



WASHINGTON FAMILY TREATMENT COURT NEWSLETTER

The Administrative Office of the Courts received a grant from OJJDP (Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention) to support and enhance the existing Washington Family Treatment Courts’ ability to serve families. The FTC Project Team was hired in the Spring of 2021 and includes: [Julie Lowery](#), Project Manager; [Dr. Meghan Fitzgerald](#), Training Coordinator; [Adrian Johnson](#), Sr. Research Associate; and [Gia Valentine](#), Administrative Assistant. The team aspires to send a quarterly newsletter to provide updates on grant activities, information about trainings, data, and technical assistance, and highlights from local sites. ***Please contact us if you have anything in particular you'd like us to include in the newsletters!***

WHAT YOU'LL FIND INSIDE:

- CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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Regularly Scheduled FTC Meetings

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st Week	Coordinator Conversations @11am				
2nd Week	Peers & Advocates Meetings @4pm				
3rd Week					Steering Committee Meetings @11am
4th Week		Social Worker CoPs @4pm			

- AAG Community of Practice- Quarterly, Wednesdays at 12pm (Next one is January 18th)**
- Coffee with FTC Child Advocates- Quarterly, Wednesdays at 9am (Next one is March 1st)**
- Attorney Conversations- Quarterly, Fridays at 1pm (Next one is March 3rd)**
- Judicial Officer Community of Practice – Quarterly, TBD (is being restructured)**

If you, or anyone on your team does not have the invite to one of these meetings, and would like to attend or receive updates on the groups, please [email us](#).



You can watch the Best Practice 8 Training Video [here](#) & find the registration page for the Just Data January Wrap Up Meeting [here](#)

Performance Measures Information:

In mid-December, all FTC Coordinators received a copy of the [WA FTC Performance Reporting Form](#) along with a request that the form be completed (as much as possible) and returned to the FTC Senior Research Associate, [Adrian Johnson](#), by January 10th, 2023. As a reminder, the reporting period covers July 1st, 2022 through December 31st, 2022.

Please note, this request is made by the FTC team/AOC for the following reasons:

- As a grant recipient, we are required to provide semi-annual reports to OJJDP.
- There is no statewide repository of this information, and the FTC Team at AOC is reliant on you sharing this information with us to know how to best support each team.
- FTCs have asked what data should be collected in order to review program policies and outcomes and begin continuous quality improvement (FTC Best Practice 8). The FTC Performance Reporting Form is a starting point for you to begin to assess who you are serving and their timelines through the program.

Adrian will also be sending reminders prior to the due date. If you have questions, please contact Adrian via email for assistance. If additional help is needed, you can also contact him directly to schedule a meeting.

Thanks to everyone for all your hard work and your efforts in helping us meet our grant goals!

Have You Heard?

FTC Team Site Visits:

Is your FTC experiencing challenges:

- Obtaining referrals?
- Engaging participants?
- Communicating with the team?
- Collecting and organizing data?

Would you like feedback regarding your operations?

The FTC Project Team is available to help. We can schedule a site visit to address your needs.

Contact us soon, spots are filling up! Email [Gia Valentine](#) if you would like us to come visit your court, or if you have any questions!

Opioid Settlement Funds:

As you're aware, Washington State will be receiving settlement dollars over 17 years from lawsuits against pharmaceutical companies. Approximately 50% of funds go to the state and the other half to local governments. The State [Opioid and Overdose Response Plan](#) (SOORP) workgroups' recommendations went to executive sponsors and then to the Governor's office. [This document](#) compares SOORP recommendations and the 2023-25 Governor's budget. If you're interested in joining one of the SOORP work-groups, contact [Kris Shera](#) at HCA. For information on how decisions about local dollars will be spent, contact the leaders in your area (county council, board of commissioners, etc.).

IOWA Peer Training Program:

The Iowa Peer Network is a State-Wide, online community where Peer Support Specialists in Iowa can connect, exchange knowledge, and build a strong workforce and support system. You can find more about this model and their work [here](#).

King County FTC Holiday Gift Drive:

For the last three years, King County's Family Treatment Court has been lucky enough to provide toys for all the children in FTC through a team of community sponsors. How it works is the parents let FTC staff know which toy to purchase for their child and then people from the community purchase the gifts and send them to Richard Miller, a Real Estate agent, who coordinates the project. FTC staff distribute the gifts to the parent's homes to provide for their children over the holiday break.

Through community, staff, and family involvement, it has been a wonderful way to embody the program's motto of "Be seen. Be heard. Be valued." And an opportunity to bring some joy during a difficult time in the lives of FTC families. - Jill Murphy, King FTC Coordinator

UAs & Medical Marijuana in FTCs:

The National Drug Court Institute distributed a new publication on [Medical Marijuana and Treatment Courts](#). The document covers many frequently asked questions, the prohibition of medical marijuana when properly authorized by a doctor, how to work with participants based on which category our state fits into, and more. Meghan also put together some [resources on urine analysis](#) that can be found on our website. The page includes a fact sheet, a FAQ page, a story of lived experience, and resources from both CFF and NADCP. Please check it out and feel free to email us if you have any questions.

CFF Peer Group:

The National Family Treatment Court Training & Technical Assistance Program is launching a Peer Recovery Support Specialist Community of Practice. The first meeting is January 17th, 2023 at 10am. You can register [here](#), and find more information [here](#).



Additional Resources:

HIDTA Grant:

Eliza Powell from [Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas](#) (HIDTA) spoke at December's FTC Steering Committee about a new, competitive prevention and treatment request for proposals. She will be hosting a launch webinar on January 18 from 11:00-12:00 ([Link for meeting](#)), and immediately following that, the proposal template will be released.

Northwest HIDTA prevention funding is designed to address gaps in substance use prevention in the state of Washington that cannot be funded through other existing resources. It is not designed to serve as an organization's sole source of funding; rather, it exists to elevate existing efforts. Some examples of the kinds of things funded in the past are community coalition projects, fentanyl test strips, and drug court services, but they are by no means limited to those.

Applications are due on March 15th, for the funding period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The eligibility criteria are fairly broad: Applications will be accepted from organizations working in SUD treatment (or linkage to treatment), harm reduction, or substance use prevention in Northwest HIDTA counties (FTCs in the following counties could apply: Clark, Cowlitz, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, Whatcom, and Yakima). Though not required, the organizations of best fit will have demonstrated collaboration across sectors, particularly in relation to public safety or the criminal justice system.

SAMHSA Grant:

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has released a new grant to 'Expand Substance Use Disorder Treatment Capacity in Adult and Family Treatment Drug Courts'. The purpose of the grant is to expand SUD services and recovery support services in existing drug courts, and to provide care, prevention, and recovery services for courts. The application is due on March 6th, 2023, and you can learn more about it [here](#).

Webinar: What's the Latest? Xylazine:

Xylazine, a veterinary tranquilizer, has been found mixed with other drugs like fentanyl and heroin and has been associated with an increasing number of overdose deaths across the U.S. Similar to fentanyl, xylazine showed up in the East Coast drug supply earlier than we have seen on the west coast, but evidence indicates its increasing presence locally. This webinar will include presenters from a team in North Carolina, who will share their experience responding to xylazine in their region. [Register here](#).

Targeted Universalism Strategy:

Targeted Universalism is a policy and practice developed by John Powell, Stephen Menedian, and Wendy Ake. The framework is designed to help support the needs of specific groups while still improving our community or society as a whole. [This primer](#) was created by the authors, the Haas Institute, and UC Berkley in 2019 to illustrate and explain the framework of targeted universalism, its process, the steps and methods, and the advantages of using it. There is also a workbook which can show you how to operationalize this concept and apply it in the real world. A three-minute video detailing targeted universalism was also released and can be found [here](#). This strategy could be a great way to start taking action on a particular issue you are facing in your court, as well as in your community. Please take a look at the materials and if you have any questions or would like to discuss it with the grant team feel free to reach out.