

Juvenile Drug Treatment Courts Initiative

The JDTC Guidelines

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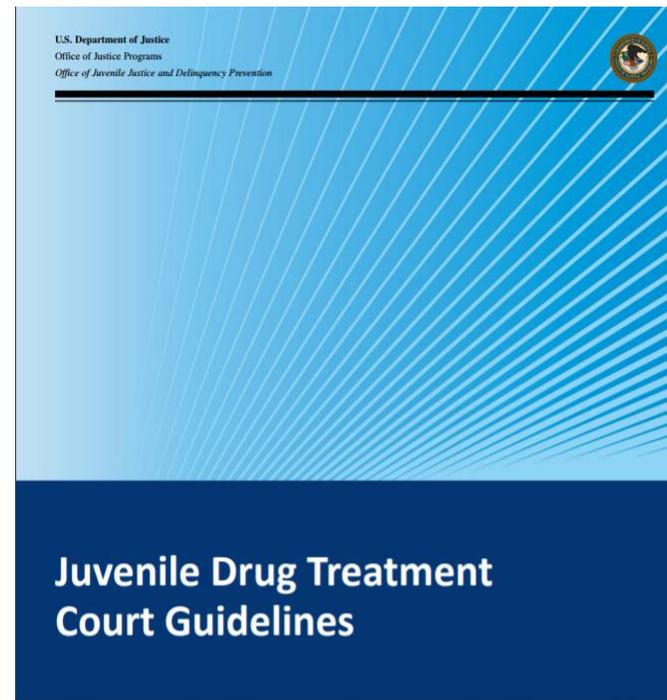
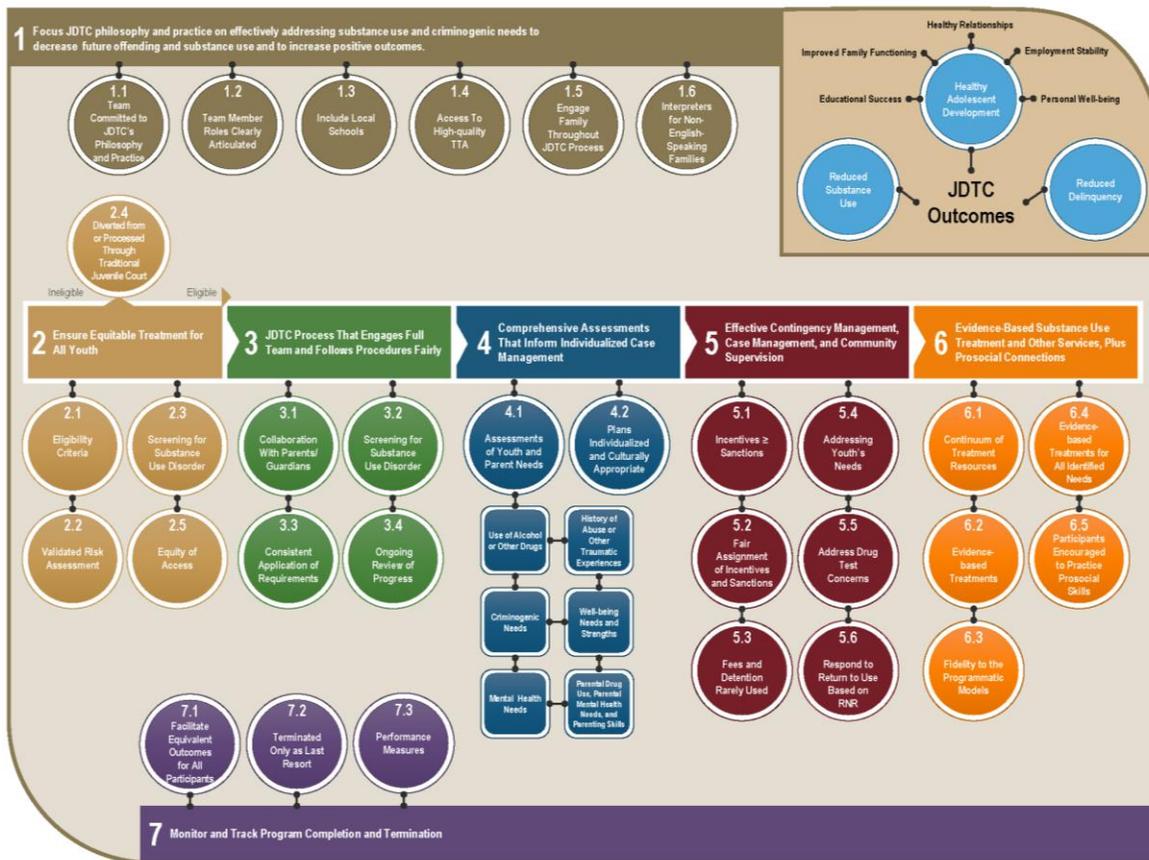


The purpose of our session today

- Overview the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines – what are they?
- Demonstrate how important they are – why should you know about them and follow them?
- Show you how to get more resources about the Guidelines – and help implementing them
- Practice strategic planning by completing a mini technical assistance exercise



What are the Guidelines?



OJJDP Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
Working for Youth Justice and Safety



<http://www.ojjdp.gov/Juvenile-Drug-Treatment-Court-Guidelines.html>



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How to find the Guidelines

- OJJDP JDTC Guidelines website:
<http://www.ojjdp.gov/Juvenile-Drug-Treatment-Court-Guidelines.html>
- The visual diagram:
<https://www.ojjdp.gov/images/jdtc1.png>
- The written document/pdf with details:
<https://www.ojjdp.gov/pubs/250368.pdf>
- JDTC Initiative website: www.au-jdtc.org



Why create the *Guidelines*?

- Provide guidance that is evidence-based
- Standardize what it means to be a JDTC
- Address the effectiveness question: Do JDTCs provide better outcomes for youth?



What's Next for the *Guidelines*?

- Phase 2 — Testing
- Proposed objectives of the study:
 - Evaluate the comparative effectiveness of the JDTC model (i.e., based on the JDTC Guidelines)
 - Examine whether (and how) the Guidelines matter for JDTC practice
 - Examine whether (and how) the Guidelines matter for youth outcomes





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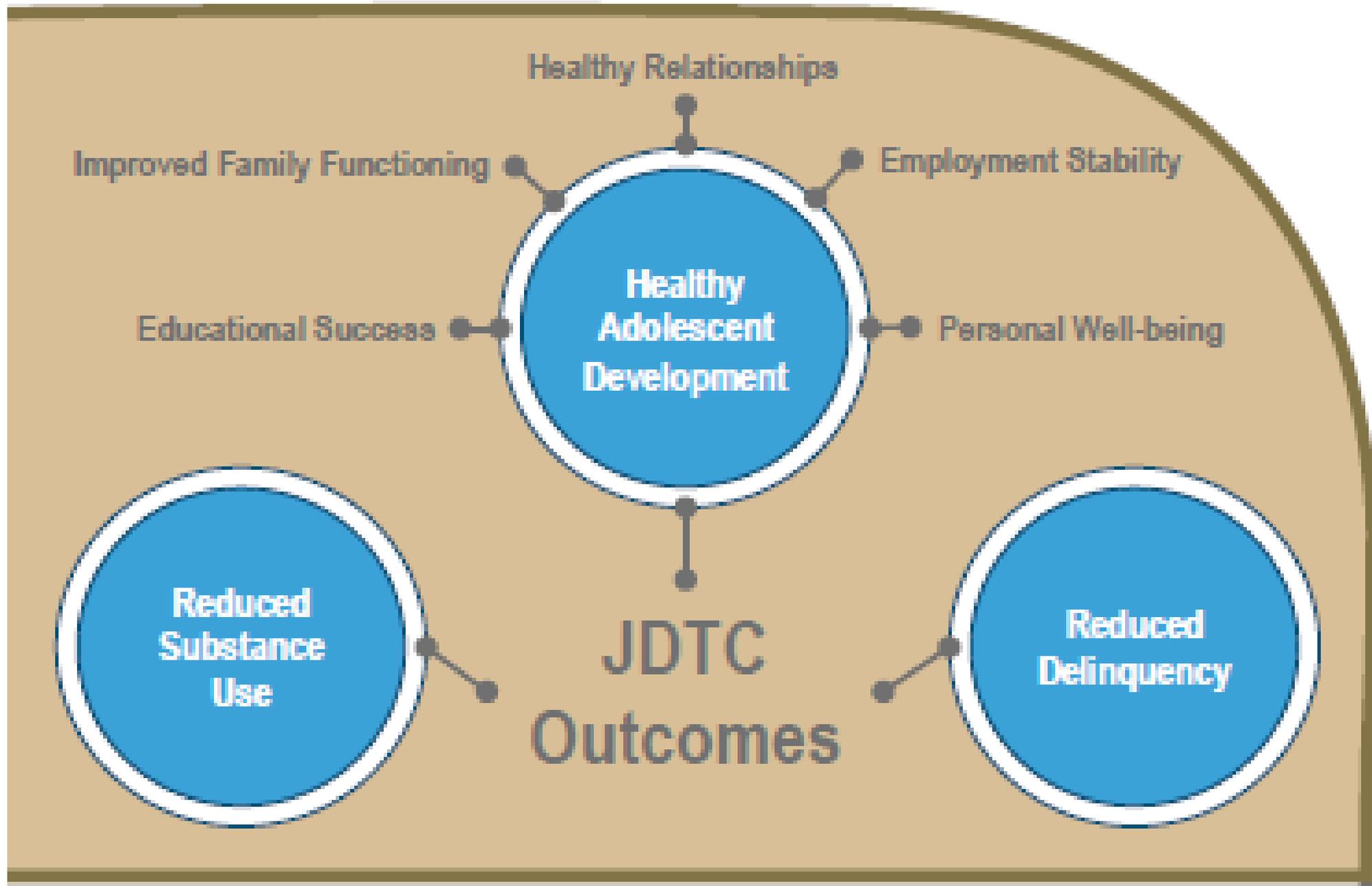
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Why should you care?

- ***Treatment-oriented*** to focus on substance use disorders and mental health
- ***Evidence-based*** to help JDTCs identify the strategies most likely to result in positive outcomes
- Guided by ***adolescent development*** and ***family engagement***



Healthy Relationships

Improved Family Functioning

Employment Stability

Educational Success

Healthy Adolescent Development

Personal Well-being

Reduced Substance Use

JDTC Outcomes

Reduced Delinquency

The guidelines are based on what we know

Research



Experience

- **Adolescent Substance Use**
 - **Juvenile Courts**
- **Juvenile Drug Treatment Courts**

Your program is being asked to:

1. Effectively address substance use and criminogenic needs
2. Ensure equitable treatment for all youth (eligibility/screening)
3. Engage full team and follow procedures fairly
4. Conduct comprehensive assessments
5. Provide effective contingency management, case management, and community supervision
6. Provide evidence-based substance use treatment, other services, and prosocial connections
7. Monitor and track program completion and termination

1. Effectively Address Risks and Needs

Committed
Team

Clarify
Team
Roles

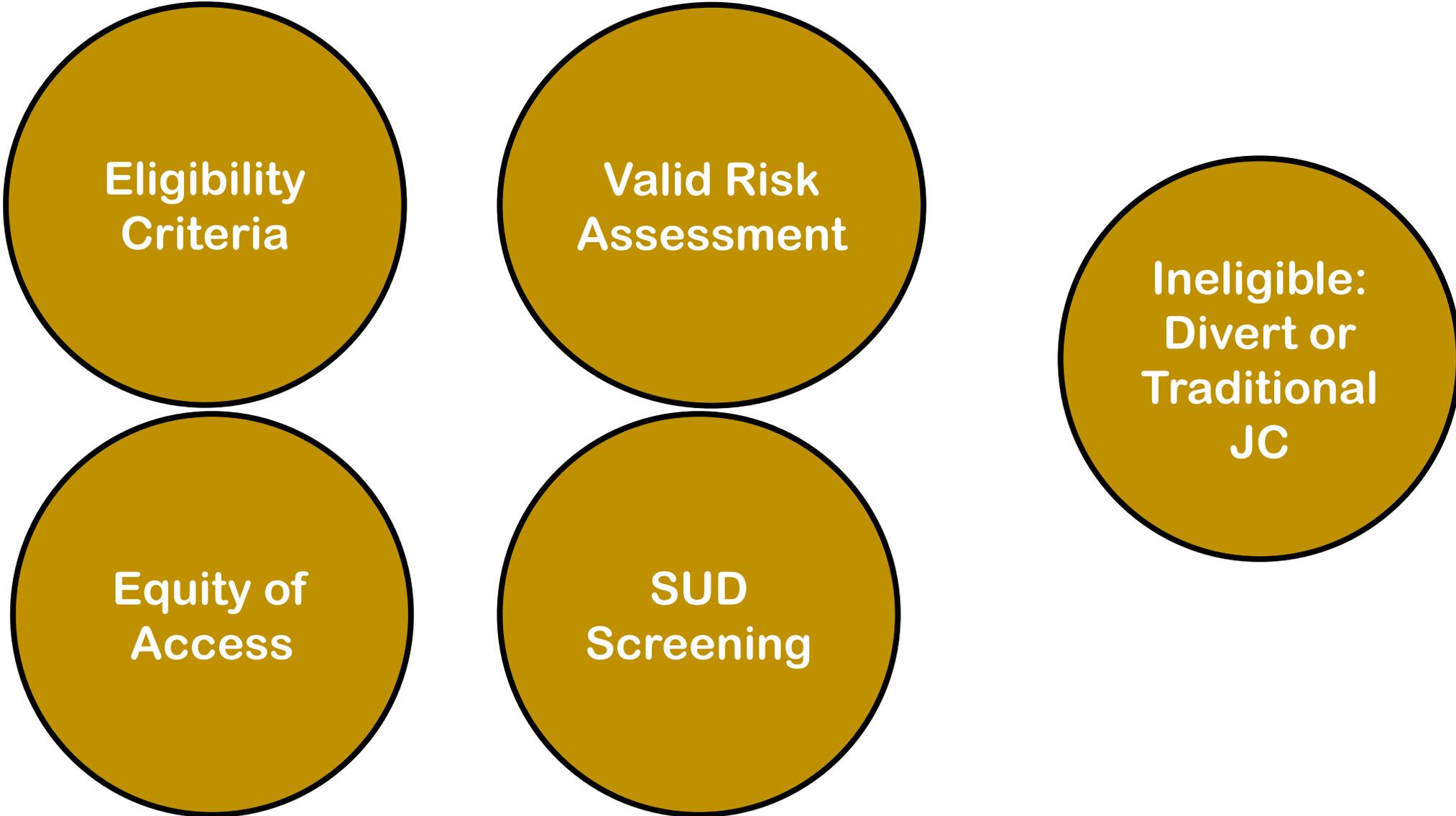
Include
Schools

TTA

Engage
Family

Use
Interpreters

2. Ensure Equitable Treatment for All Youth



Eligibility
Criteria

Valid Risk
Assessment

Ineligible:
Divert or
Traditional
JC

Equity of
Access

SUD
Screening

2. Ensure Equitable Treatment for All Youth



3. Engage Team & Follow Procedures Fairly



Collaborate
with
Parents

Judge is
Non-
Judgmental
& Fair

Apply Rules
Consistently

Review
Progress

4. Conduct Comprehensive Assessments

**Youth and
Parent
Assessment**

**Individual
and
Culturally
Competent
Plans**

Assessment Areas

AOD

Abuse or
Trauma

Criminogenic
Needs

Well-being
Needs &
Strengths

Mental Health
Needs

Parental
Needs and
Skills

Family Matters

5. Provide Effective Contingency Management, Case Management, & Community Supervision

**Incentives
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Sanctions**

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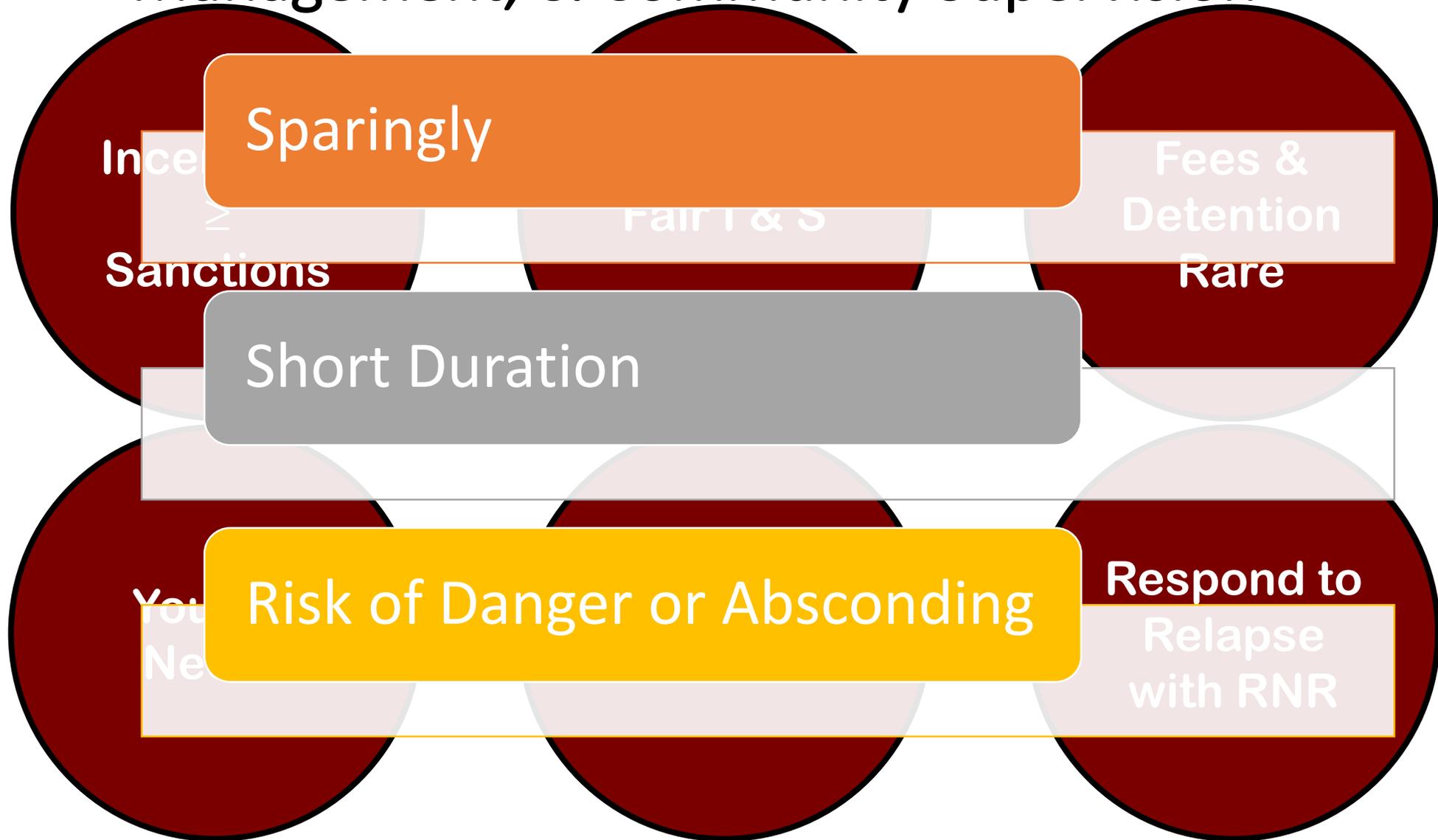
**Fees &
Detention
Rare**

**Youth's
Needs**

**Drug Test
Concerns**

**Respond to
Relapse
with RNR**

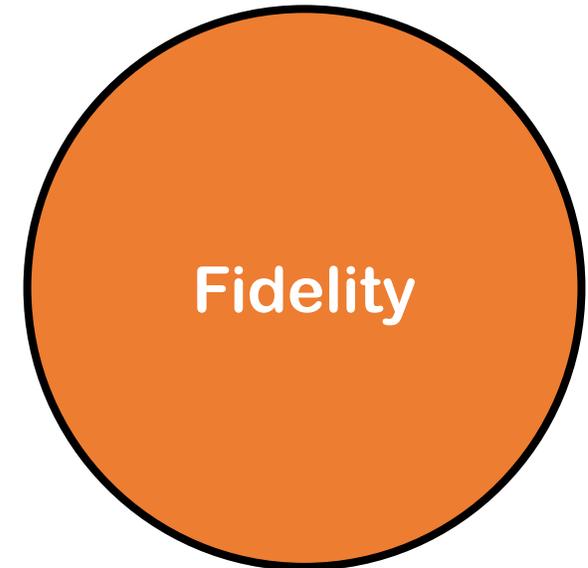
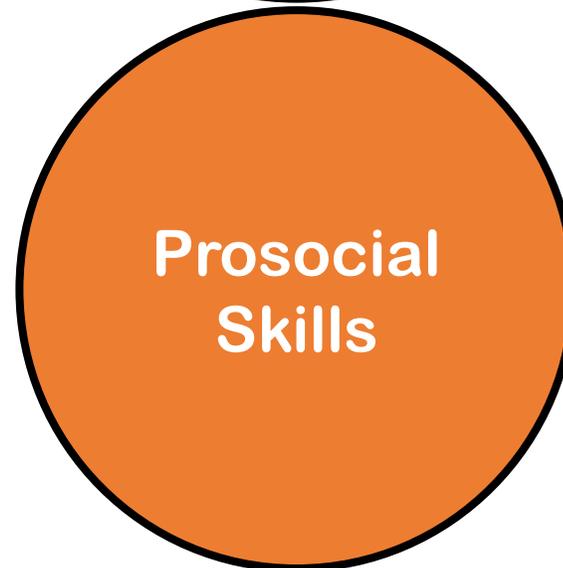
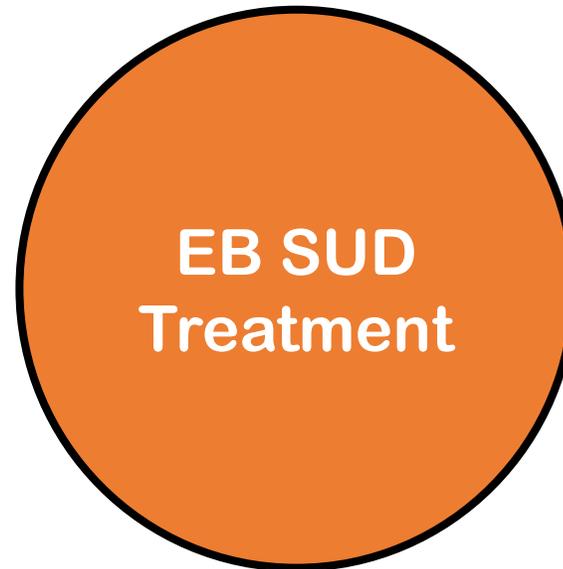
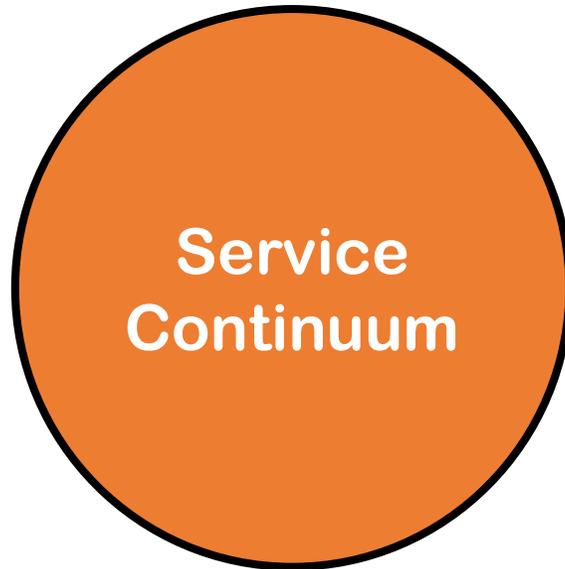
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**INCARCERATION
IS *NOT* A
LEVEL OF CARE**

6. Provide Evidence-Based Treatment, Services, & Prosocial Connections



7. Monitor/Track Completion and Termination



Facilitate
Equivalent
Outcomes



Termination
only as Last
Result

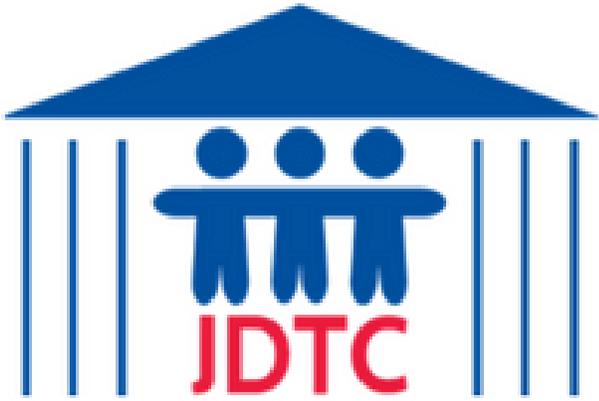


Performance
Measures

Takeaways

- ❖ An understanding of what the JDTC Guidelines are
- ❖ An understanding of why they are important
- ❖ A commitment to following as many as you can!
- ❖ A commitment to learning more and reaching out for help and information if you need support implementing them

Questions?



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JDTC Guidelines-Specific Resources



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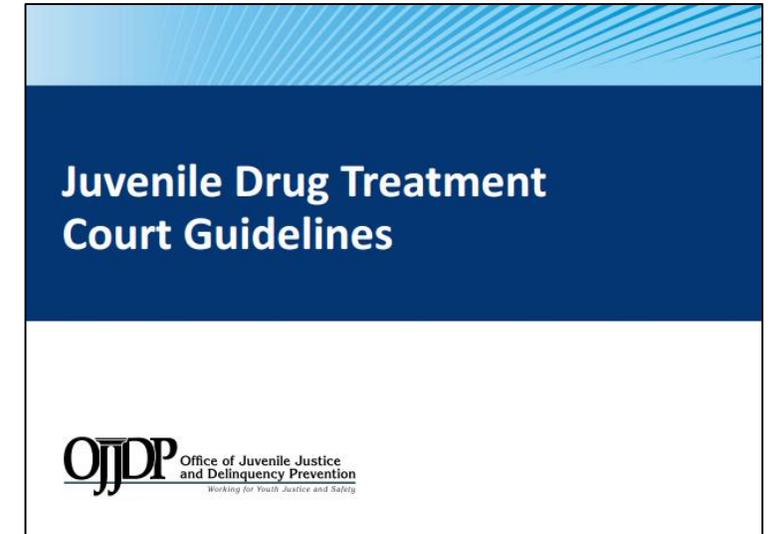
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- JPO at AU – technical assistance
 - Office-based and site-based
 - Self-Assessment Tool based on the *JDTC Guidelines*
 - TA tailored to jurisdiction
 - Strategic Planning
- NADCP – training
 - Local, regional, and web-based focus on implementing the *JDTC Guidelines*



OJJDP's *JDTC Guidelines* Website

- *JDTC Guidelines* website:
<http://www.ojjdp.gov/Juvenile-Drug-Treatment-Court-Guidelines.html>



Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has released the [Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines](#).

Juvenile drug treatment courts (JDTC) are designed for youth with substance use disorders who come into contact with the juvenile justice system. The new guidelines provide juvenile courts with an evidence-based, treatment-oriented approach that emphasizes family engagement, and addresses the substance use and often co-occurring mental health disorders experienced by the youth.

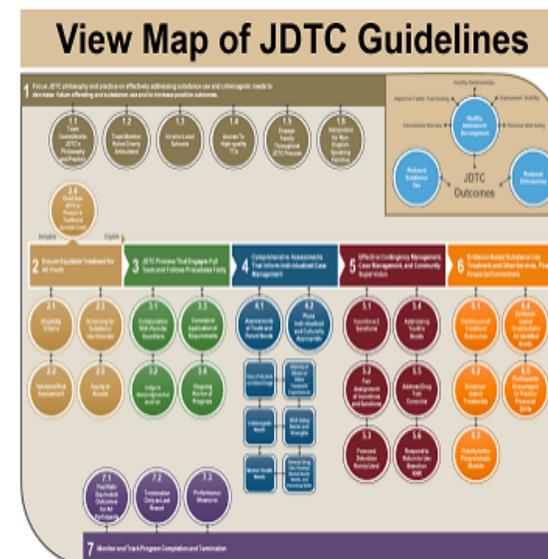
OJJDP partnered with a research team, experts in the field, and other federal agencies to develop the guidelines to support judges and professional court staff, young people with substance use disorders, and their families.

The guidelines are organized into key objectives with corresponding guideline statements, and include rigorous supporting research and considerations for implementation.

Additional research reports, the research translation process, the list of partners, and frequently asked questions can be accessed in the [Supporting Information](#).

[Register](#) for a three-part webinar series to explore the new Guidelines in detail.

Click on the objectives in the graphic below to navigate through the content of the guidelines or review the complete [Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines](#).



1 Objective 1. Focus the JDTC philosophy and practice on effectively addressing substance use and criminogenic needs to decrease future offending and substance use and to increase positive outcomes.

2 Objective 2. Ensure equitable treatment for all youth by adhering to eligibility criteria and conducting an initial screening.

3 Objective 3. Provide a JDTC process that engages the full JDTC team and follows procedures fairly.

4 Objective 4. Conduct comprehensive needs assessments that inform individualized case management.

5 Objective 5. Implement contingency management, case management, and community supervision strategies effectively.

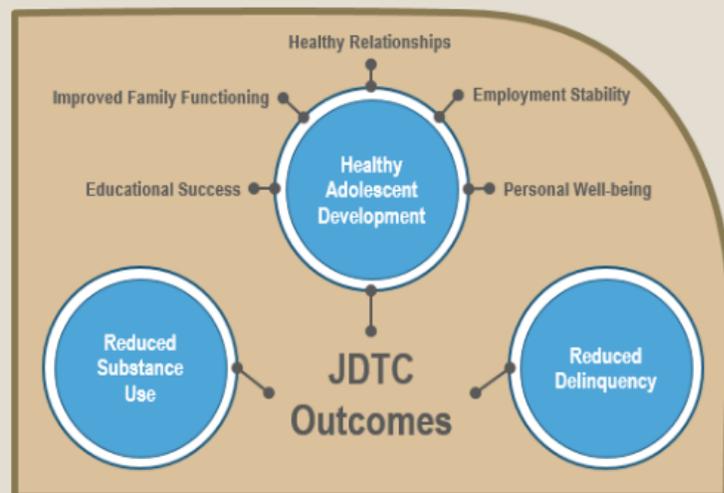
6 Objective 6. Refer participants to evidence-based substance use treatment, to other services, and for prosocial connections.

7 Objective 7. Monitor and track program completion and termination.

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Close Section

Click on each circle below to navigate through the guidelines.



Guideline 1.1

The JDTC team should be composed of stakeholders committed to the court's philosophy and practice, and to ongoing program and system improvement. The team should include collaborative relationships with community partners.

Overview

JDTCs are, by design, problem-solving agencies. Within this framework, various stakeholders collaborate to find innovative and effective strategies to address problems pertaining to specific JDTC cases.¹

Evidence

Organizations that serve youth across several systems that identify common goals, agree to share resources, and coordinate effectively through a strong stakeholder team experience greater success with their interventions.²

Practice Considerations

There are a number of components that are important for building a comprehensive approach to service coordination.³ The role of the court in coordinating services should be clearly spelled out in the JDTC policy manual. The judge's role in leading the coordination of services is a critical component of a comprehensive approach. A steering (or policy) committee can provide a forum to discuss issues pertaining to the coordination of services. Case-level service coordinators are needed. The court should monitor service agencies' compliance with court referrals. Creative approaches should be used to provide services, and it is important to provide cross-training so court staff (including the judge) and service providers can understand the context in which each person operates.

Additional Resources

For more Information about service coordination and JDTCs, visit:

- [Juvenile Drug Court Information Center](#)
- [OJJDP's National Training and Technical Assistance Center](#)
- [Multi-System Collaboration Training and Technical Assistance Program](#)

For more information on this guideline, refer to page 10 in *Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines*.

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courts, or JDTCs. These courts offer a way to respond to the needs of substance-using youth and to treat their complex disorders, which require specialized interventions.

Request training or technical assistance to maximize the power of your JDTC.

For more information, the project description for the Juvenile Drug Treatment Courts Training & Technical Assistance Project is now available to view and download [as a PDF](#).

We provide help with

The Guidelines

OJJDP partnered with experts in the field, research teams, and federal agencies. Their guidelines aid judges and professional staff in implementing JDTCs that address behavioral health needs of juveniles with substance use disorders.

[Download Guidelines](#)

Technical Assistance

We provide training and technical assistance focusing on assessing and addressing the national juvenile drug treatment court needs from behavioral health and program practices perspectives to all JDTCs.

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