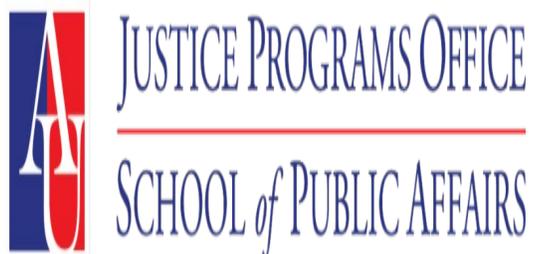


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**The Importance of Training Law  
Enforcement**



Law enforcement officers are uniquely positioned to offer key interventions to those with substance use disorders. It is estimated 1.5 million individuals arrested each year are at risk of substance dependence. As the opioid crisis continues, the frequency of rank and file officers acting as first responders and counselors to active users has only increased. To assist law enforcement to manage this role and recognize opportunities to divert people into treatment, JPO has produced an issue brief, *Assessing Substance Use Disorder and Related Treatment Services Training for Law*

*Enforcement.*

This issue brief highlights programs and curriculum on substance use disorders, mental health disorders, and de-escalation techniques to use in the field. The brief also outlines the need to develop different types of law enforcement informed training.

**Also check out this webinar, by JPO,** about the role of law enforcement in treatment court.

Read the issue brief

## News from Children and Family Futures

In case you missed the **Family Drug Court Learning Academy's** live webinar entitled *Change versus Checklist – Rethinking*



Children and Family Futures  
Strengthening Partnerships, Improving Family Outcomes

*Phases, Recovery, and Readiness in Your Family Treatment Court*, you can now view the recording and download the accompanying resources **here!** The next FDC webinar, *Top 5 Challenges in Responding to Participant Behavior in Family Treatment Courts (and Solutions to Solve Them)*, will take place on **March 28**. For more information on this and other FDC TTA Learning Academy webinars, please visit **[www.cffutures.org/fdc-learning-academy](http://www.cffutures.org/fdc-learning-academy)**.

## News from the Center for Court Innovation



The Center for Court Innovation is pleased to announce that California, Maine, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia have been selected for the *Veterans Treatment Court Strategic Planning Initiative*. The Center looks forward to working with stakeholders

in each of these states to create strategic plans to help guide the development and enhancement of veterans courts statewide. **Click here** to read a press release about the initiative in the *Court News Ohio* newsletter! The Center's Gender and Family Justice Team is hosting a webinar entitled *Building a Bridge to Compliance: How to Improve Outcomes for Defendants and Victims through Enhanced Problem-Solving Court Models*, on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 3:00-4:30 pm EST. This webinar will look at innovative approaches to drug treatment, domestic violence, and veteran issues that target aspects of defendant behavior and promote victim safety, including within the treatment court setting. **Learn more and register here** for this free webinar!

## Events

**Webinar: Traffic Safety Culture and Driving Under the Influence of Cannabis and Alcohol in Washington State**

February 20, 2019 5:00 p.m. EST

**SAMHSA's How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses**

Applications Due: February 22, 2019

**NYADTCP 2019 Annual Training Conference**

March 6 - 8, 2019

**MATCP 20th Annual Conference**

March 28 - 29, 2019

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