



FREE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
Adult Drug Court Technical Assistance Project

Effective January 1, 2010, American University will be providing technical assistance and training services to adult drug courts under a cooperative agreement with the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The BJA-funded Adult Drug Court Technical Assistance Project (ADCTAP) offers a wide range of free and cost-share services to drug court programs to promote improved program effectiveness and long term participant success. Available ADCTAP services include:

- Conduct of on-site program assessments and other site services to assist with strategic planning, program design, data collection and analysis, and other operational issues;
- Developing tools for BJA grantees and other drug courts to assess progress in achieving program goals and implementing the “Key Components” ;
- Provision of a wide range of office-based assistance, including facilitation of topic specific conference calls and webinars; compilation/dissemination of operational resources relating to drug court policies and operations; and off-site consultation on planning and implementation issues which, for various reasons, do not warrant on-site services;
- Promotion of peer-to-peer interchange and networking on common implementation issues and promising practices through the project’s “FAQ” series, listserv and other activities; and
- A project website (www.american.edu/justice) on which is posted over 15,000 downloadable documents relating to drug court issues, including compilations of relevant caselaw, statutes, and court

rules updated annually; program manuals; participant handbooks; forms and orders; and law journal and other reference materials.

Office-based technical assistance services can be requested by email or telephone (see contact information below). On-site technical assistance services can be requested by letter from the drug court judge to Caroline Cooper or Joseph Trotter (see contact information below). The letter should describe the services requested, the needs generating the technical assistance request, and the results the requested assistance is intended to accomplish. Summary background information relevant to the technical assistance requested, including any prior studies undertaken, should also be included if available.

Within five days of receipt of the request, project staff will contact the requestor to discuss the request in more detail, obtain additional information, if needed, and plan for service delivery. If on-site services are indicated, they will be designed and scheduled in collaboration with the requesting official. All recipients of the project’s on-site technical assistance services are required to participate in the project’s evaluation and follow-up activities conducted following provision of TA services to document their impact.

The project’s technical assistance services are provided by senior judicial system and treatment practitioner consultants and other experts drawn from the project’s extensive consultant roster, working with senior project staff.

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