



National Judicial Opioid Task Force

Tools and Resources for Courts

The National Judicial Opioid Task Force (NJOTF) has created and will continue to create a variety of tools and resources to assist courts in addressing the opioid crisis.

Publications



Trauma, Substance Use, and Justice System-Involved Youth

(1/2019) Raises awareness of the impact the opioid epidemic has on children and families and shares examples of strategies courts have adopted to become more trauma-informed and trauma-responsive to youth and their families.

<https://www.ncsc.org/~media/711645F689754CD2BC222F075E923D9B.ashx>



Promising Strategies in Providing Opioid Use Disorder Treatment to Rural, Frontier, and other Underserved Communities

(1/2019) Information on barriers to treatment for Opioid Use Disorder in rural areas and what some states are doing to overcome those barriers.

<https://www.ncsc.org/~media/DD70B03D8641456FACCA8ECDE6EB2D01.ashx>



Confronting a crisis. Promoting solutions.

(10/2018) The creation and work of the National Judicial Opioid Task Force, including the Task Force's Five Principles for Courts.

<https://www.ncsc.org/~media/100C6EC54AAD4C0D96C56C5040C6339E.ashx>



Understanding the Basics of Addiction

(10/2018) The basics of addiction including contributing factors, treatment, and innovative court programs being used to combat the opioid crisis.

<https://www.ncsc.org/~media/D9ECBC7D992948CD9EAE77C8A03B4244.ashx>



Involuntary Commitment and Guardianship Laws for Persons with a Substance Use Disorder

(10/2018) List of states that have enacted involuntary commitment and guardianship laws for those suffering from alcoholism and/or substance use disorders (SUDs).

<https://www.ncsc.org/~media/714613FE9235485F9B33C4B715B5A065.ashx>



Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder

(9/2018) Key issues surrounding medication assisted treatment (MAT), the evidence that underlies treatment types for opioid use disorder, best practices, and legal implications.

<https://www.ncsc.org/~media/3F908FC98D9441F78CC2F6BAF564A816.ashx>



Tribal Cultural Competency Information for Judges

(9/2018) Basic information for state judges and court employees who interact with members of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities in their courts.

<https://www.ncsc.org/~media/054E05A5EEC94D19A5CBAA28261ED24B.ashx>



Tribal-State Court Forums: Addressing the Opioid Crisis

(9/2018) Collaboration between state and tribal courts regarding the opioid crisis.

<https://www.ncsc.org/~media/133BB1DAA97147209E1F305C33222830.ashx>



Sample Court Transfer Agreement - State and Tribal Courts

(9/2018) Document designed and recommended for use in jurisdictions where state court judges – especially those who preside over adult drug court programs – operate in proximity to the location of a Tribal Healing to Wellness Court.

<https://www.ncsc.org/~media/34877E91DE954EBE9726E107CC919B38.ashx>

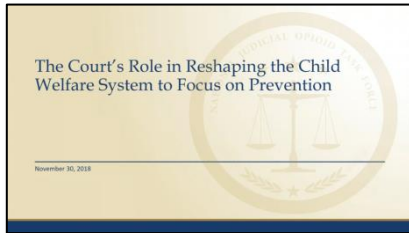
Videos and Webinars



Understanding Addiction: A New Perspective

(12/2018) Informative explanation of the physiology of addiction.

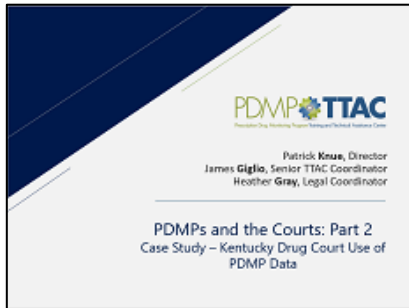
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YLzEXYhMhs8&feature=youtu.be>



The Court's Role in Reshaping the Child Welfare System to Focus on Prevention

(11/30/2018) Webinar addressing the need to reshape the child welfare system and the role of the judiciary in these preventative efforts.

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/313243190>



PDMPs and the Courts: Part 2

(11/15/2018) Slides for Part Two in the series on PDMPs and how they are used in the justice system.

https://www.pdmpassist.org/pdf/NCSC_PDMPs_Courts_Part2_20181115a.pdf



PDMPs and the Courts: Part 1

(9/20/2018) Recording of Part One in a series on PDMPs and how they are used in the justice system.

<https://pdmpassist.wistia.com/medias/c8m8cs9ruw>