

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025 – FOCUS ON FAMILY TREATMENT COURT WORKSHOP

Session Name	Start	End	Description	Speaker
Registration Opens	11:00 AM	5:00 PM	Pick up your badges and conference materials	
Session 1: Build the Foundation	1:00 PM	1:45 PM	The first session of the training series lays the groundwork for an FTC to thrive. Attendees will learn to identify the various levels of membership and primary functions within a governance structure, discuss key considerations for operational design and information sharing protocols, and work towards developing or refining a shared vision and mission for their FTC.	Arielle Andrews, Clarence James
Session 2: Design a Collaborative	1:45 PM	2:30 PM	This session focuses on understanding and clarifying roles within the FTC team through formal agreements and information sharing to ensure alignment. The roles and responsibilities of various team members and partner agencies will be discussed to ensure effective collaboration with emphasis on FTC staffing and Court hearing processes.	Arielle Andrews, Clarence James
Session 3: Develop Participant Pathways	2:30 PM	3:15 PM	This session discusses personalized pathways that align with each individual's unique journey to recovery, recognizing that there are many roads to success. Attendees will learn about the key processes that enhance FTC effectiveness, understand how managing participant expectations can facilitate program completion, and develop a structured phase system to support participants throughout their recovery journey.	Arielle Andrews, Clarence James
SNACK BREAK	3:15 PM	3:30 PM	SNACKS PROVIDED	
Session 4: Respond to Comprehensive Needs	3:30 PM	4:15 PM	This session enhances understanding and strategies for effective behavior responses and case coordination that meet a variety of individual and family needs. Attendees will explore the root causes of behaviors and how to effectively respond to participants' needs from entry to exit, ensuring continuous support and guidance.	Arielle Andrews, Clarence James
Session 5: Inspire Sustainable Success	4:15 PM	5:00 PM	The final session of the workshop focuses on getting everything in place to successfully sustain a FTC, preparing for long-term success. Key elements include identifying communication pathways, setting goal timelines, identifying ongoing and future training needs, and state collaboration opportunities, as well as the importance of collecting data and conducting ongoing evaluation to monitor FTC success.	Arielle Andrews, Clarence James

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025 - DAY 1

Session Name	Start	End	Description	Speaker
Registration - Breakfast	6:30 AM	8:00 AM	Pick up your badges and conference materials; HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET INCLUDED with registration.	
Color Guard Ceremony / Opening Remarks	8:00 AM	8:45 AM	Ceremonial Military and Tribal Color Guard Presentation of the Flags followed by brief Introduction by WATCP outgoing President, Carol Morack and then Welcome Opening Address by WI Supreme Court Justice Karofsky	Carol Morack, Justice Jill Karofsky
Best Practices in the Assessment & Evaluation of Individuals within Treatment Courts: Identifying the “Who” and “What”	8:45 AM	10:00 AM	Treatment courts are important vessels for assisting individuals in long-term behavioral change and thus promoting public safety. Many times staff are trained in various risk/need instruments but lack the information on how and why these instruments are needed. Thus, staff are missing out on key information that will be needed to help identify the “who” and “what” for behavior change. Thus, this presentation will examine evidence supporting the risk and need principles that guide rehabilitation for those who engage in criminal behavior. The evidence supporting the development of the principles will be explored as well as the best practices associated with identifying the appropriate risk levels and need areas for those involved in the treatment courts. Objectives: · Define the risk and need principles in the context of behavior change and identify their significance. · Identify the methodologies used to evaluate the risk/need levels. · Explain the importance of assessment at each level of involvement within the criminal justice system · Understand the importance of the risk and need principles and how it should be applied with the clients · Identify the best practices in risk/need assessments protocols	Dr. Jennifer Pealer
BREAK	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	VISIT THE EXHIBIT HALL & SILENT AUCTION	
Alphabet Soup- Understanding Treatment, Language, Reports & Phasing Up	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	With the recent updates to the Phase guidelines, it is more important than ever for Treatment Court Team members to understand the language that Treatment Providers use when discussing the variety of treatment resources that each participant can be involved in as part of their case plan. The experienced facilitators will provide an overview of the common types of therapeutic resources and what progress in meeting therap goals looks like.	Keri Fatzinger, Kimeko Hagen, Krysti Deines

Creating Meaningful Client Contacts	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	<p>Effective client interactions are the foundation of successful supervision and behavior change. This workshop will provide treatment court professionals with strategies to build strong professional alliances, structure client meetings for maximum impact, and integrate cognitive-behavioral techniques into conversations. Participants will explore methods to stay on topic, engage clients in skill-building, and use roleplaying to reinforce positive behaviors. Attendees will gain practical tools to make every client contact purposeful and productive.</p> <p>Learning Objectives: By the end of this session, participants will be able to: 1. Apply professional alliance skills to foster engagement and trust. 2. Structure client meetings to balance support, accountability, and skill development. 3. Use CBT techniques and roleplaying to promote meaningful behavior change.</p>	Jason Chapman
Implementing the Responsivity Principle within Treatment Courts: The “How” of Behavior Chain	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	<p>After the assessment of the client has been completed, it is important to implement evidence-based practices that will promote long-term behavior change for those individuals involved in treatment courts. This presentation will examine the responsivity principle of offender behavior change to identify how treatment court staff can foster change in the clients. In addition, the “core correctional practices” will be discussed which help in the day to day practices to reduce recidivism. Objectives: · Define the responsivity principle and how it applies to behavior change · Identify the types of responsivity · Explore the core correctional practices and how these practices are effectively implemented</p>	Jennifer Pealer
Doses of Hope: DOC Expansion of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	<p>Join us to learn how the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) has been transforming the lives of Persons in our Care with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) within DOC facilities, in their own words. Since 2024, DOC has been continuing Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), ending the practice of withdrawing patients from MOUD, and beginning MOUD at select sites. In this session, attendees will learn about DOC’s strategic implementation from cultivating leadership and staff buy-in to managing diversion, and everything in between. Dr. Miller will also provide an overview of the medications DOC is utilizing, including how the medications work and how the medications may affect drug screening results.</p>	Bonnie MacRitchie, Dr. Allison Miller

Meeting Families' Basic Needs: Professionals' Role in Improving Social Determinants of Health	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	<p>Recovery extends beyond completing treatment, especially for families in the child welfare system affected by substance use disorders (SUDs). Studies indicate that mothers with SUDs face socioeconomic risk factors that decrease reunification chances and prolong foster care stays. Poverty and economic hardship, while risk factors, do not equate to neglect. However, families in poverty, particularly those of color, are more likely to face investigations and out-of-home placements. Supporting these families without blame or bias is crucial. Research shows that alongside high-quality SUD treatment, families need comprehensive community services to sustain recovery. Social determinants of health (SDOH) offer a framework for selecting strategies that help families thrive. This session will explore professionals' role in addressing structural inequities and implementing strategies to improve SDOH, thereby better supporting resource-limited families affected by SUD.</p> <p>Learning Objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand how poverty and economic hardship influence child abuse and neglect, child welfare involvement, and outcomes for families affected by SUDs 2. Review a framework for understanding the problem and selecting strategies that create conditions where families thrive 3. Discuss innovative strategies that improve how systems respond to poverty 	Arielle Andrews, Clarence James
Applying Treatment Court Principles to Your Non-Treatment Court Docket	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	<p>Why would you want to do it? Can you do it on a budget? What is “Motivational Interviewing” and can any judge learn how to do it? Does that data show that it works? This session will allow Judges and court personnel the chance to learn about the application of treatment court principles in their non-treatment-court dockets. You will gain insights and learn how to take the best practices developed in drug treatment court and apply it to any court docket to achieve justice that is truly transformative.</p>	Honorable Kate Huffman & Honorable Todd Meurer
Lunch	12:00 PM	12:45 PM	Hot Lunch Buffet included with Registration	
Graduate Panel	12:45 PM	1:15 PM	Celebrate the Journey of 3 Graduates from various Treatment Courts across Wisconsin	Ralph, Megan, Kafua
Break	1:15 PM	1:30 PM	Visit the Exhibit Hall and the Silent Auction Room	

Healing Together: Family-Centered Approaches for Courts	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	<p>Courts play a pivotal role in supporting families by addressing substance use and related challenges holistically. This session will guide judicial and community leaders on adopting family-centered approaches that foster collaboration and communication, aiming to disrupt cycles of abuse and promote stable, nurturing environments for children. Participants will learn actionable strategies to enhance service delivery and outcomes, ultimately benefiting families and communities at large.</p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Numbers: Understand why courts use a family-centered approach 2. Needs: Explore how to assess family strengths and support their needs, family reunification, and other important treatment court outcomes 3. Networks: Discuss cross-system collaboration strategies that improve outcomes for individuals and families experiencing court involvement and substance use 	Arielle Andrews, Clarence James
SNACK BREAK	3:00 PM	3:15 PM	SNACKS PROVIDED IN EXHIBIT HALL	
Intersection of Trauma and Substance Abuse	3:15 PM	4:30 PM	<p>Trauma and substance abuse often co-occur, creating significant challenges for individuals seeking recovery. This presentation explores the complex interplay of trauma and substance abuse, highlighting integrated therapeutic approaches including evidence-based dual diagnosis approaches, which prioritize safety, stabilization, and healing. Specific therapies, such as Seeking Safety, Cope, and other new and emerging evidence based therapeutic techniques will be discussed.</p>	Dr. Christina Hove

Supporting Your Team: Mitigating Vicarious Trauma Among Treatment Team Members	3:15 PM	4:30 PM	<p>Those working closely with recovery court clients often experience vicarious trauma from repeated exposure to traumatic stories and events. Vicarious trauma can lead to compassion fatigue, burnout, secondary traumatic stress, and detrimental impacts on mental health and well-being. Recent research demonstrates that approximately 90% of recovery court participants have experienced trauma. Personnel in specialized trial court dockets, including court staff, treatment providers, and probation officers, are at high risk to be impacted as they work with clients who have experienced significant trauma and violence. Research shows that unaddressed vicarious trauma negatively impacts job performance, staff turnover, client care, and workplace culture. Specialized dockets have an opportunity to implement trauma-informed practices and procedures that empower self-care and prevent and mitigate vicarious trauma for treatment team members. This presentation will provide evidence-based recommendations for organizational and individual strategies focused on education, boundary setting, workload management, self-care planning, peer support, and promoting resilience. Attendees will gain practical tools to advocate for workplace policies and resources that support staff wellness and sustain those working in demanding roles within the justice system. Experiential exercises will allow attendees to assess their own risk of vicarious trauma, identify potential barriers to self-care and organizational change, and develop both organizational responses and personalized self-care plans. Learning objectives: 1. Understand the prevalence of trauma exposure among specialized docket clients. 2. State the essential principles and practices of a trauma-informed court and the benefits for team member well-being, retention and workplace culture. 3. Explain the impact on treatment team members from the repeated exposure to the trauma experienced by clients. 4. Determine means of preventing and mitigating vicarious trauma both personally and organizationally promoting self-care and resilience and creating change in team culture.</p>	Julie Seitz, Honorable Kate Huffman
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Assessment & Case Planning	3:15 PM	4:30 PM	<p>Effective case planning is an ongoing process that adapts to participant progress. This workshop will equip treatment court professionals with strategies to translate risk and needs assessments into dynamic, individualized case plans. Participants will learn how to prioritize criminogenic needs, engage clients in the planning process, and adjust interventions based on reassessment. Attendees will gain practical tools to enhance supervision and improve client outcomes. Learning Objectives: By the end of this session, participants will be able to: 1. Identify key criminogenic needs and apply them to case planning. 2. Explain the role of risk and needs assessments in treatment court decision-making. 3. Develop collaborative, goal-oriented case plans that align with evidence-based practices</p>	Jason Chapman
Breaking the Cycle: A Workshop on Understanding & Treating IPV, DV, & FV	3:15 PM	4:30 PM	<p>Join us in this comprehensive workshop dedicated to exploring the multifaceted issues surrounding Intimate Partner Violence (IPV), Domestic Violence (DV), and Family Violence. Participants will gain insights into the complexities of these issues and will explore the different dimensions of abusive behaviors including the underlying causes of family violence, focusing on key areas such as: behavioral health, substance use disorders (SUD), trauma, and potential red flags. Participants will learn effective strategies for interventions and treatment using evidence-based practices to reduce recidivism, promote healthier relationships, and foster safer communities. Participants will learn about the impact of secondary trauma that they may be experiencing working in this field and will acquire tools for self-care and maintaining well-being. By understanding IPV, DV, and Family Violence, recognizing signs, and applying proven strategies, participants will be empowered to drive change and support safer, healthier communities. Together, we can make a significant impact on the lives of those affected by violence. LEARNING OBJECTIVES: 1. Recognize the prevalence and impact of IPV, DV, and Family Violence through current statistics. 2. Distinguish between various forms of batteries and understand their implications. 3. Gain insight of the different dimensions of abusive behaviors including the underlying causes of Family Violence, focusing on key areas such as: behavioral health, substance use disorders (SUD), trauma, and potential red flags. 4. Implement evidence-based practices and treatment modalities when working with perpetrators of violence. 5. Identify signs of secondary trauma in staff and develop strategies for self-care and support.</p>	Wendy Standifer

Why Magic Johnson Never Passed the Ball to Kurt Rambis on the Fast Break: Understanding How to Build an Effective Team for the Win!	3:15 PM	4:30 PM	This session will provide an opportunity for the Wisconsin Treatment Court teams to examine what makes a strong, effective team especially when conflict naturally arises. By engaging in small and large group discussion, participants will review the role of the multidisciplinary treatment court team and learn the 5 Behaviors of a Cohesive Team. This highly interactive session will include strategies for staying focused on treatment wins while transforming conflict into productive learning for building trust. Learning Objectives: 1. Identify the 5 Behaviors of a Cohesive Team. 2. Practice at least 2 self-regulation strategies to reduce burnout. 3. Name at least 2 Network for the Improvement of Addiction Treatment Model (NIATx) communication skills.	Kim Monique Johnson
Beyond Compliance: Recovery Capital for Sustained Family Well-Being	3:15 PM	4:30 PM	Recovery is a process of change through which individuals improve their well-being and live a self-directed life. Recovery capital helps sustain recovery with personal, social, and community resources. This session provides professionals with information about assessing recovery capital and fostering a recovery inclusive community to minimize barriers for families. Presenters will highlight concrete strategies to integrate recovery capital and protective factor concepts into case planning and examples of how to create a welcoming, recovery-oriented community. Learning Objectives: 1. Understand the benefits of building a recovery inclusive community to increase family resilience, recovery, and wellness 2. Describe approaches used to develop recovery inclusive communities 3. Learn innovative strategies and practical lessons for integrating recovery capital and protective factors into your work with parents, children, and family members	Arielle Andrews, Clarence James
Annual Membership & Board Meeting	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	ANNUAL WATCP BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MEETING	Carol Morack, Jodi Severson

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025 - DAY 2 OF WATCP CONFERENCE

Session Name	Start	End	Description	Speaker
Breakfast Day 2	7:00 AM	8:15 AM	HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET INCLUDED with registration.	
DAY 2 Opening Remarks	8:15 AM	8:30 AM	Day 2 Opening Remarks	Jodi Severson
Recognizing & Working Through Unconscious Bias	8:45 AM	10:00 AM	This engaging and reflective session on unconscious bias begins with an experiential exercise designed to increase self-awareness and help participants identify their own biases. Through interactive activities, you will explore how unconscious biases form, their various types, and how they manifest in day-to-day interactions and leadership decisions. Learn how these biases affect recruitment, team dynamics, decision-making, and overall workplace culture. In addition to raising awareness, this session will provide you with practical, actionable strategies to address and move beyond these biases in your daily work and leadership practices. Participants will walk away with concrete tools for making bias-conscious decisions, cultivating inclusive teams, and implementing policies that promote fairness and equity. The session concludes with a commitment to driving lasting, positive change within your organization, equipping you with the skills and insights to lead with greater empathy and fairness. This session is ideal for leaders and professionals eager to build a more equitable, diverse, and inclusive workplace.	Samantha Maldonado
BREAK	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	VISIT THE EXHIBIT HALL & SILENT AUCTION	
Ethics for Team Roles	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	This session will facilitate a dialogue on the sometimes-conflicting ethical obligations of treatment court team members and try to reach a consensus on how best to handle ethical variations in treatment court team member obligations. Learning Objectives: Recognize the conflicting ethical obligations of drug court team members. Demonstrate tolerance and support for those team members with differing ethical obligations Understand that ethical variances can be strengthen the team	Honorable Kate Huffman

Law Enforcement and Recovery	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Treatment courts are not just an alternative to incarceration—they are a proven, transformative approach that benefits individuals, families, and communities. By investing in peer support, education, and individualized recovery, we move away from a punitive model that perpetuates cycles of addiction and instead foster real change. Together, law enforcement, courts, and recovery communities can redefine success—one person, one story, one future at a time. This panel brings together peer support specialists from Three Bridges Recovery to discuss how lived experience, mentorship, and recovery-focused guidance help bridge the gap between substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and the justice system. Our goal is to highlight the critical role of peer support in fostering long-term success for individuals in treatment courts and to emphasize the societal benefits of treatment courts over strictly punitive measures. Key Discussion Points: 1. Bridging the Gap Between Treatment & Justice. 2. The Value of Treatment courts to Society vs. Punitive Measures. 3. Educating Law Enforcement & Justice System Personnel. 4. Redefining Success: Individual Outcomes Over Numbers.	Jodi Chamberlain, Pat Drury ,Jake Pellett, Elizabeth Walter
Sustainability	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Incorporating a sustainability plan into your Treatment Court will ensure efforts remain on task. Sustainability leads to achievable goals and the development of new and realistic goals. It is the map to progression while identifying barriers to success. Learning Objectives: 1. We must adapt and incorporate a sustainability plan into program outcomes. 2. Every team member must be involved in ensuring program sustainability. Community mapping. Expand, develop, and become innovative in developing sustainable strategies	Cliff Jacobs
Prosecutor Panel	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	A panel of District Attorneys serving on Treatment courts discuss the role of the Prosecutor on the Treatment Court Team. The session is facilitated by the State Courts Coordinator.	Kimberly Lawton, Michael Peterson, Zach Leigh, Heather Kierzek
Role of Defense Counsel on Treatment Courts	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Facilitated by a panel of expert Defense Counsel, this session will focus on the role of Defense Counsel on a Treatment Court, and best practices for meeting treatment court participant legal needs while serving on a treatment court.	Brad Schraven, Liesl Nelson, Jennifer Kelley

Secondary Traumatization and Burnout in the Judiciary and How to Deal with Them	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Judges who work in criminal and civil courts are affected by many kinds of stress: workload, isolation, responsibility, threats, and many others. Judges are also exposed to people who have been traumatized, people who are violent, and stories and pictures of trauma on a daily basis. Often these people, stories, and pictures take a psychological toll on the people who hear and see them. As a result, they may become depressed, irritable, angry, tired, and anxious. When these experiences become continuous rather than occasional, secondary traumatization may result; when too frequent and/or too severe, they may cause burnout. This presentation will describe the primary symptoms and behaviors associated with secondary traumatization. It will also provide specific tools to help judges prevent secondary traumatization and burnout, to intervene when they begin to be affected, and to heal when they experience burnout so that they can successfully continue to engage in the important work they do. Learning Objectives: 1. Participants will be able to identify the major signs and symptoms of secondary traumatization and burnout. 2. Participants will learn which activities promote resilience and renewal. 3. Participants will learn and practice three new self-care skills.	Brian Meyer, Ph.D., L.C.P., Commissioner Casey Clevenger
Lunch	12:00 PM	12:45 PM	Hot Lunch Buffet included with Registration	
Awards Ceremony	12:45 PM	1:15 PM	Celebrate the outstanding work of Treatment Court Heroes, and this Year's Aulik Award Recipient, Matthew Raymer (posthumously accepted by his family).	Jodi, Carol, Elizabeth, et al
Break	1:15 PM	1:30 PM	Visit the Exhibit Hall and the Silent Auction Room	
TEAM TIME- Drug/Hybrid Courts	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Time to gather as a team to formulate action plans, ask questions of expert facilitators in the room to get answers to your teams most pressing issues. Feel Free to submit questions in advance to: Admin@watcp.org. Please specify your court type to have your question directed to the appropriate facilitator.	Heather Kierzek
TEAM TIME- Family Treatment Courts	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Time to gather as a team to formulate action plans, ask questions of expert facilitators in the room to get answers to your teams most pressing issues. Feel Free to submit questions in advance to: Admin@watcp.org. Please specify your court type to have your question directed to the appropriate facilitator.	Arielle Andrews, Clarence James
TEAM TIME- Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Time to gather as a team to formulate action plans, ask questions of expert facilitators in the room to get answers to your teams most pressing issues. Feel Free to submit questions in advance to: Admin@watcp.org. Please specify your court type to have your question directed to the appropriate facilitator.	Jacob Metoxen, Kristina Pacheco

TEAM TIME- OWI Courts	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Time to gather as a team to formulate action plans, ask questions of expert facilitators in the room to get answers to your teams most pressing issues. Feel Free to submit questions in advance to: Admin@watcp.org. Please specify your court type to have your question directed to the appropriate facilitator.	Julie Seitz
TEAM TIME- Veteran Courts	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Time to gather as a team to formulate action plans, ask questions of expert facilitators in the room to get answers to your teams most pressing issues. Feel Free to submit questions in advance to: Admin@watcp.org. Please specify your court type to have your question directed to the appropriate facilitator.	Brian Meyer, Ph.D., L.C.P.
TEAM TIME- Mental Health Courts/All Other	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Time to gather as a team to formulate action plans, ask questions of expert facilitators in the room to get answers to your teams most pressing issues. Feel Free to submit questions in advance to: Admin@watcp.org. Please specify your court type to have your question directed to the appropriate facilitator.	MH Treatment Court Judge & Coordinator
SNACK BREAK	3:00 PM	3:15 PM	SNACKS PROVIDED IN EXHIBIT HALL	
Incentives, Sanctions & Service Adjustments	3:15 PM	4:30 PM	This session will explain that rewarding and punishing (giving and taking) are only part of the equation. Behavior modification is a multifaceted process encompassing response strategies to achieve maximum outcomes. Learning Objectives: 1. Behavior modification is a process that looks different for each participant. 2. Proximal and distal. Is demand too high? Have we set participants up for success or failure? 3. Effectiveness of the multidisciplinary team.	Cliff Jacobs
Beyond Trauma-Informed: Becoming a Trauma-Responsive Court	3:15 PM	4:30 PM	There has been discussion about what construes a trauma-informed court, but being trauma-informed is not enough: we need to go beyond that to become trauma-responsive courts. Trauma-responsive courts change everything from their policies, procedures, and practices to their environments. They understand the types and variability of trauma and communicate in ways that empower and enlighten all of the participants in the courtroom. They also ensure that courtroom participants are protected from secondary traumatization and have access to ways to manage it. This presentation will discuss the essential features of trauma-responsive courts, from court structures and functions to evidence-based practices that trauma-responsive courts practice. Learning Objectives: 1. Participants will be able to recognize, design, and implement policies and practices of trauma-responsive courts. 2. Participants will be able to redesign their courtrooms to make them trauma-responsive. 3. Participants will be able to identify evidence-based trauma treatments and learn how to verify their usage	Brian Meyer, Ph.D., L.C.P.

Stress & Self-Care	3:15 PM	4:30 PM	<p>Managing stress is essential for long-term effectiveness in treatment court work. This interactive workshop will guide participants through assessing their current stress levels and developing a personalized self-care plan. Using reflective exercises and practical tools, attendees will explore their motivations, identify early signs of burnout, and create strategies to protect their well-being. Through discussion and hands-on activities, participants will leave with a tailored action plan to integrate self-care into their daily professional and personal lives. Learning Objectives: By the end of this session, participants will be able to: 1. Assess personal stress levels and recognize early signs of burnout. 2. Identify self-care strategies that align with their professional and personal needs. 3. Develop a realistic, actionable self-care plan to maintain long-term well-being.</p>	Jason Chapman
The Substance Use, Mental Health and Trauma Treatment, and Recovery Management	3:15 PM	4:30 PM	<p>This session delves into The Substance Use, Mental Health and Trauma Treatment, and Recovery Management Standard of the Adult Treatment Court Best Practice Standards, Second Edition, focusing on the comprehensive treatment and recovery management of individuals with substance use, mental health disorders, and trauma histories. Participants will explore best practices for addressing treatment court participants' complex and co-occurring treatment needs, emphasizing individualized treatment planning, evidence-based practices, and a holistic approach to recovery. The session also covers the importance of integrating mental health and trauma-informed care into substance use treatment, fostering recovery-oriented systems of care, and ensuring long-term success through continuous recovery management. Additionally, this session will explore the concept of clinical stability in the context of effective treatment strategies.</p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recognize the importance of individualized, integrated treatment plans that address the co-occurring needs of participants with substance use, mental health issues, and trauma histories. 2. Explore the role of recovery management in ensuring ongoing treatment and support post-court involvement, fostering long-term stability and reintegration into the community. 3. Apply best practices for developing and maintaining collaborative relationships among treatment providers, court teams, and community partners to enhance treatment outcomes. 	Julie Seitz

Treatment in Healing to Wellness Courts	3:15 PM	4:30 PM	This session will discuss the current treatment topics encountered in Healing to Wellness Courts. Topics to include Harm Reduction, the importance of Aftercare and how to incorporate culture.	Jacob Metoxen, Kristina Pacheco
It Takes a Village: Gaining Support for Your Treatment Court from Local Partners	3:15 PM	4:30 PM	We've all heard the expression "It Takes a Village". While we are not raising children in Treatment Court, we are working to improve the quality of life for the citizens in our community. Support for Treatment Court is critical to the success of the program. In this session, you will hear from a Judge and former prosecutor on how she staffs a multidisciplinary team and ensures buy in from her community. You will leave this session with a to do list to take home and start recruiting. Learning Objectives: 1. Share data on improved outcomes when you are working with a fully staffed multidisciplinary team. 2. Recruit partners from your criminal justice community to participate in Treatment Court. 3. Sell your program in your community to enhance sustainability.	Commissioner CaseyClevenger
GAME NIGHT	6:30 PM	9:30 PM	<i>This years after conference soiree will include a trivia contest, NFL Draft Themed activities, and livestream of the NFL Draft. Organize your Trivia Team now to compete for honors and prizes. DJ Kevin Kellogg will keep the party going. Come dressed in your favorite team jersey. Complimentary pizza, hors d'oeuvres, and soft drinks. Cash bar. Fun and great opportunity to network with colleagues is free to anyone wearing a WATCP lanyard. Donations raised during the event benefit the Graduate Scholarship Fund.</i>	

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025 - DAY 3 OF WATCP CONFERENCE

Session Name	Start	End	Description	Speaker
Breakfast Day 3	7:00 AM	8:15 AM	HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET INCLUDED with registration.	
Complex Trauma and Complex PTSD in Adults	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	<p>For people who have experienced multiple and severe traumatic events in their lives, the diagnosis of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is insufficient to describe the symptoms and behaviors they display and the problems they have. In 1992, Dr. Judy Herman proposed and described a new diagnosis that encompasses the dysregulation of emotions, cognitions, behaviors, and relationships that result: Complex PTSD. This diagnosis describes the problems faced by many adults involved in drug courts, mental health courts, and veterans treatment courts better than simple PTSD. This presentation will outline the central features of Complex Trauma, illustrate how the recent changes in DSM V to the definition of PTSD incorporated some of the features of Complex Trauma, and the diagnosis of Complex PTSD in ICD 11, which will become legally required in January, 2022. It will discuss the misdiagnosis of other problems that will be clarified by using the Complex PTSD diagnosis. It will also address how we can approach and treat clients with Complex Trauma using a three-stage process, illustrating the treatments that are likely to benefit them at each stage. Finally, it will discuss why people with Complex Trauma are likely to come before the courts and what the courts can do to help them manage the problems they face. Learning Objectives: 1. Participants will be able to describe three main features that distinguish Complex PTSD from Simple PTSD. 2. Participants will learn why people with Complex Trauma are likely to show up in treatment courts. 3. Participants will be able to identify three evidence-based treatments in both Phase I and Phase II of Complex Trauma treatment.</p>	Brian Meyer, Ph.D., L.C.P.

Addressing the Stimulant Crisis: Understanding the Rise in Overdose Deaths and Exploring Effective Interventions	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	<p>The troubling rise in overdose deaths involving stimulants like cocaine and amphetamines highlights an urgent public health challenge. From 2017 to 2022, state health agencies reported significant increases in fatalities linked to these substances. Despite this crisis, there are no FDA-approved medications for treating psychostimulant addiction, making it crucial to explore effective alternatives. This presentation examines the alarming statistics on stimulant abuse, the short and long-term neurological effects of these drugs, and the latest research on potential pharmacological treatments. The course also delves into the effectiveness of cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) for addressing stimulant addiction and assesses the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on stimulant use and overdose rates. Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of the dangers of stimulant use and evidence-based strategies for treatment and prevention, equipping them with practical tools to combat this growing epidemic. LEARNING OBJECTIVES: 1. Analyze recent trends in stimulant overdose deaths and their implications for public health. 2. Understand the neurological effects of stimulant use, including short- and long-term impacts. 3. Explore research into potential pharmacological treatments for psychostimulant addiction. 4. Learn about the effectiveness of cognitive behavioral interventions (CBT) in treating stimulant use disorders. Examine the influence of the COVID-19 pandemic on stimulant use and overdose deaths, identifying new challenges in treatment and prevention efforts.</p>	Wendy Standifer
Reimagining Responses to Impaired Driving	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	<p>Impaired driving is one of the most complex issues in the justice system. Complex laws, lengthy case processing, public safety implications, societal views, and unique justice-involved individuals require multiple strategies to respond to impaired driving. Unfortunately, jurisdictions often focus on one area of the system to put their energy and resources rather than having strategies across the justice spectrum to reduce impaired driving. This session will explore strategies and programming to reform the justice system's response to impaired driving. Methods included a focus on timeliness, screening, and assessment, pre- and post-adjudication supervision and services, and program development based on risk and need.</p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will identify the complexity of impaired driving cases and the barriers that impact the timeliness of services. • Participants will recognize strategies to provide early screening, assessment, supervision, and services. • Participants will receive a primer on the importance of developing programming based on risk and need. Reimagining Responses to Impaired Driving 	Julie Seitz

Tox Talk: A Broad Overview of Drug Testing for the Treatment Court System	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	This drug testing presentation will focus on: Strengths/Weaknesses of different testing modalities Where “False Positives” originate from, and some examples of what can cause them. “How a testing lab works” New Drug Trends and emergent drugs on concern Xylazine and Medetomidine in the Midwest Bromazolam Medication Monitoring norbup/bup ratios in UA Why it's not best practice to use one testing modality to “confirm/validate” another testing modality How to “Talk to your lab” Know what they are testing for you Learn what questions to ask Examples of Test results and how to interpret them	Dr. Chris Thomas
We have the Data, Now What Do We Do With It?	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	This session will examine the reality of what data tells us. How do we analyze data and implement corrective actions to develop effective program policies, provide meaningful services, and close the gap between success and failure? Learning Objectives: 1. Treatment Courts must ensure equal opportunity for everyone to participate and succeed regardless of race, gender, or ethnicity. 2. Corrective actions Treatment Courts must examine program operations and take necessary action to identify and correct program disparities. 3. Response Treatment Courts must develop responses to cultural differences within their population. (This session is brought to you by WATCP. It is not sponsored by NCSC)	Cliff Jacobs
Legal Topics in Healing to Wellness Courts	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	This session will discuss the following topics: 1. Allowing a Healing to Wellness Court graduate back into HWC 2. When do we terminate participation in HWC? 3. Discussion on the current legal topics facing the Healing to Wellness Courts of Wisconsin.	Jacob Metoxen, Kristina Pacheco
BREAK	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Last chance to visit vendors; use this time to check out of the hotel.	
Rapid Fire Panel	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	A series of panelists will discuss the following topics and field questions: 1. Sequential Intercept Model (SIMS Mapping)- Heather Kierzek 2. TAD 5 Year Evaluation- Ashley Billig 3. WOORC: WI Opioid Overdose Response Center- Dr. Jay Ford, Dr. Cody Wenthur 4. Should You Have a Nurse on your Team- Dr. Jennifer Weitzel, Michelle Bauer, RN, Amanda Hanson 5. Evaluating Our Treatment Court - Case Study/Wood County - Atty. Emily Nolan-Plutchak, Dillon Ksionek	Ashley Billig, Heather Kierzek, Amanda Hanson, Dr. Jay Ford, Dillon Ksionek, Michelle Bauer, RN, Dr. Cody Wenthur, Emily Nolan-Plutchak & Judge Todd Wolf