



COUNCIL OF ACCOUNTABILITY COURT JUDGES OF GEORGIA

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COUNCIL OF ACCOUNTABILITY COURT JUDGES NEWS

2021 Annual Training Conference Updates

CACJ is excited to launch the official webpage for the 2021 conference. All conference announcements including registration information, the agenda at a glance, and important details about the event can be found here: <https://cacj.georgia.gov/training/2021-annual-training-conference>.



Important Update

CACJ has transitioned to a new email service to distribute bulk emails to accountability court professionals. Please check your junk or spam folders for messages from CACJ. The new service provider is Constant Contact.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Medication Assisted Treatment Webinar Series Training

The Council of Accountability Court Judges Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) implementation and expansion program continues to offer webinars & training opportunities. During the month of May, two webinars are planned. These trainings are open to all accountability court team members. The training content level is considered to be beginner and intermediate.

[May 11, 2021 hosted by NADCP - How MAT can Assist Treatment in Addressing Recovery Needs](#)

[May 20, 2021 hosted by CACJ - MAT Webinar Series: Focus on Suboxone](#)

ASAM Criteria Training for Accountability Courts – **Now Open for Coordinators**

The Council of Accountability Court Judges is pleased to offer an ASAM-endorsed eTraining opportunity for accountability court treatment providers to participate in the ASAM Criteria Training developed by The Change Companies. This **optional** training is exclusively for Behavioral Health Clinicians and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Providers providing direct services in Georgia's adult accountability courts. Please visit the CACJ website for complete details about the training opportunity and to request training by using the request form [here](#).

Coordinator Certification Program

Registration is ongoing for the three Coordinator Certification Program asynchronous (online) delivery courses. The Financial Concepts and Grants Administration courses are available for coordinators that have not completed the course. The final course Procurement Management is expected to be available for registration later this month.

Please continue to check the CACJ website for updates and future course offerings. For questions about program completion status and CACJ rules requirements, please email a CACJ staff member.

On-Demand Content from the 2020 Annual Training Conference

Recorded sessions and resources from the CACJ 2020 Annual Training Conference are available as an on-demand learning experience to conference attendees on the virtual conference platform until August 31, 2021.

You can access all the recordings on the Pathable website and use the recordings to catch what you may have missed from last year's conference. Instructions to access the on-demand content can be found on the CACJ website [here](#).

National & Partner Agency Training Opportunities

CACJ is excited to share training announcements and learning resources for national and partner agencies as they become available. All announcements and event registration details can be located on the new CACJ webpage here: <https://cacj.georgia.gov/training/national-partner-agency-trainings>.

Important Dates to Remember in Preparation for the FY22 Funding Season

Accountability Courts can expect to receive from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) the FY22 Operating Grant Award Notice/Packet no later than June 2021.

Coordinator Quarterly Meetings

Coordinators: check your inboxes for RSVP details to attend the next quarterly coordinator call. **The next call is planned for June 7, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m.**

JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please send submissions for the June 2021 newsletter to Debbie Mott (Debbie.Mott@GeorgiaCourts.gov) by Wednesday, May 26. If you plan to include a photo where participants can be identified, please be sure to send a signed photo consent with your submission.

GEORGIA ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS JOB POSTINGS

Please see the Career Opportunities tab (under About Us) on the CACJ website for information about these job postings:

- *Contract Counselors – Forsyth County
- *Laboratory Technician – Hall County
- *Counselor – Hall County Drug Court
- *Case Manager – Rockdale County Juvenile Drug Court
- *Coordinator – Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit Drug Court
- *Clinical Case Manager – Forsyth County
- *Coordinator – Southwestern Judicial Circuit Drug Court
- *Case Manager – Clayton County Veterans Treatment Court



New Issue of *All Rise* Magazine Now Available

NADCP is pleased to announce that [ALL RISE Winter/Spring 2021](#) is now available for your reading pleasure! This edition celebrates and supports your success from cover to cover.



Highlights include:

- Preview of [RISE21](#), August 15-18 in National Harbor, Maryland
- Why equity and inclusion matter in treatment court programs
- Findings around best practices for law enforcement and community supervision in the new [Journal for Advancing Justice](#)
- Treatment courts and the COVID-19 pandemic
- Launch of our new NADCP E-learning Center

...and much more!



Building a Multi-Track Treatment Court

Virtual training for courts looking to serve more populations

Applications are open now for training from NADCP's National Drug Court Institute on expanding your treatment court to serve individuals outside the high-risk/high-need profile.

[Building a Multi-Track Treatment Court](#) is a free, virtual training designed for programs seeking to serve individuals that may not need the full complement of services offered by a treatment court but with no other accessible alternative to incarceration. Attendees will learn how to improve outcomes in their community for the full spectrum of justice-involved individuals.

Apply soon: the two-day, fully virtual training is only offered three times in 2021 and has limited capacity. Applicants must have commitment from their full multidisciplinary team to be considered.

Applications close May 14.

[Learn More and Apply](#)



for Behavioral Health
and Justice Transformation



May 26, 2:30–4:00 p.m. ET



ADOPTING A TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACH IN DRUG TREATMENT COURTS

RESOURCES FOR JUDGES,
COURT STAFF, AND PROVIDERS



Adopting a Trauma-Informed Approach in Drug Treatment Courts: Resources for Judges, Court Staff, and Providers

May 26, 2021, 2:30-4:00 p.m. ET

Trauma-informed courts acknowledge the prevalence of trauma among people involved in the criminal legal system as well as the risk for vicarious trauma among professionals working in these settings. This webinar will cover key concepts on the importance of adopting a trauma-informed approach in drug treatment courts and provide practical information on how to implement trauma-informed practices. Presenters will share information on how to create trauma-informed drug treatment courts, including screening and assessment for trauma, staff training, and developing policies that support a trauma-informed approach. Specific considerations for judges, treatment providers, and court staff will be covered.

Objectives

After attending this webinar, participants will be able to:

- Understand the importance of a trauma-informed lens for judges, court staff, and treatment providers who work in drug treatment courts
- Discuss the key components of a trauma-informed court
- Identify strategies and steps for implementing a trauma-informed approach in your drug treatment court

[Register for the Webinar](#)



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An Alliance of Children and Family Services Providers

Drug Testing Tools – Work Smarter, Not Harder

When: June 3rd at 2:00 p.m. EST

Registration:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cNcBNyvHR32NAElm4eEzhg

Together Georgia is sponsoring an educational webinar in partnership with Averhealth. This presentation will provide you with drug testing best practices for effective evidence-based programs. During the presentation you will learn about:

- Testing Technologies – Lab vs. instant testing and the accuracy of testing – it's like comparing apples to oranges when looking at results from different specimens;
- Specimen Options – Understanding the different specimens, their windows of detection and use cases so you are getting it just right;
- Results Interpretation – Understanding cutoff levels and that testing results should be scientifically valid and forensically defensible; and
- Deception of Dilution – The most common ploys used to avoid the detection of drug (drug and alcohol) use.

Speakers:

- Judge Philip Spivey (ret.)
- Judge Juanita Stedman (ret.), Together Georgia Executive Director
- Dominique Delagnes, COO Averhealth



2021 Annual Training Conference



September 26 - 29, 2021

Accountability Court Teams Paving New Roads to
Recovery and Continuing to Shine Bright !



The 6th Annual Training Conference will be held at the
Classic Center in Athens, Georgia.

Details for conference registration will be available in Spring 2021. Please continue to monitor the
CACJ website at www.cacj.georgia.gov for the most up to date information.