



Judicial Education on Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders

Evidence-based training for judges and other justice system partners

The Challenge

Substance use and mental health disorders are pervasive in every type of court across the country, including the criminal, juvenile, and family court systems. Thanks to decades of research, we now have a great deal of knowledge about what works to promote recovery and reduce reoffending. However, judges aren't routinely provided with access to expert training on how to respond to individuals with substance use and mental health disorders using evidence-based practices. High-quality training for judges is necessary to ensure that the justice system can reduce the impact of unmet treatment needs, promote recovery, and break the costly cycle of repeat crime.

The Solution

All Rise's Center for Advancing Justice offers a judicial education curriculum specifically designed to help judges:

- Keep their communities safe by using evidence-based practices to reduce recidivism;
- Support the recovery process by enhancing their understanding of substance use and mental health disorders;
- Learn new strategies to address needs from the bench; and
- Collaborate more effectively with community treatment resources.

Each course is designed to support the adoption of core competencies across all court types and introduce evidence-based concepts and strategies for practical application in real-world settings. Curriculum can be developed to meet your specific needs or selected from the list of preexisting courses below:

- Substance Use as a Chronic Medical Disease: Neuroscience of Addiction
- Compulsive Behaviors Despite Harmful Consequences
- Understanding Screening and Assessment
- The Substance Use Treatment Continuum of Care
- Building Recovery Capital
- What Judges Need to Know about Criminogenic Risk, Need, and Responsivity
- What Judges Need to Know about Evidence-Based Probation Services

Our staff will work with you to address the needs of your jurisdiction or state, providing either one-time training or an annual training plan with multiple course options. Each course is customizable for small or large groups, ranging from one hour to full-day training workshops.

Why partner with the Center for Advancing Justice?

Our mission is to advance effective interventions for individuals impacted by substance use and mental health challenges at every stage of the justice system, from first contact with law enforcement to corrections and community reentry. We have the expertise and experience required to develop trusted, pragmatic solutions to meet your unique needs.

Experts in implementation science: Our team brings a deep understanding of how to translate best practices into real-world, sustainable actions to improve outcomes.

Driven by results: We deploy proven strategies for success and rely on data to tell us what's working and what's not.

Customized, ongoing support: Our process is collaborative and adapted to your local community, capacity, and statutory requirements.

Let's Get Started

Whether you're looking for a one-time training opportunity or a comprehensive plan to address all your annual training needs, the Center for Advancing Justice can help. Contact us today to start the conversation!



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