

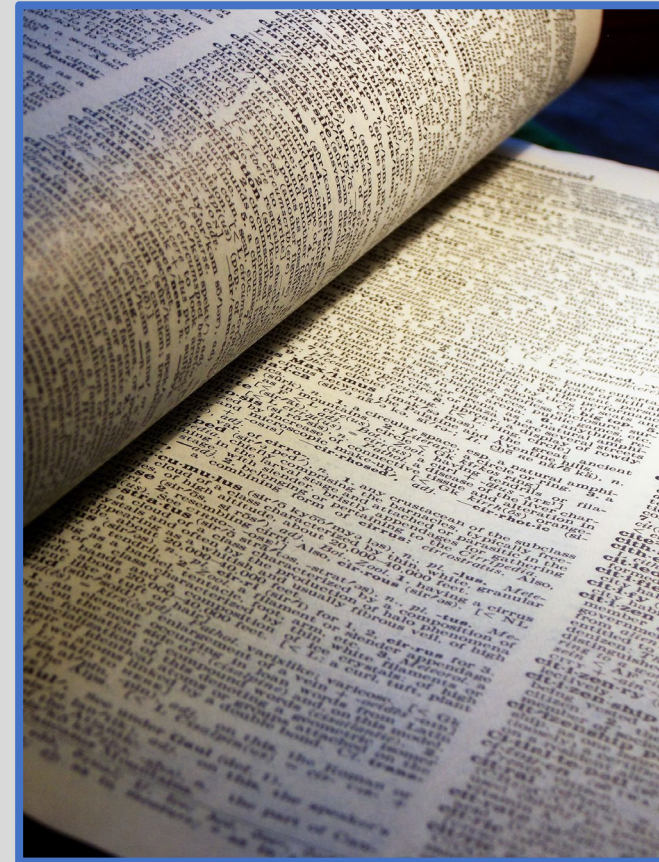
Best Practices for Treatment Courts

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Definition of Treatment Courts

- Treatment courts are specialized court dockets that serve justice involved individuals with behavioral health issues including substance use, and mental illness.
- Represent a shift from traditional criminal justice system approaches of adjudication and punishment, with a focus and therapeutic interventions and accountability.
- Brings together bench officers, prosecutors, defence attorneys, treatment providers, community supervision, in a collaborative effort.



Goals of Treatment Courts

- Reduce recidivism of justice involved populations.
- Support sobriety, recovery, and successful reintegration into the community of individuals with behavioral health problems.
- Reduce system costs.



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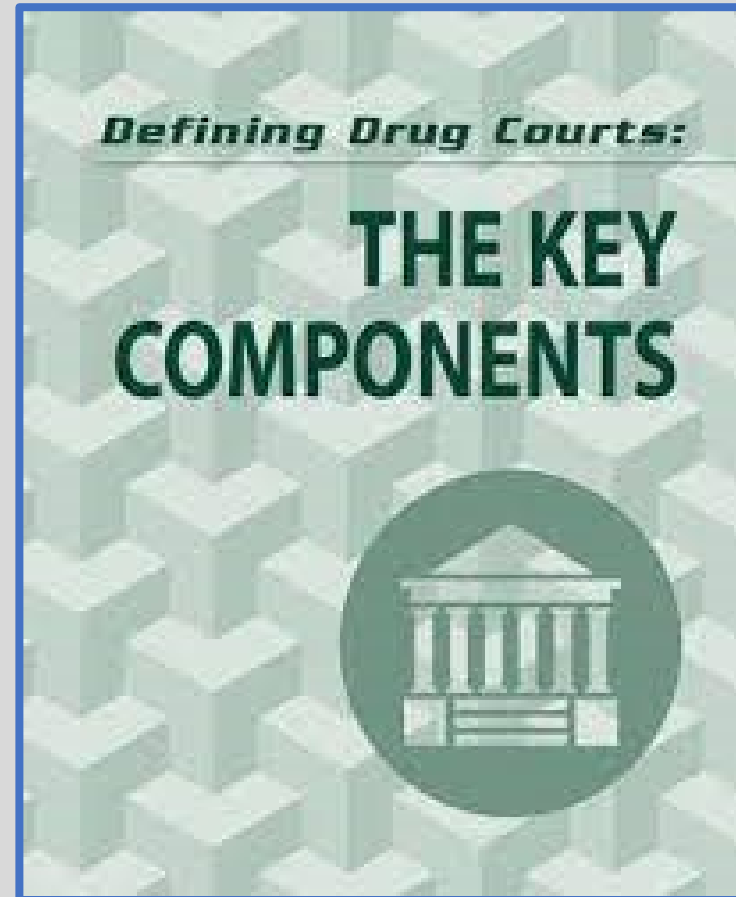


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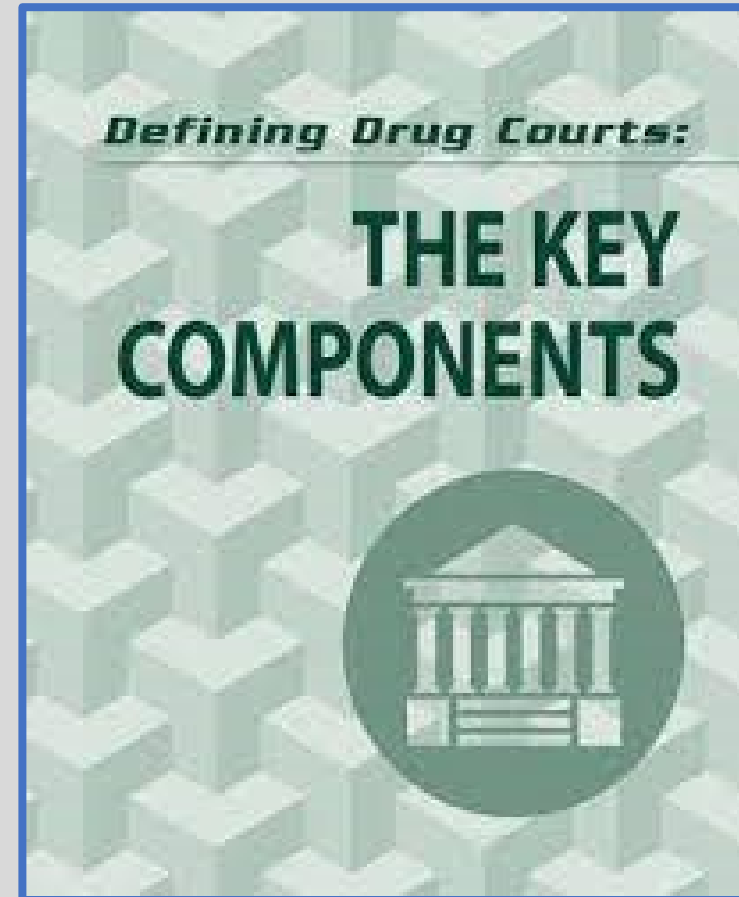
Ten Key Components

1. Integration of treatment services with justice system case processing
2. Non-adversarial approach
3. Prompt placement in the program
4. Continuum of tx and rehab services
5. Frequent AOD testing
6. Coordinated strategy
7. Judicial interaction



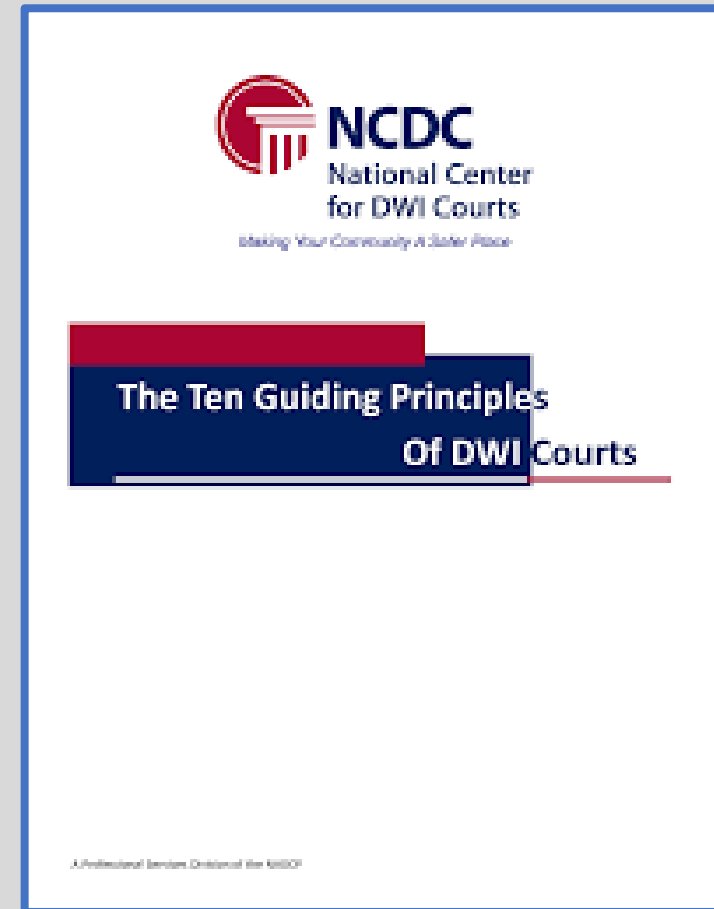
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8. Monitoring and evaluation
9. Continuing interdisciplinary education
10. Partnerships with agencies outside the justice system



Principles for DWI Courts

1. Determine the population
2. Perform a clinical assessment
3. Develop the Tx plan
4. Supervise the offender
5. Forge agency, organization, and community partnerships

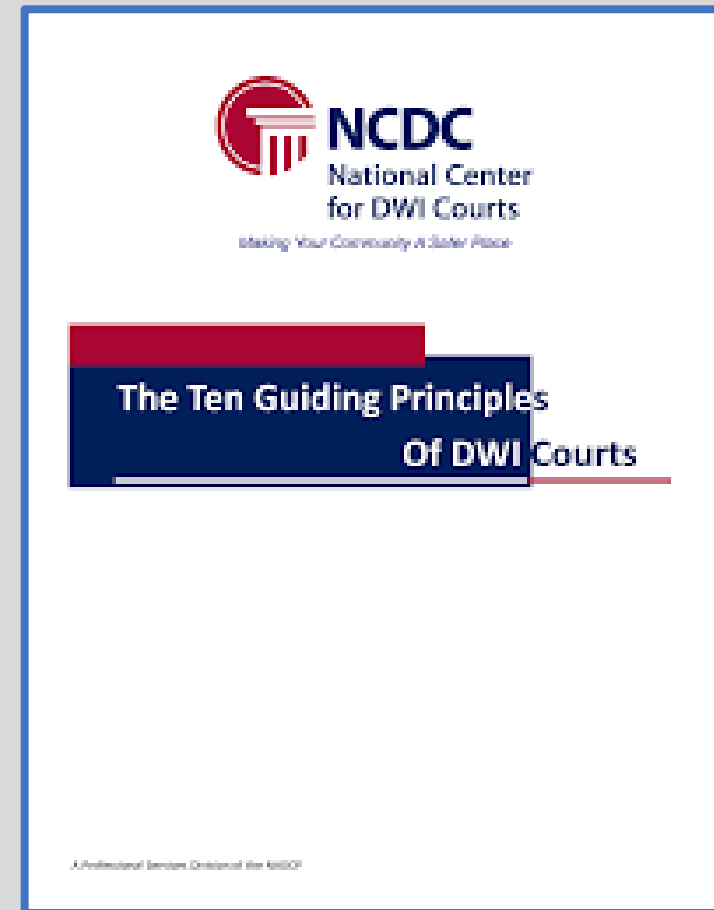


Principles DWI, cont.

5. Forge agency, organization, and community partnerships
6. Take a judicial leadership role
7. Develop case management strategies
8. Address transportation issues
9. Evaluate the program



10. Create a sustainable program
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Research Supported Practices



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The Research

- Between 2000 and 2016, Northeast P C (NPC) completed almost 200 Drug Court evaluations and research studies across the United states.
- The programs included adult juvenile DWI/DUI, and family Treatment Courts.
- The research found over 50 practices that were related to significantly lower recidivism, lower costs, or both.



The Research

- In the area of recidivism, the research found:
 - Treatment Courts reduce recidivism.
 - Recidivism was decreased by up to 14 years after participation.
 - The average recidivism reduction was about 18%.
 - Some courts achieved a more than 60% reduction.



Themes from the research

- Team engagement
- Wrap around services
- Drug testing
- Responses to participant behavior
- Treatment Court hearings and the judge's role
- Data collection and monitoring
- Training



National (US) Best Practice Standards



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Volume I

- I. Target Population (all else flows from this)
- II. Historically Disadvantaged Groups
- III. Roles & Responsibilities of the Judge
- IV. Incentives, Sanctions, & Therapeutic Adjustments
- V. Substance Abuse Treatment



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X. Monitoring & Evaluation



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Recipe for Success

- Send us the high value cases
- Fidelity to the 10 Key Components until proven otherwise!
- Ongoing judicial authority
- Interagency team approach
- Get it right the first time



Summary

Success in Drug Court
depends on Applying
ALL of The Ten Key
Components as a
Framework



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