



# The Importance of Building Partnerships Between Jails and Treatment Courts

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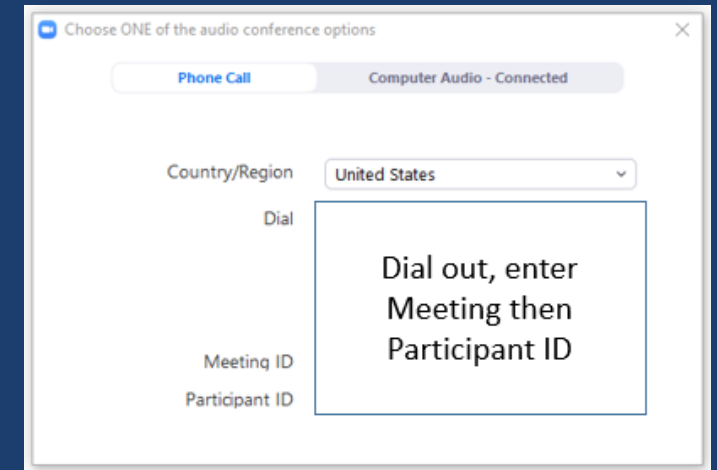


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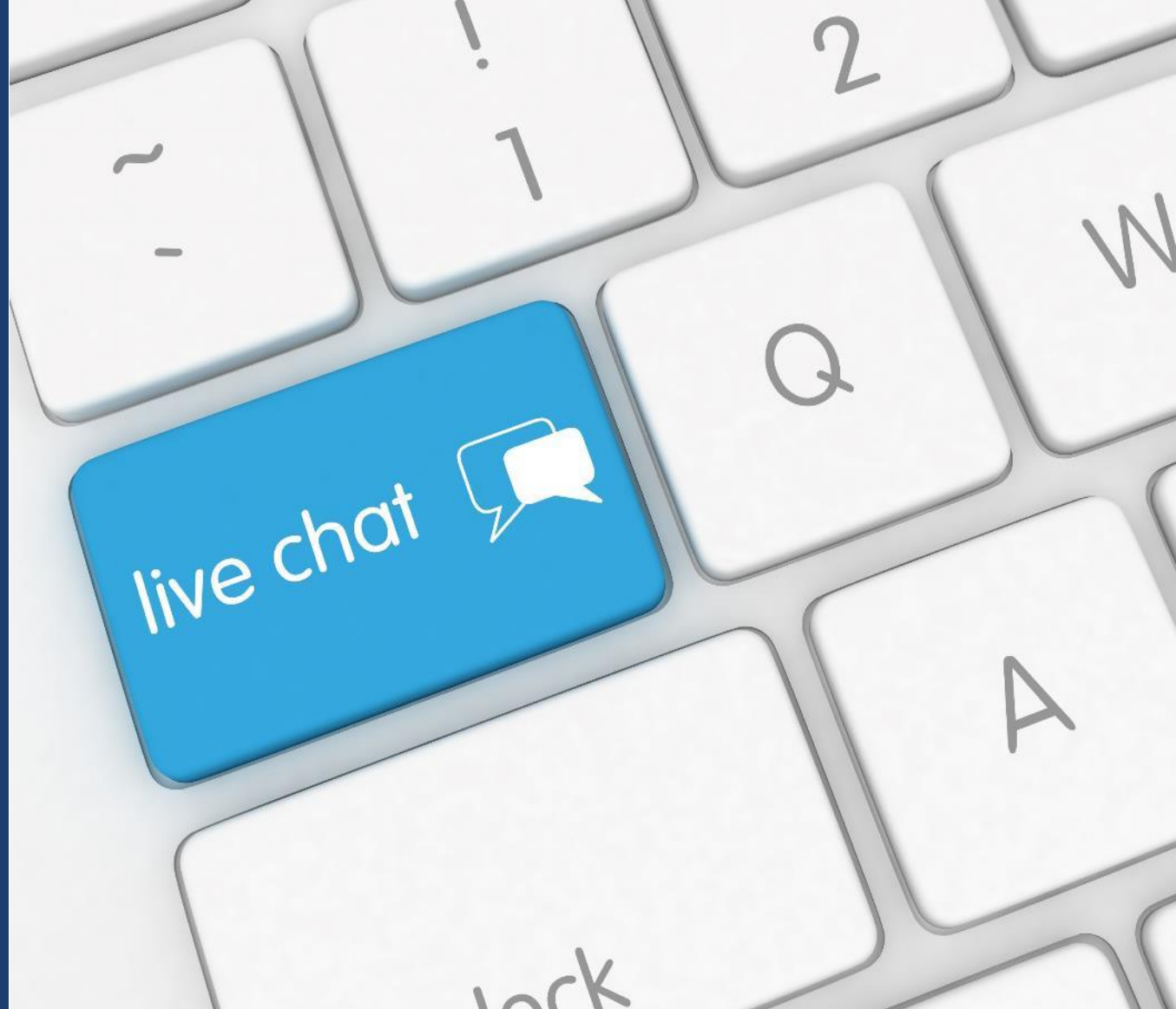
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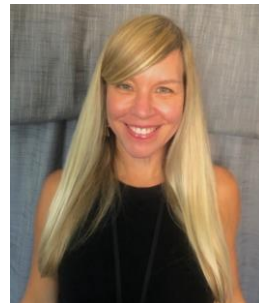
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# Statewide Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance Provider

With funding from BJA, we work primarily through the statewide treatment court coordinators to assist state-level agencies to improve or enhance their treatment court networks.

Our approach to TA prioritizes a collaborative approach, includes individualized TA work plans, onsite and remote TA, and in-depth needs assessments and recommendations.



# What we will cover today

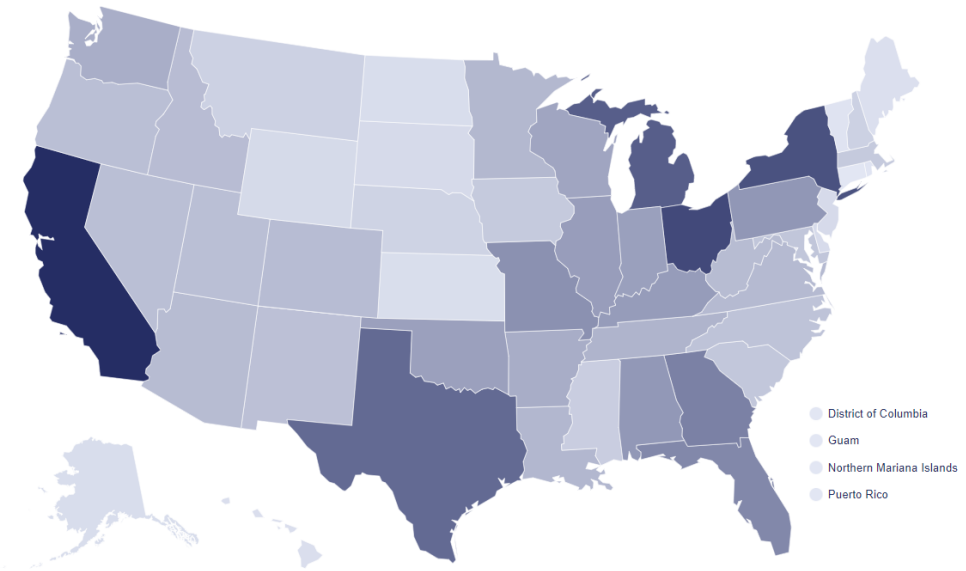
- What are treatment courts?
- Why is collaboration between jails and treatment courts and continuity of care needed?
- Application of collaboration with treatment courts
  - Screening and identification
  - Referral process
  - Role of jail staff on a treatment court team
- Q&A

# What are treatment courts and what makes them so unique?

- Adult Drug Treatment courts are an innovative and effective solution to addressing substance use within the criminal court system.
- Emphasize Long-Term Recovery Over Punishment
- Treatment court programs often include:
  - Participation over a series of months or years to establish and maintain long-term recovery strategies
  - Frequent and random drug screening
  - Clinical treatment for substance use disorders
  - Individualized case management services, connecting participants to employment opportunities, community service, pro-social activities, and education
  - Required frequent appearances in court
  - Rewards for maintaining treatment plans and sanctions for failure to meet obligations
  - Support and encouragement from the drug court team

**3,800+**

Treatment Courts



# A collaborative, multi-disciplinary approach

- A dedicated multidisciplinary team of professionals manages the day-to-day operations of the treatment court, including:
- Reviewing participant progress during pre-court staff meetings and status hearings
- Contributing observations and recommendations within team members' respective areas of expertise
- Delivering or overseeing the delivery of legal, treatment, and supervision services
- Staffing meetings:
  - All core team members attend
  - Staffings are closed
  - Review participants' progress
  - Develop a plan to improve outcomes
  - Prepare for the court hearing



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# An Approach to Collaboration

Concepts and takeaways from the toolkit

# How jails can collaborate with treatment courts and providers

## Community advisory boards

- Include representation from local criminal justice stakeholders
- Able to troubleshoot issues that impact all members
- Can help facilitate referrals

## Continuity of care

- Partnerships with the larger community
- Identification and referral leading to reduce future incarceration
- Ensuring access to treatment



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# Collaboration In Application: Albany County Sheriff's Office

Albany County Corrections & Rehabilitative  
Services Center

# Foundation for collaboration

- Forming the relationship between the jail and treatment court
- Role of jail staff on the treatment court team



# Identification practices



SCREENING



SELF-IDENTIFICATION



INFORMATION ABOUT  
TREATMENT COURT

# Referrals to treatment court

- Protocols for referral to treatment court
- Points of contact
- Ongoing communication between jail and treatment court



# What is offered?

- Accessibility of MOUD at jail and when transitioning
- Resources at jail for information – tablets
- Project Safe Point



# Lessons Learned & Tips for Success

## Collaboration and Continuity of care

- Relationship between jails and treatment courts is critical to early identification of SUD
- In early stages of planning and buy-in, look for key champions in the community or surrounding community
- Leverage current resources
- Opioid epidemic is still a massive public health concern
- Continuity of care is critical for addressing substance use disorder
- MOUD federal rulings and legislative changes across the country
- Don't wait until you're forced to change!



# QUESTIONS

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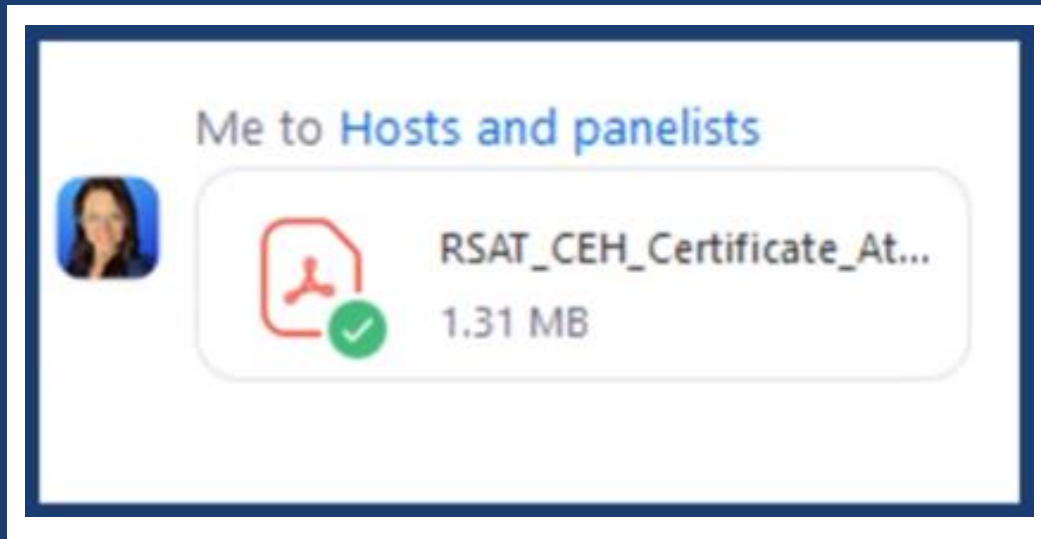
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