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Plenary 3: Harm Reduction and Town Hall on Increasing Participation Rates in Collaborative Courts

Presenters/Bios

Terrence D. Walton, chief operating officer (COO) for NADCP, is among the nation's leading experts in providing training and technical assistance to drug courts and other treatment courts. Prior to being named COO in 2015, he was NADCP's chief of standards. Before coming to NADCP, Mr. Walton was director of treatment for the Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia. He also previously excelled as the director of what was then the District of Columbia's leading adolescent outpatient substance use treatment center. Mr. Walton is an internationally certified alcohol and other drug abuse counselor with over 25 years of experience helping individuals and organizations champion positive change. He holds a B.A. degree in psychology and a master's degree in social work with specializations in program administration and substance abuse. He is a member of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT). A gifted and entertaining speaker, Mr. Walton travels extensively, informing and inspiring audiences across the globe.

Length: 75 min

Session Description

Harm Reduction as a strategy to improve outcomes and retention. Effective approach in harm reduction and phases would be discussed. The presentation would be assist treatment courts understand the value of harm reduction strategies and address concerns teams may have.

The Plenary will close the conference with a 'Town Hall' that allows attendees to discuss applying conference topics regarding expanding caseloads, taking more serious cases, improving outcomes, Justice Reform and equity/inclusion.

Learning Objectives

Participants will be able to:

1. Describe key elements of harm reduction.
2. Discuss the implications of harm reduction on sanctions and incentives.
3. Identify strategies to improve outcomes in more serious cases.

References

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