



**May 9, 2022, June 22, 2022, July 13, 2022, August 10, 2022, and September 19, 2022**

**Session Title:** Best Practices Volume I

**Presenter:** Carol Venditto – NDCI Consultant

**Date:** May 9, 2022

**Time:** 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm PST

In 2013, the National Association of Drug Court Professionals published Volume I of the ground-breaking Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards Volume I. In 2015, Volume II of the Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards was released. These standards provide practical, implementable, and enforceable guidance on how Drug Courts are to operate in 10 critical areas.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Receive a summary of each standard in Volume I & II and some of the fascinating research on which they are based.
- Learn why adherence to Best Practice Standards are essential for the continued success of the Drug Court Model.
- Learn about the Drug Court practice areas likely to be the focus of future standards.

**Session Title:** Best Practices Volume II

**Presenter:** Carol Venditto – NDCI Consultant

**Date:** June 22, 2022

**Time:** 9:00 am – 10:00 am PST

In 2015, NADCP released Volume II of the Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards. The Standards are derived from scientific evidence proving which practices improve outcomes, avoid harmful effects, and make optimum use of scarce resources. This presentation will review Volume II of the Standards and the evidence supporting the practice recommendations.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Receive a summary of each standard in Volume II and some of the fascinating research on which they are based.
- Learn why adherence to Best Practice Standards are essential for the continued success of the Drug Court Model.
- Learn about the Drug Court practice areas likely to be the focus of future standards.

**Session Title:** Drug Testing 101

**Presenter:** Paul Cary – NDCI Consultant

**Date:** July 13, 2022

**Time:** 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm PST

Effective drug testing in Drug Court is essential to the overall success of the program. This presentation is designed to be a comprehensive review designed to provide information and strategies for building and maintaining a successful abstinence monitoring program. Collection strategies and result

interpretation - two essential components of a credible testing program will be discussed. Attendees will learn the reasons

for testing, how to select clients for maximum abstinence surveillance, and what specimens yield the best results. Additional focus issues will include controlling sample tampering and the use of creatinine measurements, the application of EtG/EtS monitoring, the challenges of on-site testing, dispelling popular drug testing myths and much more. This session is intended to encourage practitioners to know more about drug testing than their clients.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Learn the basic principles of drug testing.
- Gain knowledge of effective drug testing to ensure the success of abstinence monitoring.
- Learn which drug testing myths are true and false.

**Session Title:** Gaining an Understanding of Trauma

**Presenter:** Julie Seitz – NCDC Project Director

**Date:** August 10, 2022

**Time:** 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm PST

This session will provide a general overview regarding trauma and its impact on a person's life and functioning level. The attendee will walk out with a better understanding of screening tools and interventions currently used to support those who are struggling with trauma.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Learn how trauma is defined.
- Understand the different categories and types of trauma.
- Understand the trauma and its impact.
- Identify some screening tools that are commonly used to identify trauma.
- Identify evidence-based treatment being used to treat people with trauma.

**Session Title:** Recovery Management: Helping People Move from Active Addiction to Lasting Recovery

**Presenter:** Terrence Walton – NADCP Chief Operating Officer

**Date:** September 19, 2022

**Time:** 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm PST

Recovery is more than abstinence. Recovery is more than remission. Recovery is a process of change through which individuals achieve remission from substance use disorder and improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential. Research demonstrates that recovery is not only possible, it's probable. Most people living with SUD will eventually achieve stable long-term recovery. Unfortunately, not everyone has the same likelihood of moving from addiction to recovery. This session will explore the critical steps in achieving stable recovery, the factors that differentiate those who recover from those who do not, and how treatment courts can help.

**Learning Objectives:**

- The essence and characteristics of addiction and recovery.
- Five essential actions steps that anyone seeking recovery must accomplish.
- How a person's capacity for stable recovery is measurable and able to be improved through effective treatment and recovery management.

## Presenters



**Carol Venditto** is currently a part-time senior consultant for NDCI, working primarily on the Operational Tune-Up training project. She retired in August 2014 as New Jersey's first statewide drug court manager, a position she had held since January 2002. She managed state drug court funding and provided leadership for the New Jersey Statewide Drug Court Implementation Project and subsequent expansion efforts. Ms. Venditto began her judiciary career in 1981 as a probation officer in the Union County, New Jersey, superior court system. In 1997 she led the effort to bring two grant-funded pilot drug court programs to Union County. She served as faculty on numerous occasions for NDCI's Comprehensive Drug Court Coordinator Training and Drug Court Planning Initiative, and at several annual NADCP conferences. As a member of the Adult Drug Court Standards Committee, she worked with NADCP staff

and other professionals in the drug court field to develop the Adult Drug Court Standards. Ms. Venditto has a B.A. in psychology from Montclair State University and master of public administration from Seton Hall University.



**Paul L. Cary, M.S.**, is an independent forensic toxicology consultant. He retired as director of the nationally recognized Toxicology Laboratory at the University of Missouri in 2015 after working there for 40 years. The laboratory performed drug testing for drug courts, hospitals, mental health facilities, attorneys, coroners and medical examiners, athletic programs, and public and private employers. Mr. Cary has authored numerous scientific publications and monographs, served on a variety of clinical and technical advisory committees, taught at the university, and was involved in drug testing research, and he continues to serve as a consultant in toxicology-related matters. He has also provided judicial education, including lecturing at the National Judicial College on alcohol pharmacology, the use of expert testimony, and drug testing issues. He has been certified as an expert and provided expert testimony in court (local, state, and federal) and in labor arbitration. He is a member of the Society of Forensic Toxicology. Mr. Cary has been a resource to drug court teams throughout the nation

and oversees and serves as visiting faculty for NADCP, the Center for Court Innovation, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and NDCI.



**Julie Seitz, LGSW, LADC**, is a project director for the National Center for DWI Courts (NCDC), a division of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP). She joined NCDC in 2018, bringing with her 20 years of experience working in the clinical sector. Previously, she was the clinical director of the Center for Alcohol and Drug Treatment in Duluth, Minnesota. Additionally, she spent 10 years as a treatment provider for the Minnesota Sixth Judicial District DWI and mental health courts. She has spent the last 20 years of her career giving clients a voice. In her work with clients, she has focused her clinical practice on feedback-informed research and outcome-driven practice. Ms. Seitz has trained at the local, national, and international levels on feedback-informed treatment, drug court best practices, and the science of addiction.



**Terrence D. Walton**, chief operating officer (COO) for NADCP, is among the nation's leading experts in providing training and technical assistance to treatment courts and other providers of substance use disorder treatment. Prior to being named COO in 2015, he was NADCP's chief of standards. Before coming to NADCP, Mr. Walton was director of treatment for the Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia. He also previously excelled as the director of what was then the District of Columbia's leading adolescent outpatient substance use treatment center. Mr. Walton is an internationally certified alcohol and other drug abuse counselor with over 25 years of experience helping individuals and organizations champion positive change. He holds a B.A. degree in psychology and a

master's degree in social work with specializations in program administration and substance abuse. He is a member of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT). A gifted and entertaining speaker, Mr. Walton travels extensively, informing and inspiring audiences across the globe.

