



OJD Treatment Court Peer Review



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Peer Reviews Provide a Supportive and Innovative Pathway for Program Improvement



LOCAL PROGRAM OBSERVATIONS
Peer and statewide observation

IN STATE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
Training and resources from the OSCA Team

NATIONAL TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
Foundational and tune-up resources

CERTIFICATIONS
Graded feedback and mentor court applications

PEER REVIEWS
Shared learning with formal written feedback

Oregon Has History and Current Experience Utilizing Peer Reviews

CJC Adult Drug Court Peer Reviews (2014/2015)

Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Peer Reviews (2020/2021)

Family Treatment Court (current pilot)

- Process began fall 2022 with federal funding
- Review site visits completed summer 2024
- Pilot documents tailored spring 2024, will be finalized fall 2024
- Package planned to be available winter 2024

Peer Reviews Can Utilize Different Models

Matched team exchange

- **Benefits:** full team receives best practice education, builds connections between court programs, ownership of recommendations
- **Detractions:** may have less best practice experience, larger time requirements from participating programs

Reviewer pool

- **Benefits:** can provide high level best practice education, less time required from reviewed program
- **Detractions:** learning and connection benefit limited to volunteering individuals, may feel more like a top-down evaluation

Peer Reviews Provide Benefits and Improvement Opportunities

Feedback delivered by peers provides additional relevance

Materials grounded in research by program type

Relationship building across programs

Highlights innovations that can be shared

Two-way learning

Opportunity for improved fidelity and operations

Provides teams a road map and official document to iterate practice

Function outside of a top-down evaluation by design

Lessons Learned

Tailor review based on treatment court type

Central resources to coordinate and support are key

Substantial initial time and resource investment

Requires ongoing resources to provide state level support

Comprehensive and time-consuming process for reviewers and reviewees

Large amount of coordination around scheduling

Judge and team member involvement is critical

Implementation Considerations

Creates an opportunity to use a research-based best practice assessment that can be leveraged for program improvement beyond peer review process

Development and design of peer reviews requires time and resources for each program type

Sustainable resources necessary to support and coordinate peer reviews and implement recommendations

Strategies for efficiency and to avoid overburdening local treatment court team members is critical

How to best match programs with consideration to size, type, and location

Role of CJC and OJD statewide team

Questions?

Thank you for your time!



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