



Engaging Law Enforcement in treatment Court

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Learning Objectives

Recognize how drug court supervision will include the provision of or referral to a comprehensive set of services designed to increase the client's overall success.

Create a system of support, monitoring, and advocacy to assist the client through change.

Identify strategies for successful community supervision with probation and law enforcement





- Drug Court is not a tool to strengthen law enforcement cases
- Law enforcement officers should not use participants as confidential informants

Cornerstone Beliefs of Treatment Court

How does this
translate through
the lens of law
enforcement?

- Addiction is a **disease** of the brain.
- **Recurrence** is a part of the **treatment** process.
- Dealing with participant **trauma** is a big part of the work we do.
- Co-occurring **mental health** disorders are common.
- The **multidisciplinary team** approach is the key to success, especially the relationships between treatment, probation and law enforcement.
- Practicing **equity** and **inclusion** are critical.

Community Policing

- As a community policing strategy, drug court draws on the distinctive expertise and experience of law enforcement
- Unique resources and insights of the community in which it serves
- Treatment court affirms that law enforcement and the community can work together successfully

21st Century Policing

- Two major trends with powerful impact
 - Institutionalization of community policing
 - Helps to suppress criminal activity
 - Rapid development of drug court programs
 - New way of doing business
 - addresses the underlying cause of criminality associated with drug use
 - Model of community policing

Drug Court as COPS Model


- Prevention
- Empowerment
- Collaboration
- Cooperative Problem Solving
- Law Enforcement is CRITICAL



Decision point
options matter!

Introduction to Drug Court Role

- Referrals and Identification of clients
- Ongoing program involvement
- Field service assistance
- Limited drug testing
- Participant Accountability
- Liaison Officer



Why am I here?
(asked by every
law enforcement)

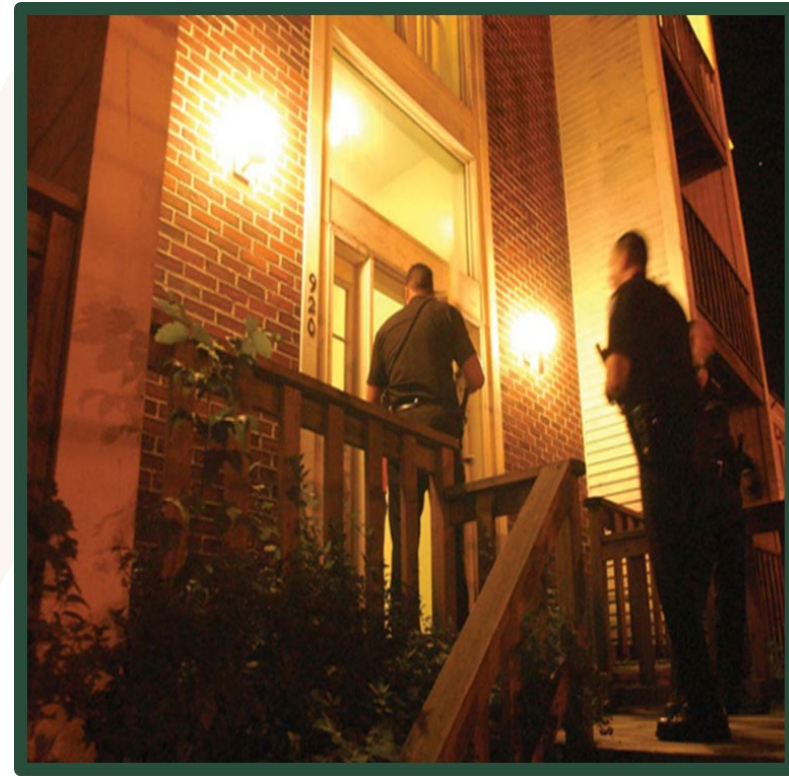
Barriers to Collaboration

- Cultural Issues
- Roles and Responses
- Communication
- Trauma



Community Policing and Treatment Courts

- Law enforcement expertise
- Linkages
- Resources and community insight
- Improve community outcomes



I. What does CP Look like?

*President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. 2015. *Final Report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing*. Washington, DC: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

- Assign officers to geographic community
 - **Work in community you live**
 - Continuity of assignment
 - Walk community
 - Draws on expertise and experience of LEO
 - Change patrol deployment practices to emphasize time to conduct community engagement
- Building relationships prevents crime
 - Agency relationships
 - Personal relationships
 - **Join and participate in community organizations, local meetings, public service activities**





Correlation between substance abuse and criminal justice involvement

*More than 80% of crime is
drug or alcohol fueled*

What if we just put them in prison?

*Half are rearrested within
the first year*

*Two-thirds are rearrested
within three years*

Monitor and Refer

Law enforcement officers who work in the community are in the best position to engage, identify, and refer individuals

- Treatment court program
- Diversion programs
- Ancillary services



Team Communication and Decision Making

Law Enforcement Input

Staffing and Courtroom
Interaction

- Multidisciplinary team serves essentially as a panel of “expert witnesses” providing legal and scientific expertise for the judge
- Assessment results pertaining to a participant’s eligibility for treatment court and treatment and supervision needs
- Attainment of treatment program phase requirements
- Commission of or arrests for new offenses that treatment professionals may be aware of
- Discuss participant progress

Crisis Intervention Officers & Treatment Courts



Specialized skills
De-Escalation
Immediate crisis intervention
Mental health driven
Substance use driven

Specialized populations
Substance use disorders
Mental health issues
Often in crisis
Drug induced psychosis

Core Competencies of CIT Model

- Community collaboration
- Accessible crisis system
- Training for law enforcement and first responders
- Behavioral health staff training
- Family/consumer/advocate participation

Focus is on breaking down silos and building relationships between organizations and stakeholders



Veterans Population Considerations



- Challenges including TBI, Mental Health diagnosis, Substance Use Disorder, PTSD
- 2000-2018 – 383,947 diagnosed with TBI
- 460,000 with PTSD
- 345,000 Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans with substance use disorder
- PTSD grew 400% amongst deployed U.S. troop between 2004 – 2012

Law Enforcement Challenge – interactions can become volatile without specialized skill sets to interact with veterans

Veterans Population Considerations



Law enforcement challenge interactions can become volatile without specialized skill sets to interact with veterans

- Isolation
- Depression
- Transition to civilian life
- Feeling weak or inadequate
- No healthy coping skills
- Self medicating with drugs and alcohol
- Socioeconomic factors
- Flashbacks
- Stigma

Benefits

- Understand signs and symptoms of crisis situations
- Trauma informed care approach
- Veterans awareness
- Suicide prevention
- Autism awareness
- Multidisciplinary team approach
- Rapid Response – wrap around services

RESULTS

The progress of many clients will be marked by cycles of recovery, relapse, and repeated treatments; often spanning many years...

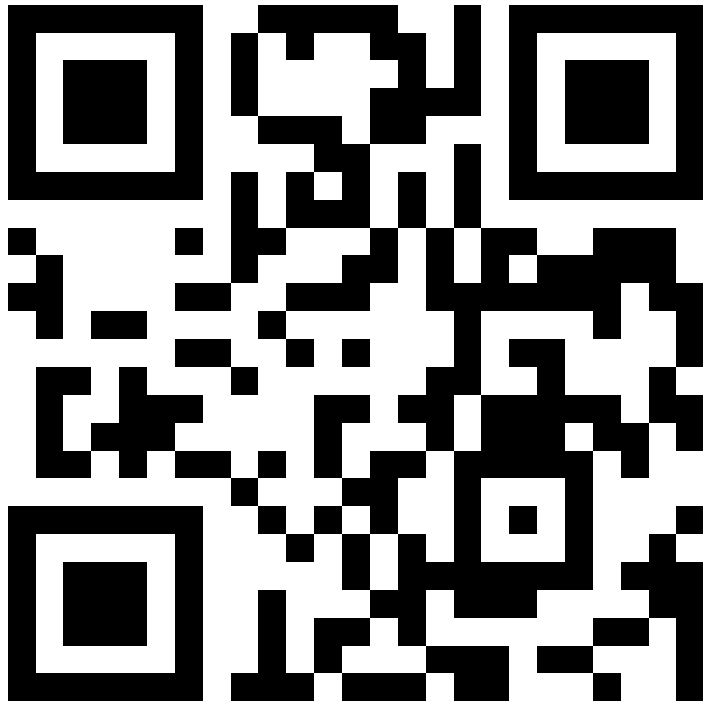


Think
Sequential
Intercept Model



- Law enforcement involvement starts the process.
- Law enforcement supports public safety and participant interactions.
- Nothing occurs in criminal justice without an arrest.

Evaluation



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