

The seal of the Criminal Justice Commission, State of Oregon, is a large, light-colored watermark in the background. It features a central emblem with a building facade and a flag on top, surrounded by the text "CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION" at the top and "STATE OF OREGON" at the bottom.

Development of Oregon Specialty Court Eligibility Standards

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Oregon's 10 Key Components

- Used National Best Practice Standards as template for OR Specialty Court standards
- Research shows treatment courts are most effective for high risk/high need participants
 - High Risk = substantial risk for reoffending (Who)
 - High Need = compulsion to use or inability to abstain from use (What)



Participant Screening

- Court teams **MUST** use appropriate screening or assessment tools
- Common assessments include WRNA, LS/CMI, etc
- All CJC funded courts are using validated assessment tools to identify high and moderate risk participants

Women's Risk/Needs Assessment (WRNA)

The WRNA is an acronym of:

- 1.) An Interview segment composed of both scored questions and Case Manager questions and notes completed in an interview with the offender.
- 2.) Survey segment composed of scored questions that the offender completes.

Tool	Institutional Assessment v.5 (INA)	Pre-Release Assessment v.6 (PRA)	Probation/Parole Assessment v.6 (PPA) & Women's Initial Screening Tool v.6 (WIST)
Phase	While in Prison	Assessment/Transition Center and Pre-Release Supervision	Probation / Community Supervision
Domain	<p>Interview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory Questions (6 items/Non-Scored) + Attitude (7 items) • Criminal History (6 items scored/6 CM questions) • Education (ED) (7 items scored/2 CM questions) + Employment/Financial (7 items scored/7 CM questions) + Housing Stability (6 items scored/0 CM questions) + Anti-Social Friends (6 items scored/7 CM questions) • Anger/Hostility (7 items scored/7 CM questions) + Mental Health (14 items scored/3 CM questions) • Abuse/Trauma (4 items scored/2 CM questions) + Substance Abuse (15 items scored/2 CM questions) • Relationships (9 items scored/0 CM questions) • Parental Involvement (4 items scored/0 CM questions) + Parenting (6 items scored/7 CM questions) • Family of Origin (7 items scored/7 CM questions) <p>Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationships (6 items scored) + Stress Self-Efficacy (17 items scored) • Child Abuse (19 items scored) + Adult Abuse (15 items scored) • Parenting (12 items scored) 	<p>Interview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory Questions (6 items/Non-Scored) • Attitude (7 items) • Criminal History (6 items scored) • Education (ED) (6 items scored/6 items scored in Work & Street/2 CM questions) • Employment/Financial (6 items scored/5 CM questions) + Housing Stability (2 items scored/2 CM questions) • Anti-Social Friends (6 items scored) + Anger/Hostility (7 items scored/4 CM questions) • Mental Health (14 items scored/2 CM questions) • Abuse/Trauma (4 items scored/2 CM questions) • Substance Abuse (17 items scored) • Relationships (10 items scored/3 CM questions) • Parental Involvement (2 items scored/2 CM questions) + Parenting (10 items scored/9 CM questions) • Family of Origin (6 items scored for Support/Conflict) <p>Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationships (6 items scored) • Stress Self-Efficacy (17 items scored) • Child Abuse (18 items scored) + Adult Abuse (10 items scored) • Parenting (12 items scored) 	<p>Interview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory Questions (6 items/Non-Scored) • Attitude (7 items) • Criminal History (6 items scored) • Education (ED) (7 items scored/6 items scored in Work and Street/2 CM questions) • Employment/Financial (6 items scored/5 CM questions) + Housing Stability (4 items scored/4 CM questions) • Anti-Social Friends (7 items scored) • Anger/Hostility (7 items scored) • Mental Health (14 items scored/2 CM questions) • Abuse/Trauma (6 items scored/2 CM questions) • Substance Abuse (18 items scored) • Relationships (5 items scored) • Parental Involvement (2 items scored/2 CM questions) + Parenting (10 items scored/9 CM questions) • Family of Origin (6 items scored for Support/Conflict) <p>Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationships (6 items scored) • Stress Self-Efficacy (17 items scored) • Child Abuse (18 items scored) + Adult Abuse (10 items scored) • Parenting (12 items scored)
# Scored Variables	106	101	176
# Non-Scored Variables	46	85	82
Outcomes Predicted	• Recidivism	• Technical Violations • Recidivism	• Technical Violations • Recidivism

* Items marked with a "CM" are Case Manager questions. These are non-scored questions.

Admission into Treatment Court

- Treatment courts are most effective for high risk/high need individuals
- Oregon treatment courts also accept moderate risk/moderate need individuals
- Local courts able to set different eligibility criteria
 - Up to Treatment Court team to determine who is best fit
 - One court specifically targets those charged with violent crimes
 - Many courts do not allow participants with past convictions of sex offenses, certain mental illnesses, etc
- Courts must also be able to
 - Safely monitor individual in community
 - Provide needed resources and wraparound services
- If determined eligible for admission, court must:
 - Promptly advise individual about program
 - Place individual in treatment within 50 days of arrest or incident that prompted evaluation

CJC Specialty Court Grant Process

- CJC currently provides funding for 55 Oregon Specialty Courts
 - Includes Implementation Funding
- Court level implementation of standards is not mandatory.
 - CJC developed scoring system to ensure equity among diverse OR courts
 - Provides monetary incentive for treatment courts to connect with appropriate participants
- General Application Process:
 - Courts submit preliminary application
 - Preliminary applications reviewed by CJC staff
 - Courts given scorecard created by CJC staff from application & SCMS data
 - Courts use scorecard and feedback to craft budget request and secondary round of the application

Scorecard

OJD SCOP ID					40		
SPSS CASE NUMBER					37		
JURISDICTION/TYPE							
Std#	Short Desc.	Score/Rec.	Score Type		Median	Rating	Row Total
1	Staff Meetings	S	0/1	Meeting Standard		1	2
1	Court Hearings	S	0/1	Meeting Standard		1	2
1	Attendance	S	average	1.00	1.00	1	2
1	Team Provided Feedback	R	0/1	Meeting Standard		1	0
2	Disqualifiers	S	0/1	Not Meeting Standard		0	0
3	Eligibility	S	0/1	Meeting Standard		1	2
3	Screen Tool	S	0/1	Meeting Standard		1	2
3	Risk Tool	S	0/1	Meeting Standard		1	2
3	When Risk Tool	R	0/1	Not Meeting Standard		0	0
3	When Screen SUD	S	0/1	Meeting Standard		1	2
4	Indv. Tx. Plan	S	0/1	Meeting Standard		1	2
4	Tx. Plan Shared	S	0/1	Meeting Standard		1	2
4	Tx Services Count	R	Count	29.00	29.00	1	0
4	Hearings/Other Languages	S	0/1	Meeting Standard		1	2
4	Supportive Services Count	R	Count	16.00	14.00	1	0
4	Use Incarc. For Tx.	S	0/1	Meeting Standard		1	2
5	Drug Testing Method	S	0/1	Meeting Standard		1	1.5
5	Avg. Tests Weekly	S	0/1	Not Meeting Standard		0	0
5	Weekend Drug Testing	S	0/1	Not Meeting Standard		0	0
5	Days Drug Free	S	0/1	Meeting Standard		1	1.5
5	UA Randomization	S	0/1	Meeting Standard		1	1.5
5	% of Drug Tests Observed	S	0/1	Meeting Standard		1	1.5
5	UA Observers Trained	R	0/1	Meeting Standard		1	0
5	UA Observer same gender	R	0/1	Meeting Standard		1	0
5	UA in SCMS	S	0/1	Meeting Standard		1	1.5
5	Screen Conditions	R	0/1	Meeting Standard		1	0
6	Employed or School	S	0/1	Meeting Standard		1	1
6	Housing Requirement	S	0/1	Not Meeting Standard		0	0
6	Sanction Count	R	Count	13.00	15.00	0	0
6	Fees	S	0/1*	Meeting Standard		1	2
8	Benefits to Completion	S	0/1	Meeting Standard		1	2
8	Completion Rate	S	DATA	41%	44%	0	0
8	Avg. Participants Monthly	R	DATA	17		1	0
8	Capacity	R	DATA	20		1	0
9	Training Score	S	average	0.38	0.43	0	0
9	60 Days to Train	S	0/1	Not Meeting Standard		1	2
10	Freq. Policy Committee	S	0/1	Meeting Standard		1	2
10	Freq. Advisory Committee	S	0/1	Meeting Standard		1	1.5
					Rating	G	40
					Points Possible		50

Feedback Letter

Thank you for submitting the preliminary application for _____ Adult Drug Court. The Specialty Court Grant Review Committee met on May 31st and carefully reviewed all submitted applications. The next step in the Specialty Court Grant application process is the completion of the Final Application, which is due on June 30th.

To assist you in the development of your Final Application, the Specialty Court Grant Review Committee is providing the following items of feedback:

Standard(s) not met (please refer to specifics in attached score card):

- Key Component #2: Using a non-adversarial approach, prosecution and defense counsel promote public safety while protecting participants' due process rights. (2-7)
- Key Component #5: Abstinence is monitored by frequent alcohol and other drug testing. (5-1)
- Key Component #6: A coordinated strategy governs drug court response to participants' compliance. (6-20)
- Key Component #8: Monitoring and evaluation measure the achievement of program goals and gauge effectiveness.
- Key Component #9: Continuing interdisciplinary education promotes effective drug court planning, implementation and operations. (9-2, 9-4)

Standard(s) where improvement is recommended:

- Key Component #3: Eligible participants are identified early and promptly placed in the drug court program. (3-3)

Recommended use of funding:

- Increase level of training among specialty court team members
- Develop an onboarding process for new hires
- Obtain weekend drug testing services
- Increase average number of required drug tests per week

General Feedback:

- Review eligibility disqualifiers
- Focus on engagement with participants and increasing completion rate
- Require housing upon graduation
- Increase the use of SCMS
- Make an appropriate request for treatment funds that align with the rate of the provider
- Make an appropriate FTE funding request for coordinators to support the continued operationalization of Standards

Please use this feedback to strengthen your Final Application, which includes your budget projection sheet and any changes to your submitted narrative responses and/or documentation (a resubmitted Preliminary Application is not needed).

The Grant Review Committee appreciates the effort that you and others in your county have put forward into the Preliminary Application and look forward to reviewing the Final Application in July. If you have questions or would like to discuss this [feedback](#) please reach out to me, Rachel McArthur, the assigned CJC staff to the Grant Review Committee.



Questions?



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