

The Bureau of Justice Assistance and The National Center for State Courts

are pleased to announce two **Drug Court Evaluation Training Workshops:**

June 15-16, Southfield, Michigan

July 19-20, Minneapolis, Minnesota

The purpose of Drug Court Evaluation Training Workshops is to assist operating drug courts in designing, planning, and implementing an evaluation of the operation and/or effectiveness of their program. Each of the Evaluation Training Workshops will be interactive in nature and contain three tracks so that each drug court team can select the curriculum that is most closely linked to its court's current evaluation needs. The tracks will focus on the following three areas of evaluation:

Track A General overview of drug court evaluation concepts and strategies,

Track B Conducting an internal drug court evaluation/monitoring the drug court, and

Track C Using an external drug court evaluator.

Overall Target Audience

This workshop is designed for teams (e.g., three) drug court professionals from a particular drug court. It is anticipated that potential team members may include the following: drug court coordinator, person charged with conducting/overseeing the drug court evaluation, and drug court judge. Also, a drug court may want to consider including someone on its team who is responsible for presenting evaluation findings to funding sources in order to secure non-Federal funds (e.g., county commissioner, clerk of courts, etc.). The team composition will vary depending upon the interests and needs of the drug court professionals in a given drug court.

To Register - Visit <<http://www.ncscsurveys.org/BJA/register.shtml>> Registration will be open until two weeks before the workshop.

Travel and Lodging - All travel and lodging costs will be the responsibility of the participant.

For the workshop in SOUTHFIELD, MI---JUNE 15-16, contact:

**Westin Southfield-Detroit
1500 Town Center
Southfield, MI 48075
800-WESTIN-1**

For the workshop in MINNEAPOLIS, MN---JULY 19-20, contact:

**Marriott Minneapolis City Center
30 South 7th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55402
800-228-9290**

Please reference "National Drug Court Evaluation Training Workshop" to get the conference rate.

Workshop Agenda

Day 1

- 9:00 am Opening Session (plenary)
9:30 am **Panel Discussion:** Drug Court Evaluation – The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly
10:15 am Break
10:30 am **Session 1:** Critical Issues in Drug Court Evaluation (Plenary)
12:00 pm Lunch (on your own)
1:30 pm **Session 2:**
Track A: General Evaluation Methodology
Track B: Monitoring a Drug Court
Track C: Defining the Scope
3:15 pm Break
3:30 pm **Session 3:**
Track A: Using an External Evaluator
Track B: Identifying Data Needs and Data Sources; Developing Good Data Management Techniques
Track C: The RFP Process
5:00 pm Adjourn

Day 2

- 9:00 am Introduction to Day 2 (plenary)
9:15 am **Session 4:**
Track A: Conducting An Internal Drug Court Evaluation/ Monitoring
Track B: Selecting and Using Data Collection Instruments
Track C: Communicating with an External Evaluator & Court Staff
11:45 a.m. Break
12:00 p.m. Group Lunch
1:00 p.m. **Session 5:**
Track A: Tips for Success and Action Plan Development
Track B: Using Data & Reports to Monitor Drug Courts
Track C: Utilizing Evaluator Reports
3:00 p.m. Break
3:15 p.m. Concluding Session & Workshop Evaluation (plenary)
4:00 pm Adjourn

In order to facilitate discussion, each workshop will be limited to 75 participants, so register early to assure a place.