



# Council of Accountability Court Judges

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## **Data Driven Award**

The Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ) seeks submissions for the 2023 Data Driven Award. Why should a court consider this award? This award recognizes the winning program with a special presentation at the annual training conference in September along with a supplemental grant award (up to \$15,000) to be used for a program evaluation!

Award submissions must consist of a 3-5-page narrative (double-spaced preferred) that fully describes and/or answers the following questions:

1. What is your accountability court's data collection process including those individuals and their roles and their responsibilities?
2. How does your court fully utilize the state-funded case management system?
3. Does your court analyze its data and shares the results with team members and stakeholders? If so, describe your process for these analyses and sharing activities.
4. Has sharing your data analysis generated local support for the accountability court? If so, please note any increased fiscal support.
5. How does the court's collected data impact the implementation of evidence-based practices?
6. What program or policy modifications have been made as the result of collected data and analysis?

## **Eligibility Criteria**

1. Submission must be complete and address all requirements including a 3-5-page narrative.
2. Must be a CACJ certified and/or state funded accountability court program.
3. No substantive errors within the quarterly data submissions transmitted to CACJ.
4. Fully utilizing the state-funded case management system for data collection.
5. Compliant with state fiscal year grant special conditions (timely submissions of sub-grant expenditure requests, etc.).
6. No significant history of fiscal de-obligations.

## **Submission Scoring**

CACJ's Data and Research Committee will review completed submissions using a scoring rubric generated by the eligibility criteria. The final candidates will be shared with the Nominations Committee and a winner will be determined based on the highest score on the rubric.

### **About the Awards Ceremony**

The winner of the Data Driven Award will be recognized at the 2024 CACJ Annual Training Conference in Athens. Additionally, the winner will receive up to a \$15,000 supplemental grant award to be used for a program evaluation in partnership with a university or research institution. The winner will be required to submit a sub-grant adjustment request (SAR) to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council that will include a proposal and/or contract for the comprehensive program evaluation. The winner must also submit a final copy of the evaluation to CACJ and may be asked to share lessons learned in a CACJ newsletter.

### **Previous Award Winner**

The 2023 Data Driven Award Winner was the Enotah S.T.A.R. Court. To learn more about how previous winners' utilization of data to improve program operations and participant outcomes, visit CACJ's [Data Driven Award page](#).

Please submit your narrative to Rachel Meyer, Data and Research Program Manager at [Rachel.Meyer@georgiacourts.gov](mailto:Rachel.Meyer@georgiacourts.gov) by **Friday, July 19, 2024**.