Arizona problem solving courts conference:
collaborating for positive change
May 15-16, 2012

Arizona State University West campus
4701 W. Thunderbird Rd. Glendale, AZ 85306
The Arizona Problem Solving Courts Conference brings together more than 350 professionals from all segments of the problem-solving courts arena, including judges, attorneys, probation and parole officers, law enforcement, social workers, and other community members.

**CONFERENCE FEES:**
$79 EARLY BIRD (BY MAY 2) AND STUDENTS
$99 GENERAL REGISTRATION

**REGISTER ONLINE:**
www.regonline.com/SpecialtyCourts2012

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**
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**HOTEL INFORMATION:**
A special rate of $79 has been arranged for conference participants at the Embassy Suites North Phoenix, 2577 W. Greenway Road in Phoenix. Book by April 27, 2012, to receive the discount. Call 602-375-1777 and request the Arizona Problem Solving Courts room block.

**Continuing Education**
This program has been approved by COJET, NASW, and NAADAC, the Association of Addiction Professionals (provider number 317). Approval is pending for AZPOST. Some sessions may be eligible for CLE credit.

**Scholarship Information**
A limited number of scholarships will be available for this event. Click [here](#) to complete the scholarship application.
CONFERENCE AGENDA: TUESDAY, MAY 15

12:00-1:00 p.m. Registration

1:00-1:30 p.m. Maricopa County Welcome and Videos

1:30-1:45 p.m. Break

1:45-4:15 p.m. Concurrent Workshops:

**Workshop 1:**
*Sanctions and Incentives*
Presented by Carolyn Hardin, National Drug Court Institute (NDCI)

**Workshop 2:**
*Drug Testing 101*
- *The Science of Drug Testing*—TASC
- *New Arizona Code*—Mark Stodola, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)
- *Practical Application*—Brad Mattingly, Coconino County DUI/Drug Court

5:00 p.m. Arizona Association of Drug Court Professionals (AADCP) Networking Reception
*Embassy Suites North Phoenix*

CONFERENCE AGENDA: WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

7:00-8:15 a.m. Registration

8:00-8:15 a.m. AADCP Membership Information
Carlos Daniel Carrion, AADCP President

8:15-9:15 a.m. Welcome
Chief Justice Rebecca Berch, Arizona Supreme Court
Judge Nannette Warner, Pima County Superior Court (Ret.)
David Rozema, Coconino County Attorney
Dr. Michael Shafer, Director, ASU Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy
Carolyn Hardin, Director, NDCI
9:15-10:15 a.m.  **Opening Keynote: Back to the Future**
Dr. Cary Heck

10:15-10:30 a.m.  **Break**

10:30 a.m.-Noon  **Concurrent Breakouts: Sessions 1-10**

**Session 1: Healthy Teams = Successful Participants**

*John Morris, Yavapai County Adult Probation Supervisor, and Michelle Hodsden, Coconino County Adult Probation*

The key element to great teams is an inside-out job. People who make great team members are those committed to developing character that reveals itself in patience, tolerance, understanding, and a commitment to problem solving, rather than blame, criticism, sarcasm, and victim mentality. The probation officer and/or law enforcement officer is the team member who often brings the most information about the client to the weekly staff meetings. Probation and law enforcement can be referred to as the eyes and ears of the court. We have the unique role of being visible in the community and in the participants’ homes, advocating for the participants and enforcing the rules. Taking from their experiences and using the ten key components, the presenters of this session will detail the strengths and challenges of this role on the team members and offer insight as to how to bring your best game to the team for the success of the program and its participants.

**Session 2: Chronic Public Intoxication: A Public Health Issue, Not a Criminal Justice Issue**

*Brad Carlyon, Navajo County Attorney, and KC Clark, Navajo County Sheriff*

This session focuses on recognizing that when persons are chronically intoxicated in public places, the goals of the criminal justice system – deterrence, punishment and retribution – are not achieved through serial jail incarceration. Understanding the root of the behavior and targeting public resources to increase public safety and effectively combat recurring behavior may require a public health response. The Navajo County Sheriff and Navajo County Attorney will lead the group through their experience in assessing the issue, exploring its roots, evaluating the public impacts of the current approach and exploring alternative models for permanently removing this negative presence from the community.
Session 3: Serving the Mentally Ill Population by Law Enforcement and Mental Health Treatment Agencies: “We are All in This Together”

Joseph Pallo, April Sadler, T. Zawlocki, and Fred Wilhalme, Maricopa County Adult Probation Department

When the mentally ill are being served by the criminal justice system as well as a treatment provider, conflict may arise between the two agencies. This session will examine the different roles of law enforcement and mental treatment agencies to observe where conflicts exist and consider methods of resolving those conflicts. Presenters will role play scenarios to illustrate how each agency struggles with ethical considerations concerning privacy rights. The exceptions to HIPAA will be covered. Attendees will discuss the role of therapeutic courts to assist in the management of the mentally ill population.

Session 4: Implementing Evidence-Based Practices in Problem Solving Courts and Other Criminal Justice Settings

Adrienne Belitsos & John Rorke, ASU Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy, Carol Power, Compass Behavioral Health Care; Ken Robinson, Pima County Adult Probation

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) established the Criminal Justice Drug Abuse Treatment Studies (CJDATS) to examine the implementation of evidence-based substance abuse treatment practices in criminal justice settings. The Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy (CABHP) has partnered with the Pima County Drug Court and Compass Behavioral Health Care to create an interagency council designed to implement a strategic planning process to enhance the use of medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for offenders with substance use disorders. This session will provide a working knowledge of the resources, opportunities, and mechanisms for launching similar evidence-based practice initiatives, such as MAT and interagency strategic planning, which enhance programs serving offenders with behavioral health needs.

Session 5: Sustainability

Carolyn Hardin, Director, NDCI

The purpose of this training is to develop strategies and plans for the long term sustainability of your problem solving court. This planning workshop is designed to stimulate your team’s development of a five-year strategy for sustaining and enhancing your program.
Session 6: Accessing Community Resources to Increase Success in Misdemeanor Prosecution

Matthew Buesing and Patricia George, City of Phoenix Prosecutor’s Office

This session will review ways the City of Phoenix is addressing issues for Veterans currently in the misdemeanor court system, including fostering relationships with the Veteran’s Administration and the Defense Bar with the ultimate goal of helping the veteran achieve success. Learn how community resources can be used to focus on the needs of individual defendants to provide the best opportunity for success, including Native American Connections, Chicanos Por la Causa, and private pay insurance. Project Rose, an arrest-alternative program for adult victims of prostitution, will also be discussed.

Session 7: Suboxone Therapy for Opiate Addiction

Dr. Michael Carlton, President, Accredited Internal Medicine PC

Opiate addiction affects tens of thousands of Americans. From those who begin experimenting with illegal drugs to others who become iatrogenically dependent and begin overusing, misusing, and abusing their pain medications, opiate addiction is prevalent in all classes of people throughout the United States. Learn about how this condition can be treated to help your clients, friends, family, and maybe even yourself.

Session 8: Paying it Forward: Reintegration for Veterans

Hon. Michael D. Hintze, Maricopa County Superior Court; Tiffany Grissom, Maricopa County Adult Probation; Penny Miller, Phoenix VA Medical Center; Moderated by Khonsavanh Silivongxay, LMSW, Magellan Mental Health Services

The Maricopa County Superior Court deployed Veterans Court in January 2011 to honor the growing number of veterans involved in the criminal justice system. As a "problem-solving" court, it uses a collaborative efforts to engage veterans with resources to be successful in the community. Recognizing the difficulties service members face returning to civilian life, the Court draws on accountability, compassion, evidence-based practices and justice, to reduce recidivism of veterans while increasing access to services and support. During this workshop, team members will share their experiences through years of planning and the first year of Veterans Court.
**Session 9: Running Effective Specialty Courts**

*Brad Mattingly, Coconino County DUI/Drug Court, and Karen Barnes, Maricopa County Adult Probation*

Two veteran specialty court coordinators will discuss components of effective programs. The presentation will include dynamics of working with referrals from metropolitan and rural locations. Program requirements that are effective at treating alcohol and drug dependence will be highlighted. The importance of team dynamics will focus on strengths and challenges. Program components such as assessment, treatment, urinalysis testing, working with treatment providers, and collaboration with social service agencies and staff turnover will be discussed. The two presenters have more than 20 years of combined experience managing specialty court programs in Arizona.

**Session 10: Innovative Treatment for Juvenile and Youthful Offenders in Drug Court**


What works in the delivery of juvenile drug court treatment? This session will explore that question, through discussion of the importance of reaching out and engaging family members and utilizing significant relationships to improve motivation. We’ll review creative approaches to recognizing when to go outside of the basic structure to provide trauma based therapy, often correlated with substance abuse. We will discuss using parent groups to provide support, increase parenting skills, and promote honest collaboration between drug court and the family structure. Finally, we will discuss ways increased parent involvement in implementing community based activities can increase family attachments and help develop non-drug related social activities.

12-12:50 p.m. **Boxed Lunch**

**GPRA Announcement—Vicki Staples, ASU Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy**

**Specialty Court Graduate Panel Part I**

This panel features graduates from various specialty courts around the state. They will share their life experiences prior to entering their respective programs, how their participation in the courts changed their lives, and what life is like after graduation. Don’t miss this panel, which proves to be a compelling celebration of recovery!

1:00-2:30 p.m. **Concurrent Breakouts: Sessions 11-21**
Session 11: The Neurobiology of Addiction

James D. Stoehr, Ph.D., Professor, Midwestern University, Glendale, AZ

The rewarding properties of all drugs of abuse are due to disturbances in specific neurotransmitter systems within the brain. Eventually, these alterations underlie the behavioral loss of control associated with chemical dependency. These changes involve dysfunctions in higher centers in the brain, such as the prefrontal cortex, and manifest in compulsion and behavioral inflexibility. Specific drugs of abuse, such as methamphetamine, can cause rapid and permanent changes in these systems. The recent surge in the abuse of synthetic cannabinoids (such as 'spice') and prescription medications has warranted significant research into their epidemiological, as well as biological, consequences.

Session 12: An In-depth Overview of Forensic Drug Testing and New Drug Trends

Gail French, General Laboratory Supervisor, and Jaime Anderson, Technical Supervisor, Treatment Assessment Screening Center (TASC)

This session will focus on forensic drug testing from the collection process to interpreting the results. The most frequently asked questions will be addressed. Topics regarding new drug trends, including synthetic cannabinoids and bath salts, will be discussed. A Q&A session may be offered as time permits, providing the attendees the opportunity to have questions answered by experienced laboratory staff.

Session 13: Building a Rapport with Your Clients: For Their Success and Yours

Michelle Hodsden, Coconino County Adult Probation, and Adam McLean, San Cristobal Treatment Center and Spirit Lodge

The Coconino County DUI/Drug Court is in the largest county in Arizona, serving a rural population. This session will focus on the probation/community supervision aspect of a successful drug court. The probation team will share their approach to supervision, which is a balance between accountability and social support. The presenters will cover the importance of holding each participant accountable for his or her behavior, review specific strategies in field work, and discuss how to provide social support without enabling.
Session 14: What About Baby Courts?

Hon. Aimee Anderson, Maricopa County Superior Court, Juvenile Division; Hon. Colleen McNally, Associate Presiding Juvenile Judge, Maricopa County Superior Court; Mary Warren, Ph.D., Prevent Child Abuse Arizona, Judy Krysik, Ph.D., ASU School of Social Work

Best for Babies began in Arizona in 2004 as a systems change initiative that was to be led by the courts. It has now been implemented in 12 of the 15 Arizona jurisdictions. It involves cross-disciplinary personnel from the courts, child welfare, behavioral health, medical, dental, early intervention, and foster parent organizations/agencies. The focus of Best for Babies is on the unique needs of infants and toddlers removed from parents, and the research-based best practices implemented to improve child and family outcomes. This presentation will detail how Best for Babies has been implemented in the different jurisdictions.

Session 15: Collateral Consequences: A Juvenile Kept in the Dark May Be a Juvenile in the Dark for Life

Penny L. Willrich, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Law, Phoenix School of Law, & Andrea Hill, Student, Phoenix School of Law

This session will provide a broad look at the impact statutory enactments since 1996 have had on Arizona’s youth, including the state’s prosecutorial power, the influence of cognitive developmental theories on bright-line age determinative outcomes; the changes in theories of punishment for youth over time, and the meaning of acting in the “best interest of the child.” Arizona’s laws on charging and convicting juvenile offenders as adult criminals are some of the harshest in the country, and impose a life sentence of consequences that affect a youth’s ability to enter mainstream society.

Session 16: Walking Hand in Hand: Encouraging Collaborative Efforts and Advocacy

Kimberly McCurtain, Amy Schwindt, and Stacey Clay, Maricopa County Adult Probation, and Christopher Gonzalez, Hope Lives

Maricopa County Superior Court envisioned a collaboration with community peer support agencies that would provide the criminal justice involved mentally ill individual the opportunity to receive emotional and tangible peer support as they remain court-involved. Hope Lives provides peers who support the individual through their readjustments to new communities and the social integration activities, assists the individual in navigating through the community and court process, provides connection to evaluation/treatment resources, and SMI systems, and act as a pro-social mentor as clients building the skill of self advocacy and communication skills while gaining more insight into their mental illness.
Session 17: Recovery in a Trauma Informed System  
Trish Bleth, Director, Individual and Family Affairs, Magellan Health Services of Arizona, and Tom Kelly, CRSS, CPS, Cenpatico of Arizona  
In this session participants will gain an understanding of the five core domains: Safety, trustworthiness, choice, collaboration, and empowerment. Participants will gain and understanding of the different traumatic events that may lead people to the criminal justice system. They will also receive information on how trauma may affect them personally. People will receive information on how to work in a Trauma Informed Care System to help people move forward in recovery.

Session 18: Strategies for Increasing Retention Rates in Problem Solving Court Programs  
MaryAnne Belton and Lawrence M. Sideman, Argosy University, Phoenix  
This session will be a didactic discussion in which attendees will learn various strategies to engage and motivate problem solving court participants. Attendees will explore evidence-based practices including motivational interviewing, stages of change, role induction, and mentoring to increase retention and reduce attrition rates within programs.

Session 19: We Never Imagined It Would Be this Challenging When We Wrote the Grant—Designing & Implementing A Drug Court for Offenders Addicted to Opiates  
Karen Barnes, Maricopa County Adult Probation, Meredith Mechenbier & Vicki Helland, Community Bridges, Inc. and Vicki Staples, ASU Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy  
The Maricopa County Drug Court Opiate Treatment Enhancement Program provides outpatient detox to opiate addicted drug court participants, physician-based resources, a full continuum of treatment services through Community Bridges, Inc., focused pain management treatment, and peer to peer services. Our goal was to increase the number of opiate addicted individuals engaged in treatment, decrease the number of participants who leave treatment due to relapse, and have a positive impact on all participants. We will share with participants why this program was developed, key components, lessons learned during implementation, and examples of how we used evaluation information to alter the original program design.
Session 20: There is More Than One Way to Solve a Problem Solving Court

Dianna Kalandros, MA, MA, LPC, and Melissa Knight, Programs Administrator, Pinal County Court Administration

When implementing problem solving Courts in Rural areas there are specific challenges to identify and overcome, or solve more creatively. This session identifies these challenges and helps instruct on the ways and means to bring communities together to implement a problem solving Court. The session will also speak to alternative uses and implementations for the problem solving court model, including incremental implementation of limited model elements.

Session 21: Juvenile Transfer Offender Program Court

Judge Sally Duncan, Maricopa County Superior Court, Michelle Rosenberg, Deputy Public Defender; Catherine Button, Adult Probation Officer; and Deneen Bertucci, Youthful Offender Unit Supervisor

One unique part of the Youthful Offender Program is the Juvenile Transfer Offender Program Court, more commonly known as JTOP. This court was created in 2000 with the goal of addressing less serious issues of noncompliance to avoid a petition to revoke. These young offenders are frequently placed on probation for class 2 or 3 felonies, and revocation could result in a lengthy prison term. JTOP provides a way to deal with their behavioral issues while they continue growing up and learning better decision making skills.

2:30-2:45 p.m.  Break

2:45-3:45 p.m.  Specialty Court Graduate Panel, Part II

3:45-4:00 p.m.  Conference Evaluation & Certificate Distribution