

Improving Access and Outcomes for High Risk Participants in Your Courts

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6 Steps to Enhancing Access and Improving Outcomes

1. Know your Data
2. Multi Track
3. Meet with Stakeholders
4. Eligibility Criteria
5. Culture of Honesty
6. Culturally Competent Treatment

Know your Data

9%

Multi Track

- 2014: Boone County Implemented the RANT screening tool and separated participants into 4 quadrants based on risk and need; special consideration for DWI cases
- Struggled with High Risk / Low Need population
- High Risk / Low Need Quadrant was mostly people of color
- White men and women were graduating at a higher rate than people of color
- Disparities on % of Defendants in the criminal justice system compared to TC

Meet with Stakeholders

- Met with decision makers in the Prosecuting Attorneys Office regarding access and graduation rate
- Met with public defenders regarding data
- Educate team members on disparities
- NADCP justification tool kit
- Missouri Best Practice Standards
- Expanded treatment partners

Eligibility Criteria

- Subjective vs Objective
- Any party may refer for eligibility determination
- Eligibility checklist
- Filed in criminal case and available to all parties
- Prosecuting Attorney can still make argument at sentencing, but conditions of probation are a judicial decision
- 2017: 21%; 2018: 22%; 2019: 30%

Eligibility Criteria

ELIGIBLE _____ NOT ELIGIBLE _____ TC # _____

Name _____ Date _____ TC _____

Case(s) Referred: _____

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA for TREATMENT COURT

Place a checkmark in the box if defendant's circumstances are COMPLIANT with requirements for eligibility. If all boxes are checked, the defendant is eligible for TC.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Must be 18 years of age or older.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Must be resident of Boone or Callaway County. (TC II must reside in Boone County; TCIII must live in Truman VA catchment.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Must <u>not</u> be Designated Sex Offender requiring sex offender supervision, as determined by the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Current charge must <u>not</u> be Dangerous Felony as defined by 556.061, RSMo.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Must be eligible for supervised probation <i>as charged</i> . TCI and TCIV: Must have Felony charge eligible for supervised probation. TCIII: Must be able to supervise and provide UA collection from county of residence.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Must have treatment need. If TC II: must be eligible for CPRC services from a designated MH provider. If TC III: must be eligible for VA services.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Must not be terminated from TC <u>without</u> a change in circumstances which would include: 1) successful completion of institutional treatment or court-ordered detention sanction; 2) successful completion of community treatment program; 3) change in probation status; 4) change in home plan and support network; or 5) other significant change deemed appropriate by TC Team.

Culture of Honesty

- Reviewed NADCP Equity and Inclusion Tool Kit and participated in Equity and Inclusion technical assistance with NADCP
- Modified responses to use in the program

Culturally Competent Treatment

- Peer Support
- No clinical assessment for High Risk / Low Need unless a need arises
- Focus on Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- BJA Equity and Inclusion pilot with OSCA
- HEAT
- HEAT Facilitator training



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Improving Outcomes

- 77% of Black males referred to HEAT have graduated from that program
- Court fees waived for heat graduates
- Black males are staying engaged in treatment court longer
- Countless Testimonials including the Story of “BO” in Highway to Justice
- Research is ongoing on recidivism, Treatment Court graduation, etc.