

## **Title**

### **Aligning the Stars: Using Individualized Case Planning to Promote JDTC Participant Success**

## **Presenters/Bios**

**Dr. Martha-Elin Blomquist** is a Senior Site Manager for the Juvenile Law Programs at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ). She has more than a decade of experience in site management work with the NCJFCJ and over 35 years of experience related to child welfare, juvenile justice, and court systems. Dr. Blomquist provides training and technical assistance to juvenile drug treatment courts to assist them with implementing recommended practice. She has provided on-site training and technical assistance to courts involved in NCJFCJ's Model Courts and Project ONE projects to plan and carry out systems change in both child welfare and juvenile justice. As the NCJFCJ's liaison with the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF), Dr. Blomquist works with members of the AECF Juvenile Justice Strategy Group to involve judges in collaboration with state juvenile correctional administrators, probation departments, and community-based organizations to promote therapeutic interventions, adolescent-appropriate services, and community connections for youths involved in serious delinquency. Her projects focus on developing and providing training and technical assistance to court and child-serving system stakeholders to help them address pressing issues. Dr. Blomquist holds a master's and Ph.D. in Jurisprudence and Social Policy from the University of California Berkeley School of Law where she specialized in juvenile and criminal justice studies and research. She has taught in women's studies and criminal justice programs at several universities, has been an author or co-author of various publications issued by the NCJFCJ as well as by peer-reviewed journals, and has been a speaker at several national conferences.

**Length: 75 min**

## **Session Description**

This workshop introduces participants to tools - risk need assessments - and processes - case planning and family engagement - for JDTC teams to work with to maximize youth engagement and success. The speaker will review criminogenic risk and need assessments and the risk/needs/responsivity model (RNR) as tools to effectively identify youth who will benefit the most from participation in a JDTC. The tools pinpoint youth mindsets and behaviors that JDTCs are uniquely designed to address and treat. Key to implementing the RNR model is creating individualized case plans that include SMART goals that youth and family members help to set and work toward achieving in the JDTC. The speaker will also identify aspects of a youth's supervision in the JDTC – probation conditions, JDTC program phases and requirements – that also need to be aligned with and connected to the youth's case plan and goals in order to maximize youth success.

## **Learning Objectives**

Describe the risk/needs/responsivity (RNR) model and how JDTCs can implement this model to guide supervision and services provided to youth for positive program outcomes

Understand how to use risk/need tools to determine JDTC eligibility and to identify youth mindsets and behaviors to be addressed through JDTC-related services, supports, and supervision

Learn how to develop case and treatment plans that best meet the needs of youth and families.

## **References**

<https://ojjdp.ojp.gov › programs › juvenile-drug-treatm...>

View map of JDTC Guidelines. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has released **the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines**.<https://ojjdp.ojp.gov › xyckuh176 › files › pubsPDF>

A juvenile drug treatment court (**JDTC**) is a specially designed court docket for youth with substance use disorders at medium to high risk for reoffending. It is ...

### [A Guide to the Guidelines](#)

<https://www.ncjfcj.org/uploads/2017/06/NCJ...>

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A Guide to the Guidelines Series: Practical Tips for Juvenile Drug Treatment Courts to Implement ... 1) **Review your JDTC's current family requirements**

[Designing Your Program - NCJFCJ](#)<https://www.ncjfcj.org/substance-use-and-opioids/de...>

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Read the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines (JDTC Guidelines), which is a **research-based set of 31 Guidelines published** by the Office of Juvenile ..

### [Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Project - NDCI.org](#)

<https://www.ndci.org/jdte>

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Released in 2016, these guidelines **provide researched-based best practices** ... families, and JDTC teams using trauma-informed strategies during and after