data into actionable insights, providing a dynamic overview of court performance, populations served, and program trends. Designed to enhance decision-making, the Data Dashboard offers practitioners the capacity to stay informed about program trends and to make program modifications. The UCMS Treatment Service Module Data Dashboard displays aggregate and program-specific statistics for the treatment courts in New York State. Dashboard data is derived from the Universal Case Management System (UCMS) and the Treatment Service Module (TSM).

The treatment courts included in the dashboard are adult drug treatment court, domestic violence court, DWI court, emerging/young adult parts, family treatment court, human trafficking intervention court, integrated domestic violence court, juvenile treatment court, mental health court, opioid intervention court, and veterans' treatment court. For courts that have a specialty part outside of a structured treatment court and use the TSM, data is captured as “alternative services and supervision.” The accuracy of the data is dependent upon reliable entry practices of each court and may vary from court to court.

Data Dashboard Instructions:

1. To access the Data Dashboard, log in to UCMS.
2. Located on the top bar, click on Bookmarks.
3. This will create a drop-down box where you can select Treatment/Service Reports and Dashboards.
4. The Data Dashboard has over 30 tabs along the bottom of the screen. Most pages contain a filter button (located on the top right side of the page) to narrow down the parameters.

Educational Resources

A diverse array of state and national educational training opportunities exists for adult criminal treatment courts. Much like data collection tools, understanding the opportunities for utilizing these educational opportunities is critical for practitioners aiming to elevate their program adherence. Representatives from the Division of Policy and Planning and the Center for Justice Innovation will work with treatment court teams to develop learning plans (see [Sample Learning Plan](#)) to identify assessed areas of practice that need attention, and to identify what materials a team should review to guide their analysis of areas of practice. Educational materials and opportunities include:

The New York State Adult Drug Court Team Online Toolkit

The New York State Adult Drug Court Team Online Toolkit is a training website created for New York State adult drug court practitioners that offers role-based treatment court training modules that are state-specific. It is designed to meet New York State treatment court practitioners' unique needs by providing relevant role-based training informed by successful local programs and based upon the state's legal landscape. Current treatment court team Fidelity Guide December 2024

members can access role-based training and complete assessments that test team member knowledge at The New York State Adult Treatment Court Team Online Toolkit. For new treatment courts, team members' introductory training modules are available at The New York State Adult Treatment Court Team Online Toolkit.

Drug Court Team Online Toolkit Instructions:

1. All treatment court practitioners can create a user account and navigate the site based on personal preference. Click here to access [The New York State Adult Treatment Court Team Online Toolkit](#)
2. For new users, go to the REGISTER button to create a new account. New accounts may take up to 24-48 hours for approval
3. For returning users, go to the LOGIN button and enter the credentials
4. Users will be taken to the dashboard, where they will have access to modules and other training resources

The National Treatment Court Online Learning System

The National Treatment Court Online Learning System is an interactive learning system supported by the National Center for State Courts and provides an online educational curriculum for treatment court practitioners, including role-specific videos, virtual site visits, and videos on important treatment court topics. The system includes courses for adult drug courts, veterans' treatment courts, juvenile treatment courts, tribal healing, and wellness courts. System components include videos of expert presentations on a variety of relevant topics to treatment court practice, virtual tours of operational courts, practitioner interviews with seasoned practitioners, quizzes to test knowledge gained, and a resource library.

National Treatment Court Online Learning System Instructions:

1. Treatment court practitioners can create a user account at <https://treatmentcourts.org/>
2. The Online Learning System tracks user progress and allows users to pick up where they left off.
3. The resource library in the system identifies materials that provide additional support for the individual presentations.

The NYS UCS Opioid Intervention Court Center of Excellence

The Opioid Intervention Court Center of Excellence is an interactive site ([Opioid Court Center of Excellence](#)) with information regarding intervention courts. Segments of the system include the following:

- *Opioid Intervention Court Implementation* - Courts interested in implementing an Opioid Intervention Court (OIC) have the opportunity to learn from a library of educational resources.
- *Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)* also known as Medication for Addiction Treatment (MAT), is an evidence-based approach to treating Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) effectively. Research has shown that approved Food and Drug Administration

(FDA) medications for OUD can successfully treat substance use disorder, help individuals obtain and sustain recovery, and prevent or reduce overdose.

- *Role of Recovery Peer Advocates* - Certified Recovery Peer Advocates (CRPA) and Certified Addiction Recovery Coaches (CARC) in NYS OICs are recovery professionals who bridge the gap between clinical intervention and community resources.
- *Evaluation* - The Opioid Intervention Court is a new and developing problem-solving court model. Evaluations have shown its effectiveness.

Opioid Intervention Court Center of Excellence Instructions:

1. Opioid Intervention Court Center of Excellence (OICCOE) home page can be found at: ([Opioid Court Center of Excellence](#))
2. The OICCOE site is organized into various categories for internal and public users. Tabs under the seal include Court Implementation, Research and Evaluation, Medication for Opioid Use Disorder, and Recovery Peer Advocates. Click on a topic to open compartments and resources to learn more about opioid intervention courts.

National Treatment Court Resource Center

The National Treatment Court Resource Center (NTCRC) ([National Treatment Court Resource Center \(ntcrc.org\)](#)) serves as a virtual educational hub for treatment court resources. The NTCRC provides the information needed to design and implement treatment court programs that align with best practice standards, expand, and enhance existing programs, and collect, analyze, and disseminate program data. The NTCRC website includes original publications, interactive maps, materials organized by court type and team role, seminal readings for collaborative partners, a newsletter, blog, podcast, a calendar of professional development opportunities, and more.

New York Association for Treatment Court Professionals (NYATCP)

Chartered in 1997, the New York Association of Treatment Court Professionals (NYATCP) is a non-for-profit organization of judges, lawyers, court employees, treatment professionals, law enforcement officers, and other professionals working in treatment courts. The NYATCP website provides training, presentations, and webinars for association members and treatment court practitioners.

New York Association for Treatment Court Professionals Instructions

NYATCP home page can be found at ([NYATCP.ORG](#))

1. Click on the PRESENTATIONS tab located in the top navigation bar for all past presentations. To register for an upcoming training, go to the SAVE THE DATE box; there is a sign-up link located along with information on future webinars.
2. NYATCP Annual Conference is scheduled yearly during the first week in March. To sign up, click on the registration link and complete registration based on type: General Registration, Court Employee, or Grant Registration A confirmation will be sent to the email used to sign up shortly after submission of the registration application.
3. NYATCP Members will receive conference information, training updates, and additional updates and communications from the association. All conference

registrants become NYATCP members and are added to the mailing list. Once on the mailing list,

Team Action Planning

The Office of Court Administration, Division of Policy and Planning, and the Center for Justice Innovation will work with Practitioner Fidelity Coaches and courts engaged in the Advisory Court Initiative to facilitate teams in reviewing program assessments, data analysis, and team educational efforts to define some steps toward program modification. Treatment court teams will receive facilitation to develop an action plan (See [Sample Action Plan](#)) to prioritize program policies, operations, or participant needs that need to be enhanced to achieve the best outcomes.

Office of Court Administration's Division of Policy and Planning

The Division of Policy and Planning (DPP) collaborates with federal, state, and local partners and treatment court practitioners across the state to reduce recidivism and restore communities by addressing the criminogenic needs of justice-involved individuals with substance use disorder.

DPP offers the following technical assistance support:

- Data analysis and support
- Facilitated development of learning plans
- Facilitated team action planning (in-person/virtual)
- Live training initiatives
- Webinars
- Grant writing guidance and support

Center for Justice Innovation

The Center for Justice Innovation and the Division of Policy and Planning work collaboratively to empower courts with the tools needed to enhance fidelity in their operations through technical assistance support. The Center's Office of National Initiatives provides training and technical assistance to state-level treatment court coordinators and administrators, treatment court practitioners, and other officials to enhance program operations and support fidelity to the treatment court model. The Center offers the following technical assistance support:

- Fidelity checklist
- Document review
- Team training
- Facilitated development of learning plans
- Facilitated team action planning (in-person/virtual)

Practitioner Fidelity Coaches

Statewide practitioner fidelity coaches play a significant role in ensuring that courts are supported by experienced peers. This peer-to-peer technical assistance response allows court teams to learn from their treatment court colleagues who have been trained in

facilitation and treatment court best practices. Fidelity coaches are located throughout the state to participate in training initiatives, one-on-one question-and-answer sessions, and implementation guidance.

Practitioner fidelity coaches represent high fidelity treatment court programs. They are identified based on their interest in supporting their treatment court colleagues in a court's fidelity to best practice standards. Practitioner fidelity coaches attend training to support their knowledge base to ensure they can facilitate training. Practitioner fidelity coaches engage with teams to review data, access educational resources, and conduct team action planning in cooperation with the Division of Policy and Planning.

The Advisory Court Initiative

The Advisory Court Initiative (ACI) is a peer-to-peer fidelity strategy to connect treatment courts with other treatment courts have experience in program analysis and modification to improve best practice outcomes based on the results from the Best Practices Self-Assessment Tool (BeST) the Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R.E.D.) assessment, and Key Performance Indicators. The initiative aims to address program needs based on practitioner experience.

Courts that take and receive satisfactory results from the BeST and R.E.D. assessments can qualify as Advisory Courts. Courts engaging in the fidelity process can request to be partnered with an Advisory Court. To become a member of the ACI, courts should contact DPP and request membership and court pairing.

Training and Technical Support

In the pursuit of optimizing program fidelity, courts stand to benefit from comprehensive technical assistance support offered by DPP staff, local practitioner fidelity coaches, and technical assistance partners. By exploring the spectrum of state and national technical assistance opportunities described below, treatment court teams can engage with collaborative partners in their fidelity efforts. Below are some of the technical assistance opportunities:

ALL Rise Technical Assistance and Training

ALL RISE NATIONAL CONFERENCE - Since 1995, All Rise has convened the only national conference for treatment court professionals. Expanding alongside our field, RISE attendance has grown to include a wide array of public health and public safety leaders working to expand treatment for people impacted by substance use and mental health disorders.

E-LEARNING CENTER Self-paced online training with leading experts (<https://allrise.org/trainings/e-learning/>) including:

ONLINE COURSES—All Rise E-Learning Center provides self-paced training courses designed to be engaging and informative, led by renowned experts in the treatment court field. New courses are continuously being added.

ASK THE EXPERT (<https://allrise.org/trainings/ask-the-expert/>) The Office Hours series is a service specifically designed for treatment court professionals to get answers straight from the experts on various key topics.

ADULT DRUG COURT OPERATIONAL TUNE-UP (<https://allrise.org/trainings/adult-drug-court-operational-tune-up/>) The Treatment Court Institute (TCI), in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), developed the Adult Operational Tune-Up training program for jurisdictions interested in improving their programs. This interactive workshop is designed for established adult drug court programs seeking to fine-tune their programs to ensure they meet the latest evidence-based best practice standards. This two-day workshop is facilitated by seasoned experts with years of adult drug court experience. Participating teams will review the critical foundational practices of successful programs, gain advanced knowledge leading to higher success rates, and learn about innovative treatment practices.

EQUITY AND INCLUSION WORKSHOP (<https://allrise.org/trainings/equity-and-inclusion-training/>)

The Equity and Inclusion Workshop helps treatment courts identify, understand, and address racial disparities using your program's data. Participants will learn how to ensure equivalent access and retention and how understanding racial disparities can maximize the effectiveness of treatment, incentives, sanctions, and service adjustments.

INCENTIVES, SANCTIONS, AND SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS WORKSHOP

(<https://allrise.org/trainings/incentives-sanctions-and-service-adjustments-training/>) This interactive two-day program is designed to educate an interdisciplinary team in the theory and application of behavior modification in an effective adult drug treatment court. Workshops are available virtually or in person at no charge to your jurisdiction. The incentives, sanctions, and service adjustments (ISSA) workshop will challenge court teams to self-assess and receive assistance with taking corrective steps to improve policy, practice, and outcomes.

ADULT TREATMENT PROVIDER TRAINING (<https://allrise.org/trainings/adult-treatment-provider-training/>) Presented in partnership with the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM), this training is designed for addiction treatment professionals working with adult clients in treatment courts and other justice interventions. This highly customizable training allows professionals, both new and advanced, to learn evidence-based methods for the effective treatment of justice-involved individuals with substance use disorders. Continuing education hours are available.

LAW ENFORCEMENT ESSENTIALS FOR TREATMENT COURTS ([Briefings: Patrol Essentials for Treatment Courts](#)) This self-paced training delivers a deep dive into the role of law enforcement in four critical aspects of substance use and mental health disorders that intersect with criminal justice. The sessions are interactive, test knowledge transfer, and can be completed based on your schedule. This is an excellent training to introduce new law enforcement partners to treatment courts, as an onboarding tool for new team members, or to introduce members of the multi-disciplinary team to the role of law enforcement on the treatment court team.

MEDICATION FOR ADDICTION TREATMENT TRAINING (<https://allrise.org/trainings/mat-training/>)

This training is designed for established treatment courts seeking to incorporate medication for addiction treatment (MAT) into their program. Participating teams will receive training at no cost in their home jurisdiction. The 1.5-day, in-person training will be conducted by seasoned experts in addiction science, pharmacology, and evidence-based treatment court best practices.

ADULT DRUG COURT FOUNDATIONAL WORKSHOP (<https://allrise.org/trainings/adult-drug-court-foundational-training/>)

This interactive workshop provides the building blocks for successful adult drug courts and is designed for programs still in the planning stages, as well as those operating without formal training and with significant staff turnover. The program is offered at no cost to your jurisdiction. Accepted programs participate in a six-month facilitated process that includes both online and in-person workshops and follow-up consultation from expert staff. At the end of the foundational workshop, programs will have developed or improved program structures, policy and procedure manuals, and team dynamics built from the latest evidence-based best practices.

BUILDING A MULTI-TRACK TREATMENT COURT (<https://allrise.org/trainings/building-a-multi-track-treatment-court/>),

This interactive workshop will introduce courts to the research behind the multi-track treatment court model and focus on selecting and using risk tools to appropriately screen and assess for criminogenic risks/needs so that practitioners have the information they need to coordinate placement in different programmatic interventions. Participants will learn how to build new tracks in existing treatment courts effective for those outside the high-risk/high-need population.

PRACTITIONER TRAINING (<https://allrise.org/trainings/practitioner-training/>)

This in-person practitioner training includes opportunities to network with your colleagues, share ideas, ask questions, participate in breakout discussions by court type, and join moderated discussions on burning issues.

American University (AU) Training and Technical Assistance

Housed in the School of Public Affairs (SPA) at American University (AU), the Racial and Ethnic Disparities Initiative (REDI) is a multi-year project funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. ([Training and Technical Assistance | School of Public Affairs | American University, Washington, DC](#)) The project's mission is to use research, policy development, and training and technical assistance (TTA) to work with justice system partners to rectify racial and ethnic disparities in treatment courts. REDI's goals include (1) raising awareness about RED in treatment courts and assisting courts in identifying RED in their systems and processes, (2) rectifying RED within treatment courts and assisting with the implementation of RED Program Assessment Tool recommendations and (3) conducting a program evaluation of RED. Resources: <https://redtool.org/resources.php>

National Center for State Courts Training and Technical Assistance

The National Center for State Courts treatment court experts include practitioners and researchers with experience in all treatment court models. The types of services provided

include conducting process, outcome, impact, and cost-benefit analysis of treatment courts, facilitating the development and implementation of performance measures and standards, conducting community resource mapping and needs assessments, developing data collection tools, and assisting with the development of databases, addressing common policy issues such as information sharing and complying with federal confidentiality laws, assessing treatment court collaboration and conducting team development and training to address common team challenges, facilitating strategic planning and organizational needs assessments, conducting training on Best Practices and providing technical assistance to address state- or locality-specific issues and addressing emerging issues, including the impact of the Affordable Care Act on treatment courts and the needs of specialized populations.

Conclusion

The Adult Treatment Court Fidelity Guide is a statewide approach that support adult criminal treatment court program fidelity by utilizing existing resources and strategically implementing evidence-based practices. This guide underscores the importance of validated assessment tools, robust data collection, and collaborative partnerships with fidelity experts, so New York treatment courts are both empowered and supported to meet the evolving expectations needed for strong and effective treatment courts.