

**New York Association of Drug Treatment Court Professionals  
Training Seminar  
20 Years of Drug Court Successes:  
Preparing for the Next Decade  
*Agenda***

**Wednesday, March 8, 2017**

- 3:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** Registration and Exhibitors – Gallery and City Center
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** NYADTCP Board Meeting (*Whitney Meeting Room*)
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** Opening Reception – Gallery and City Center  
Networking with Exhibitors
- Welcome: Hon. Jo Ann Ferdinand (ret.),  
President, NYADTCP
- Opening Remarks: Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler, Chief,  
NYS Office of Policy & Planning

**Thursday, March 9, 2017**

- 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** Registration and Networking with Exhibitors –  
Gallery and City Center
- 8:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** UCMS Demonstration and Troubleshooting Help  
Kevin Lasko, Office of Court Administration, Office of  
Policy & Planning  
Suzanne Martin, Senior IT Analyst, Division of  
Technology
- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** Continental Breakfast – Gallery and City Center  
Networking with Exhibitors
- 8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** **Criminal Law Basics – Broadway 1 & 2**

**Speaker:** Hon. James Cecile, Presiding Judge, Syracuse Drug Treatment Court

**Description:** This session offers an overview of criminal case processing in the drug treatment court context. Content is intended to familiarize drug court professionals without a legal background about criminal procedures and practices that are implicated in drug treatment courts.

**9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**

**Opening Session – The Saratoga Ballroom**

Introduction: Hon. Vito C. Caruso,  
Administrative Judge, 4th Judicial District

Opening Remarks: Hon. Lawrence K. Marks,  
Chief Administrative Judge, NYS Unified Court  
System

**9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

**Plenary I – The Saratoga Ballroom**

**“The Future of Drug Courts in New York State: A Strategic Plan”**

**Speakers:** Hon. John R. Schwartz (ret.)  
Valerie Raine, Esq., Statewide Drug Court Coordinator,  
NYS Office of Policy and Planning

**Description:** This plenary will present the overall goals of New York’s statewide strategic plan for drug treatment courts. The plan supports Chief Judge DiFiore’s Excellence Initiative by implementing evidence-based practices, improving resource management in our drug courts, building a sustainable training initiative, and strengthening key drug court partnerships at both the state and local levels.

**10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Break and Networking with Exhibitors  
Gallery and City Center**

**11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Concurrent Sessions I**

**Breakout 1: “Medication Assisted Treatment in Drug Courts:  
Recommended Strategies” – Room: Broadway 1 & 2**

**Speakers:** Sally Friedman, Legal Director, Legal Action Center; Kim Kozlowski,  
Project Manager, OCA Office of Policy and Planning

**Description:** Treatment and other professionals will learn how to work with drug courts and probation agencies to successfully incorporate medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid addiction. Presented by Sally Friedman, Esq. the co-author of a recent groundbreaking report entitled *Medication-Assisted Treatment in Drug Courts: Recommended Strategies* and Kimberly Kozlowski, MS. The workshop will share lessons learned from in-depth profiles and interviews with ten New York courts with successful Medication Assisted Treatment programs. The presentation will cover strategies to address common court concerns, such as illicit use of MAT medications, effective monitoring of MAT participants, and communication between programs and courts.

1.5 CLE Professional Practice Credits (pending)

1.25 CASAC and SW CEU hours (pending)

**Breakout 2: “Special Challenges Facing Young Opiate Users”**

**Room: Broadway 3 & 4**

**Speakers:** Nicole Dempsey, Resource Coordinator, Nassau County Felony Treatment Court; Lloyd Goldsamt, Ph.D., Evaluator, National Development & Research Institutes

**Description:** This session will offer an overview of the statewide data on the use of prescription and non-prescription opiates, emphasizing use in the young adult population. The presentation will highlight regional variability, focusing on areas of the state with higher rates of use and more severe consequences for public safety and public health. The discussion will identify the positive roles that drug courts can have on the opiate epidemic in New York State while exploring the unique challenges this population presents such as: severity of use, overdose risks, and appropriate treatment placement. Current best practices for drug court participants will be explored, including: Medication Assisted Therapy, effective court monitoring and drug testing, and the use of evidence-based practices.

1.5 CLE Professional Practice Credits (pending)

1.25 CASAC and SW CEU hours (pending)

**Breakout 3: “Adult Best Practice Standards” – Room: High Rock**

**Speaker:** Carson Fox, Esq., Chief Executive Officer, National Association of Drug Court Professionals

**Description:** In 2013, the National Association of Drug Court Professionals published the ground-breaking *Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards, Volume I*. In 2015, *Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards, Volume II* was released. These standards provide practical, implementable, and enforceable guidance on how Drug Courts are to operate in 10 critical areas. At the end of this session, participants will:

- Receive a summary of each standard in Volume II and some of the fascinating research on which they are based.
- Learn why adherence to Best Practice Standards are essential for the continued success of the Drug Court Model.
- Learn about the Drug Court practice areas likely to be the focus of future standards.

1.5 CLE Professional Practice Credits (pending)

1.25 CASAC and SW CEU hours (pending)

**Breakout 4: “Trauma Informed Care: The Collaborative Change Model”**  
**Room: Travers/Alabama**

**Speaker:** Linda Stone Fish, M.S.W., Ph.D., Falk Family Endowed Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy at Syracuse University

**Description:** Drug addiction may be a symptom of trauma. Extraordinary scholarship, fueled by the intersection of research from the fields of neuroscience, developmental and attachment theories, and interpersonal neurobiology, coupled with evidence-based practice treatment models guide us in understanding the effects of traumatic experiences on human behavior and how to help people move from traumatic mind states to engaged ones. Dr. Stone Fish will present on the Collaborative Change Model, a trauma-informed practice that integrates research and over 30 years of clinical practice, to help participants work with clients who may have experienced trauma.

1.5 CLE Professional Practice Credits (pending)  
1.25 CASAC and SW CEU hours (pending)

**12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. LUNCH - The Saratoga Ballroom**

**Business Meeting:** NYADTCP membership

**Presentation of Sherry Lintz Drug Court Award of Excellence**

**Presenter:** Joseph Madonia, Past Project Director,  
Brooklyn Treatment Court

**Keynote Address:** Carson Fox, Esq., Chief Executive Officer,  
National Association of Drug Court Professionals

**1:45 – 2:45 p.m. Plenary 2 – The Saratoga Ballroom**

**“New Challenges of the Substance Abusing Population”**

Introduction: Hon. Marcia Hirsch, Presiding Judge, Queens Treatment Courts

**Speaker:** Lipi Roy, MD, MPH, Chief of Addiction Medicine at the Division of Correctional Health Services, NYC Health & Hospitals

**Description:** This session will focus on the growing opiate crisis that is ravaging New York and the rest of the country. Dr. Roy will review the scope of the opiate epidemic and discuss strategies to combat its destructive impact.

1.0 CLE  
1.0 CASAC and SW CEU hours (pending)

**2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Break and Networking with Exhibitors – Gallery and City Center**

3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

## Concurrent Sessions II

### **Breakout 1: “Procedural Justice: To Be Fair and Seen as Fair”**

**Room: Broadway 1 & 2**

**Speaker:** Emily LaGratta, Director, Procedural Justice Initiatives,  
Center for Court Innovation

**Description:** Research shows that when court users perceive the process to be fair, they are more likely to be compliant with court orders and obey the law in the future – even if they receive an unfavorable outcome. This session will explore the research foundations of procedural justice and brainstorm promising practices, associated with four of its key components: respect, voice, understanding, and neutrality.

1.5 CLE Professional Practice Credits (pending)

1.25 CASAC and SW CEU hours (pending)

### **Breakout 2: “Unique Challenges in Veterans Treatment Courts”**

**Room: Broadway 3 & 4**

**Moderator:** Shelly Cohen, Clinical Assistant Professor, School of Social Welfare, Stony Brook University

**Panelists:** Dr. Pamela Linden, Clinical Associate Professor, Stony Brook University; Courtney Slade, LCSW, Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinator, Stratton VA Medical Center, Albany, NY; Desiree Rogers, Coordinator, Chemung County Drug Treatment Court and Domestic Violence Court Programs

**Description:** Panel discussion including presentations on results of a study of eight Veterans Treatment Courts throughout NYS; strategies for establishing a Veterans Court/Veterans Track in rural communities; the role of the Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinator (VJO)/eligibility criteria for VA benefits; and recommended practices regarding assessment, treatment, and sanctions for domestic violence among Veteran participants.

1.5 CLE Professional Practice Credits (pending)

1.25 CASAC and SW CEU hours (pending)

### **Breakout 3: “Peer to Coach Connection - Recovery is Sweeter”**

**Room: High Rock**

**Moderator:** Carol Colvin, Resource Coordinator II, Auburn City Court

**Panelists:** Hon. Michael McKeon, Presiding Judge, Auburn City and Cayuga County Drug Treatment Courts; Theresa Knorr, Director Recovery Education and Training, FOR-NY; Marty Reindfleisch, Peer Support Specialist, Auburn Treatment Court Trauma Project; Marguerite Ringwood, Peer Support Specialist, Auburn Treatment Court Trauma Project

**Description:** This presentation will focus on Peer Support/Recovery Coaching in the Adult Treatment Process. The attendee will learn the roles and functions of a recovery coach; principles of recovery; build skills to enhance relationships; explore many dimensions of recovery and recovery coaching. The panel will discuss stages of recovery and of change, address ethical and boundary issues, and offer a wellness plan. Part 2 of the presentation will focus on building an alumni group and how the recovery coach process helped build the Auburn/Cayuga County Treatment Court Alumni Group.

1.5 CLE Professional Practice Credits (pending)  
1.25 CASAC and SW CEU hours (pending)

**Breakout 4: “Practical Guide to Incentives, Sanctions, and Therapeutic Adjustments” – Room: Travers/Alabama**

**Speaker:** Megan Wheeler, Training and Technical Assistance Consultant

**Description:** This presentation outlines the basic behavior modification principles and their applicability in incentives, sanctions, and therapeutic adjustments. It identifies the importance of incentives, both formal and informal, and their application in the program. The presentation recognizes the effect of immediate consequences in modifying client behavior, and identifies the distinctions between court-imposed sanctions, incentives, and treatment responses. The presentation will discuss the importance of formulating a strategy for the application of graduated sanctions, incentives, and appropriate treatment responses, along with the importance of consistent application of those responses.

1.5 CLE Professional Practice Credits (pending)  
1.25 CASAC and SW CEU hours (pending)

**4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Networking with Exhibitors—Gallery and City Center**

**4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Educational Sessions**

**Breakout 1: Cornerstone Medical Arts – Room: Broadway 1 & 2**

**Presenter:** Thomas LaBarca, Vice President of Clinical Programs

**Description:** Cornerstone has successfully integrated services for the offender population in our detox and inpatient rehab program which are consistent with CARF Criminal Justice standards. This includes utilizing the electronic health record to ensure compliance with reporting to CJ agencies, utilizing risk/needs assessment to develop treatment and discharge plans, and evidence-based counseling strategies to work with the offender population.

**Breakout 2: Correctional Counseling, Inc. – Room: Broadway 3 & 4**

**Presenter:** Dr. Kenneth D. Robinson, President

**Description:** MRT: An Evidence Based Tool for Offender Change in Drug Courts

This session will provide an overview of Moral Reconciliation Therapy, an evidence-based cognitive behavioral intervention proven to be effective for drug court participants. The presenter will discuss the elements of the intervention, the training process to become certified, overcoming provider implementation barriers, and maintaining fidelity to the model to ensure positive outcomes for your drug court.

**Breakout 3: Siemens Medical Solutions USA, Inc. – Room: Travers/Alabama**

**Presenter:** Dr. Leo Kadehjian, Independent Biomedical Consultant

**Description:** Keeping Up with Opiates: Why Screening for Only Opiate Class Is Not Enough

Opiates have proven to be useful therapeutics, yet also have widespread adverse effects on individuals and society. Drug testing has proven to be a key tool in the effective use of opiates. However, understanding all the testing options and the interpretation of those test results can be confusing. This presentation will address the differentiation of opiates, the tests options available, and illicit heroin use. This session will also distinguish their similarities, differences, methods of detection, and the clinical interpretation of test results.

**Friday, March 10, 2017**

**7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.** Continental Breakfast – Gallery and City Center  
Networking with Exhibitors

**8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** **Breakout by Role – The Saratoga Ballroom**

**ROLE**

**ROOM**

Judge  
Coordinator/Case Manager

Prosecutor  
Defense Attorney  
Chief Clerk/Court Administrator  
Treatment Provider  
Research/Evaluator  
Probation/Law Enforcement

**Description:** Breakouts by role will facilitate group discussions on topics relevant to each role within the drug treatment court environment.

**9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.                      Plenary 3 – The Saratoga Ballroom**

**Title: “Law Enforcement Takes Innovative Approaches to Crime and Addiction”**

**Moderator:** Hon. Jack Elliot, Presiding Judge, Rochester Drug Treatment Court

**Presenters:** Michael K. Covert, Chief of Police, Cooperstown, NY  
Brendan J. Cox, Chief of Police, Albany, NY  
Charles Gardener, Chief of Police, Yonkers, NY

**Description:** This plenary will provide an overview of a new and promising law enforcement strategy for substance abusing offenders. This new approach features a pre-booking, community-based diversion program designed to divert those suspected of low-level drug and prostitution offenses away from jail and prosecution and into case management and other supportive services. First developed in Seattle, WA, this new strategy is now being adapted and enhanced in New York communities. Three New York Chiefs of Police will share their experiences with this innovative approach to crime and addiction.

**10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.      Break and Networking with Exhibitors  
Gallery and City Center**

**10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. – Concurrent Sessions III**

**Breakout 1: “Evidence-Based Practices” Room: Broadway 1 & 2**

**Presenters:** Steve Hanson, Associate Commissioner, NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services; Michael Rempel, Director of Research, Center for Court Innovation

**Description:** This session will provide an overview of three key areas of evidence-based practices: (1) treatment, (2) deterrence, and (3) procedural justice. The discussion of treatment will include an accessible introduction to the Risk-Need-Responsivity principles, how they can be applied in problem-solving courts, and the role of validated assessment tools in improving eligibility

decisions and treatment planning. The discussion of deterrence and procedural justice will include tips and tools for improving participant perceptions of the fairness of the court process, while simultaneously conveying a clear message that noncompliance will be met with sanctions.

1.0 CLE Professional Practice Credits (pending)  
1.0 CASAC and SW CEU hours (pending)

**Breakout 2: “Effective and Strategic Drug Testing”**  
**Room: Broadway 3 & 4**

**Presenter:** Helen Harberts, Deputy District Attorney (ret.), Chico, CA

**Description:** This session will provide the latest best practice standards for alcohol and drug testing of drug treatment court participants. The discussion will cover the most effective strategies for monitoring and reducing illicit drug use by the participant population.

**Breakout 3: “Current Trends in Substance Use” – Room: High Rock**

**Speaker:** Kevin Wadalavage, LMHC, Outreach Program, Richmond Hills, NY

**Description:** This presentation will review recent developments in the evolving drug scene, along with accompanying legal and clinical issues, including: the growth of new and novel synthetic drugs; emerging issues accompanying cannabis decriminalization and legalization; and the role of the internet in facilitating drug information and access.

1.0 CLE Professional Practice Credits (pending)  
1.0 CASAC and SW CEU hours (pending)

**Breakout 4: “New York Drug Court Peer Review and Online Learning Pilot”**  
**Room: Travers/Alabama**

**Moderator:** Sky Davis, OCA Office of Policy and Planning

**Panelists:** Ronald Butler, Schenectady Drug Treatment Court; Shannon Carey, Co-President, NPC Research; Bonnie Hazard, Troy City Drug Treatment Court; Karen Otis, Center for Court Innovation

**Description:** The Center for Court Innovation and NPC Research have collaborated to assist the NYS Unified Court System, Office of Policy and Planning, to pilot a statewide fidelity strategy to ensure research-based best practices for adult drug courts. This presentation will describe the NYS peer review pilot implemented in Schenectady and Troy, and a panel of practitioners and administrators will discuss possible statewide applications for this promising fidelity strategy.

1.0 CLE Professional Practice Credits (pending)  
1.0 CASAC and SW CEU hours (pending)

**12:00 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS / IPAD DRAWING.**