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15th Annual Recovery Court Conference

December 11-13, 2019



Embassy Suites
820 Crescent Centre Drive
Franklin, TN

Registration
TARCP Member: \$150
Non-member: \$250



Renew membership today! <https://tarcp.wildapricot.org/join-us>

This project is funded by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services



National Judicial Opioid Task Force

Led by co-chairs Indiana Chief Justice Loretta H. Rush and, our very own, Tennessee State Court Administrator Deborah Taylor Tate, the NJOTF distributed a nationwide survey in 2017 which revealed six major needs: 1. state opioid plans; 2. the impact of the epidemic on courts; 3. court interventions for adults, juveniles and families; 4. treatment interventions; 5. specialty court/docket interventions; and, 6. funding.

For more information, visit:
<https://www.ncsc.org/opioidtaskforce>

Regional Judicial Opioid Task Force

The RJOTF was created in response to the growing need for information, education, and resources to address the opioid epidemic. Tennessee is one of 8 states involved in the RJOTF, and our own Judge Duane Slone is the chairman for the initiative.

For more information, visit:
<https://www.ncsc.org/rjoi>

5 National Judicial Opioid Task Force Guiding Principles for Courts

1 A Comprehensive Approach

The justice system should lead the way in delivering solutions to the opioid epidemic at every intersection point of the justice system.



2 All Hands on Deck

Judges should maximize their roles as conveners, bringing together government agency and community stakeholders to address the opioid epidemic.



3 Individualized Treatment and Services

Courts should ensure that treatment services target the individual's needs.

4 Protecting Children and Supporting Families

Interventions should incorporate a continuum of treatment strategies, recovery support services and expeditious placement of children in a safe, stable environment.



5 Making a Difference and Measuring Success

The courts should use data-driven decision-making approaches and establish robust data collection and quality assurance to use data for objectively assessing performance.



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Mentor Boot Camp

At the 2019 TARCP Conference, we will be hosting a mentor boot camp.

To register for the Mentor Boot Camp, please visit:

<https://tarcpmentorbootcamp.eventbrite.com/?ref=estw>

We are also offering Bootcamp scholarships. If you are interested in this, please visit:

https://stateoftennessee.formstack.com/forms/tn_vtc_mentor_bootcamp_scholarship_application_tarcp_annual_conference

We will be providing hotel and mileage reimbursement to participants.



The Mentor Boot Camp provides foundational professional development to strengthen veteran mentor programs in veterans treatment courts across the nation.

The Justice For Vets Mentor Boot Camp is a free, two-day curriculum designed to provide veteran mentors working with veterans treatment court participants the knowledge and skills to support them throughout the program. It consists of nine training sessions that emphasize professional skill development. Our experienced faculty and staff will guide veteran mentors as they fulfill their mission of engaging, encouraging and empowering their mentees.

Mentors that complete the two-day curriculum will receive a certificate of completion and will be able to register with our online National Mentor Corps to receive ongoing, web-based professional development.

Tennessee Judge Receives Highest Judicial Honor for His Work on the Opioid Epidemic



Judge Duane Slone is the 2019 recipient of the National Center for State Courts' William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence- one of the highest judicial honors in the country. Judge Slone is being recognized for his work helping people with opioid use disorder. This award will be presented to Judge Slone by the Chief Justice of the United States John G. Roberts, Jr. during a ceremony at the U.S. Supreme Court on November 21.

The Rehnquist Award honors a state court judge who demonstrates the qualities of judicial excellence, including integrity, fairness, open-mindedness, knowledge of the law, professional ethics, creativity, sound judgment, intellectual courage, and decisiveness.

Judge Slone possesses each of these qualities, and more, said Tennessee State Court Administrator, Deborah Taylor Tate. "Judge Slone has demonstrated outstanding judicial leadership, personal and professional integrity, and pure heart in using his platform as a judge to combat the opioid crisis ... He has been an innovator, an initiator, a collaborator, and a visionary ... and most importantly, his numerous systemic changes have saved lives."

Congratulations Judge Slone!

The Latest in Sumner County

“Sumner County Recovery Court has been pretty busy during the month of September!! With the help of Tennessee Lifeline’s, Will Taylor, and Sumner County Anti-Drug Coalition we had our FIRST ANNUAL RECOVERY FEST!!! We had an amazing turnout and feel it was a huge success. We had over 300 in attendance with approximately 40 exhibitors. We can’t wait to do it again next year!

In order to recognize Overdose Awareness Day, Recovery Court, with the help of the Sumner County Anti-Drug Coalition and Volunteer Behavioral Health, Recovery Court participants and staff wore purple “End Overdose” t-shirts and blew up helium filled purple balloons that we hung all around our downtown square. We were grateful to receive purple wreaths made by a staff person at Volunteer Behavioral Health that adorned the doors of the courthouse and our treatment office. It was a day to honor those we have lost to addiction and bring awareness to the disease.

We also networked with the Anti-Drug Coalition to recognize suicide awareness. Our staff and participants along with other agencies in Sumner County dressed in “Tennessee Speak UP...Save Lives” t-shirts, took selfies and posted to social media with #speakup19.

Recovery Court was recognized by the County Commission on September 16, 2019 and the City of Gallatin on September 17, 2019 with a proclamation, from each Mayor, declaring September as Recovery Court Month.

We were very fortunate to open up our first Recovery Court Transitional Living house this month, with all beds filled at this time.”



Faith-Based Partnerships



Dekalb County had a needs assessment for their community and invited all of our churches to see how they could help the needs with those in active addiction and recovery. They explained of how the churches can be certified through the state and what resources the state could help our churches with. Also just a good informative meeting where they spoke about the stats in our state and county but how to break the stigma surrounding those in addiction



The 22nd District Recovery Court at their monthly Family Fellowship Meal hosted by **1st United Methodist Church of Lawrenceburg**, who has partnered with other local churches to prepare and serve a meal prior to our team meeting and status hearing.



Fayette County Recovery Court has a partnership with the Fayette Baptist Church



TDMHSAS Faith and Recovery Conference

On November 7-8, 2019, the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services is hosting a conference on faith and recovery. Leaders from across the state will come together to discuss building communities of recovery in our congregations. TARCP will have a booth as well, so come by and see us!

To register, please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/faith-recovery-conference-tickets-68645960917>

Trainings Around Tennessee

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| November 14 | Addiction Severity Index (ASI) Training
Jackson State Community College
Jackson, TN 38301 |
| November 15 | ASAM Training
Jackson State Community College
Jackson, TN 38301 |
| November 21 | ASI Training
Tennessee Center for Change
Nashville, TN 37211 |
| November 22 | ASAM Training
Tennessee Center for Change
Nashville, TN 37211 |
| December 6 | Supporting and Coaching Families Dealing
with Substance Use Disorders
Jackson State Community College
Jackson, TN 38301 |