

Calendar

- **Drug Court Coordinators Meeting**
October 25, 2010
Webinar
- **Court to Schools**
October 18-19, 2010
Clovis High School

October 19, 2010
Belen High School

October 28, 2010
Tentative
Moriarty High School

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Mentor Dinner Program at the 2nd Judicial District Children's Court

What follows is a brief summary of an innovative program hosted by the 2nd Judicial District Children's Court.

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William Stratvert, an Albuquerque attorney, was instrumental in starting the Second Judicial District Children's Court Mentor Dinner Program. The first dinner commenced in June 2008 with a handful of attorneys recruited by Mr. Stratvert. With his continued efforts and referrals, the program has 75 active mentors from Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

The program benefits youth involved in the Juvenile Drug Court and Program for the Empowerment of Girls (PEG) under the judicial oversight of Judge Monica Zamora and Judge John Romero. The Juvenile Drug Court program is a court ordered intensive supervision program. PEG is a court ordered juvenile female responsive domestic violence program.

The youth are paired with an adult mentor to share a meal and conversation. A guest speaker begins the evening with some brief words of wisdom and encouragement before allowing for some quality one on one time between mentor and youth.

"It's really inspiring to hear other people who have been in the same situation as you and see how they got through their tough times," commented a participant. Diego Zamora, a Santa Fe attorney proclaimed, "Thank you for the opportunity to hopefully redirect the lives of these kids to become successful members of society. If we can help to save the life of one child, then we consider our work with the program a success."

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I had the opportunity to attend a recent Mentor Dinner and join in the conversation. The program participants clearly look forward to the dinners and though shy at first most open up to their interested listeners. I sat between a young man and a young woman, both of whom quietly explained their history of heroin abuse. The young man across from me had gotten hooked on cough syrup, and spent four months in a residential treatment facility, but after sixteen months of drug court was now only one week away from graduation. Had drug court helped, I asked him. Had it all been worth it? His answer was an immediate and emphatic Yes.

The 2nd's Mentor Dinner Program is coordinated by Cynthia Salazar, Special Programs Manager for the 2nd's Children Court (505-841-7356), on behalf of Judge Zamora (juvenile drug court) and Judge Romero (PEG). Each program participant's dinner is paid for by the adult volunteer he or she is paired up with, so there are no court costs involved. I mentioned that the program participants look forward to the dinners as this is a program worth considering by other juvenile drug court programs. It serves as an

incentive to participants to do well, and is clearly considered a sanction if they are told they cannot attend for non-compliant program behavior. Juvenile programs often struggle to find appropriate sanctions outside of detention, since many of their participants are so used to the inside of their local detention facility that the simple act of detention doesn't faze them. One participant was locked up the night of the Mentor Dinner, and that juvenile's only response when told she was heading to lockup was "So I'll miss the dinner?" It was clear the loss of the mentor dinner meant more than the loss of freedom for the night.

Adult Drug Courts

1st Judicial District
Lupe Sanchez

2nd Judicial District
Catherine Hartman

3rd Judicial District
Virginia Acosta

4th Judicial District
Anna Lujan

6th Judicial District
Jim Helgert

7th Judicial District
Jason Jones

8th Judicial District
Reynaldo Garcia

9th Judicial District
Robin Miller

11th Judicial District
Brad Ulrich

12th Judicial District
Maureen Schmittle

13th Judicial District
Donald Garley
Karen McCutcheon

DWI/ Drug Courts

**Bernalillo County
Metropolitan Court**
Sylvia Sena

Dona Ana Magistrate
Priscilla Quinones

Eddy Magistrate

McKinley Magistrate

Santa Fe Magistrate
Donita Sena

Torrance Magistrate
Susan Rossingnol

Valencia Magistrate
Gilbert Romero

BJA Launches Grant Writing and Management Academy

Please consider taking advantage of the training program described below. Many programs are struggling for funds, yet federal funds for drug courts are at historically high levels. Only one NM district drug court received a grant this fiscal year from BJA, though I know many programs applied. The training opportunity below may well help your program submit a successful application in response to the upcoming fiscal year's grant solicitations.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce the launch of a new online training program—the BJA Grant Writing and Management Academy (<http://bja.ncjrs.gov/gwma/index.html>). The Academy is designed to assist criminal justice practitioners and state, local, and tribal jurisdictions, including community and faith-based organizations, through the grant-writing process and project management activities. Through self-paced modules, the user will learn about:

- Issues and requirements to consider before applying for BJA funds.
- Steps and development required to submit a well-rounded application.
- Management and administration necessary for a successful project.
- Supplemental information focusing on strategic planning and budget development.

The first module—Before Applying for

BJA Funds—provides an overview of BJA, its funding opportunities, and the purpose of and the rules associated with grant funds and highlights various tools and resources available from BJA to help perspective applicants and grantees. Many potential applicants are unaware of the various rules and requirements associated with applying for and receiving federal grant funds. This module will help clarify those responsibilities so that applicants will know what is expected of them should they decide to apply for grant funds. In addition, the module offers tips to help agencies receive the variety of notices regarding funding availability in a timely fashion.

Future modules—Applying for BJA Funds and Managing Your BJA Funds—will be released in the coming weeks. The second module—Applying for BJA Funds—will address pre-application activities, such as registration with www.grants.gov and solicitation format requirements. It will also cover the application process, including information required for each section and tips on how to present the material to address the requested information, how applications are reviewed, and what an applicant can expect in terms of next steps and timing of award announcements. The third module—Managing Your BJA Funds—will offer an overview of the various administrative and financial requirements associated with managing a federal grant project, provide suggestions and methods to help manage daily project activities, and discuss the importance of ensuring

accountability in all project operations.

In addition, two supplemental modules—Strategic Planning and Budget Development—are expected to be released this fall. These supplemental modules will provide more in-depth information and suggestions on how undertaking sound project planning and budget development will assist projects to be more effective and efficient in their operation.

Because BJA has a wide audience of potential applicants and grantees, we are always seeking ways to better serve you. In that regard, we have included a feedback mechanism as a "pop-up" at the end of each module. We encourage you to provide us feedback on the substantive material addressed in the training, as well as your experience with the BJA Grant Writing and Management Academy. Please consider providing comments and suggestions on: the functionality of the tool—was it easy to use?; delivery—was the information conveyed clearly; and the future—what additional topics would you like to see?

BJA is pleased to offer the BJA Grant Writing and Management Academy (<http://bja.ncjrs.gov/gwma/index.html>) to the criminal justice community and is confident that this valuable resource will provide a blueprint for success for federally funded grant programs.

NADCP: Facts on Marijuana

Several jurisdictions in the U.S. have taken steps toward decriminalizing marijuana possession for personal use or when prescribed by a physician for medicinal purposes. Other jurisdictions have pending ballot initiatives or legislative bills proposing such changes in the law. To ensure that all Drug Court professionals are apprised of the



latest research pertaining to marijuana and are fully informed about the effects of marijuana on their participants and the public at

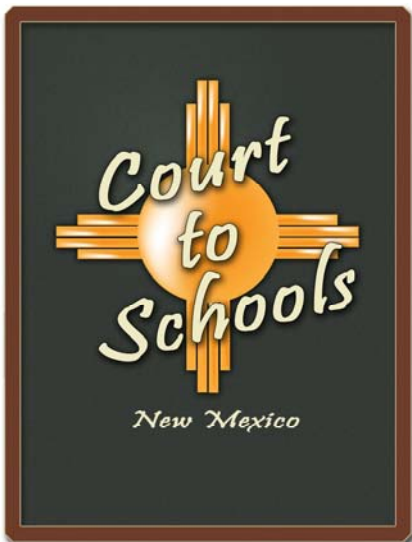
large, the Board of Directors of the National Association of Drug Court

Professionals has produced a marijuana fact sheet and made it available for download at www.AllRise.org.

To download the facts on Marijuana, Visit this website:

<http://www.nadcp.org/learn-8>

Court to Schools is now on Facebook!



The Court to Schools Program involves holding standard courtroom proceedings, such as a DWI sentencing hearing, in a school auditorium or other appropriate school-based venue. The purpose is educational, allowing school students the opportunity to witness the actual workings of the court: including prosecution and defense motions; testimony by the defendant to the court and attending students; and the sentence handed down by the judge, which may include shackling the defendant by law enforcement for removal to jail.

The following Court to Schools Programs will be held in October:

Clovis High School, October 18-19, 2010. Judge Richard Hollis will be presiding.

Belen High School, October 19, 2010. Judge Danny Hawkes will be presiding.

Moriarty High School, Tentative, October 28, 2010. Judge L. Steve Jones will be presiding.

The program is now on Facebook; just search under "Court to Schools" and you will be able to review comments, see photos, and video downloads. This is a great opportunity for the students and staff to comment on what they have just witnessed.

Juvenile Drug Courts

1st Judicial District
Ginger Sloan

2nd Judicial District

3rd Judicial District
Katherine Cardon

4th Judicial District
Anna Lujan

5th Judicial District
Victoria Henderson
Christy Williams

6th Judicial District
Rachel Pelz

8th Judicial District
Reynaldo Garcia

11th Judicial District
George Di Re

12th Judicial District
Maureen Schmittle

13th Judicial District
Cynthia Ferrari
Eva Hazlett-Sanchez
Joseph Rinaldi

Family Dependency Drug Court

3rd Judicial District

8th Judicial District
Reynaldo Garcia

13th Judicial District
Eva Hazlett-Sanchez

Treatment Court

1st Judicial District
Lupe Sanchez

2nd Judicial District
Rachel Saiz

11th Judicial District
Brad Ulrich

13th Judicial District
Laurel Carrier

**Bernalillo County
Metropolitan Court**
Art Marshall

A letter from Judge Cristina Jaramillo

Hello everyone,

In years past, attendees at the annual New Mexico Association of Drug Court Professionals (NMADCP) Drug Court Conference would vote to elect board members to replace those whose terms are expiring and/or are retiring. Since we will not be having an annual NMADCP conference this year, we will have to vote on the candidates by email. Please submit names of anyone you'd like nominated for a position on the NMADCP board. We will also need a short bio for the person nominated.

You can submit name and bios to me at:

cjaramillo@metrocourt.state.nm.us

by October 22, 2010.

Board members serve a two-year term. The organization's bylaws state that the "qualifications for members of the Board of Directors are as follows: all members of the Board of Directors shall be professionals who are associated with a particular Drug Court in New Mexico or with the Drug Court movement in New Mexico, or who are otherwise involved in the administration of justice in New Mexico." If you are interested in receiving additional information regarding the NMADCP please let me know.



Thanks for your help with the

Judge Cristina Jaramillo,
NMADCP President

Bulletin Board

Suggestions

Anyone!

Do you have any suggestions for naming the Problem-Solving Courts Newsletter?

Please send your ideas to Carmen at aoccxr@nmcourts.gov

Training

Missed one of the Problem-Solving Courts Training Sessions for FY10?

The Problem-Solving Courts Website under the Training tab has a list of all the sessions available through Webinar, DVDs and presentation materials.

Problem-Solving Courts Website

There are *NEW* menu items added onto the website.

Added on the main menu is a "Calendar".

Two sub-menu items are also added on. "Newsletters" will be posted under the "Court Programs" menu and "NADCP" will be under "Resources" menu.

If you...

Have any articles, tidbits, announcements, or pictures that you would like to share about your Drug Court on the monthly PSC Newsletter, please send them to Carmen Rodriguez at aoccxr@nmcourts.gov by the 5th of each month.

Records & Retention

The State Records and Archives will be reviewing a new Retention Policy for Problem Solving Courts at their next board meeting.

A review has been sent to all Coordinators/Program Managers and feedback received will be discussed at the meeting. The AOC will let you know of the progress.

Lost One of Our Own!

Due to the recent budget cuts, the Fifth's Family Dependency Drug Court (FDC) in Hobbs, closed on October 1, 2010.

We want to recognize Sheri Buie, the FDC program coordinator since its inception, for her hard work and wish her and all the people her program has helped over the years the best of luck.



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