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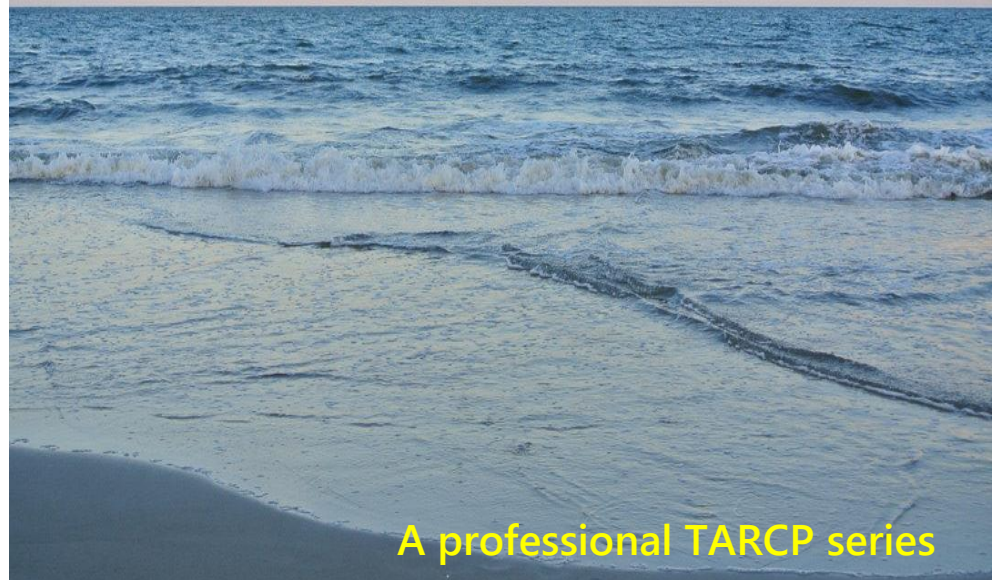
Latest TARCP Recovery Podcast



Please go to the below link to listen to Marie Crosson as she interviews Clarence McGuire, Jr., Treatment Director of the 32nd Judicial District DWI/Drug Court in Louisiana, and Chuck Orms with Corrisoft about the case study conducted in Clarence's district using Corrisoft technology as well as the improved outcomes from this study.

You can find this and all podcasts at [A Recovery Court Podcast](#). If you have an idea for a podcast topic, please reach out to Marie Crosson at marie.crosson@tarcp.org

Work-Life Balance in Recovery Courts



A professional TARCP series

TARCP Day on the Hill

Recovery Courts from across Tennessee came together on March 1, 2022 at the Cordell Hull Building for TARCP's Day on the Hill. Association members use this opportunity each year to have effective conversations with elected officials about the community resources needed to assist those we serve, to express our appreciation for the continued legislative support of recovery courts in Tennessee, and to share the many success stories of our recovery court participants.



House Majority Leader William Lamberth of Portland and 4th Judicial District Circuit Court Judge Duane Slone



Staff of DC4
Davidson County Drug Court



Judge Duane Slone and TARCP Executive Director Marie Crosson



21st Recovery Court staff, supporters, board members, and judges met with legislators in support of Recovery Courts across the state.

TARCP Day on the Hill



Rutherford County Recovery Court



The Montgomery County Veterans Treatment Court with Judge Ken Goble, Jr. and the VTC Team



House Majority Leader William Lamberth of Portland with Sumner County Recovery Court



Families Free, Inc. runs the 1st Judicial District Recovery Court and provides additional services to two other recovery courts in their area.



Recovery Court Month 2022

Thank you, Governor Lee, for recognizing #recoverycourtwork and for proclaiming May 2022 as Recovery Court Month!

Drug courts are the single most successful criminal justice intervention for seriously addicted offenders. Proven to **save lives, save money, and reduce crime.**



Lipscomb University's Recovery Court Class



In March, District Attorney General Ray Crouch Jr. of the 23rd Judicial District spoke with Lipscomb University students in the Law, Justice, and Society Program about the district's successful recovery court program. Lipscomb University's Recovery Court class is the first college course in Tennessee, second in the nation, devoted entirely to training students about the recovery court model. The course is taught by Adjunct Professor Kevin Batts, who also serves as a Director of the 23rd District Recovery Court.



Recovery Court Directors led an informative panel discussion to students in Lipscomb University's Recovery Courts class in April. L-R: Trish Breeding (Rutherford County), Mike Lewis (Coffee County), Connie Martin (Williamson County).



National Recognition

The **First Judicial District Felony Recovery Court** was named as one of 10 national mentor treatment courts by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals and the United States Department of Justice. This recovery court provides evidence-based holistic treatment including intensive outpatient services, gender-specific trauma groups for males/females, outpatient groups/individuals, parenting education, and family therapy. The NADCP mentor courts hosts teams from other jurisdictions for observation and peer-to-peer learning opportunities to test new treatment and recovery practices.



In other news, **Families Free** had their joint One Step program with A.C.T.I.O.N. Coalition featured at the National Rural Health Association's 33rd Annual Rural Health Policy Institute. Through the Building Communities of Recovery grant, their partnership with ACTION Coalition has increased the awareness and knowledge of recovery and built an infrastructure that provides recovery support services in Johnson County. ACTION Coalition has trained 13 recovery coaches in Carter and Johnson counties to date, developed and launched the One Step program model with Families Free, and helped individuals identify and access resources to help achieve their recovery goals.

STRONG Families Northeast Tennessee Pilot Program

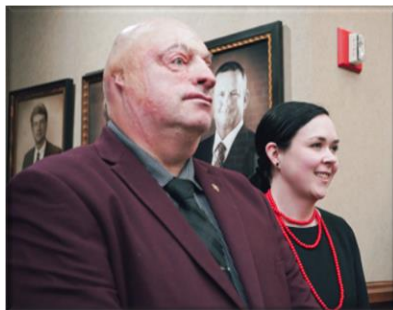
State and local officials announced a three-year, \$25 million state grant for a community collaborative pilot project aimed at helping more than 1,000 families in a 10-county region of Northeast Tennessee. With the grant comes the launch of STRONG Families Northeast Tennessee, a pilot program that will use an innovative approach to increase economic mobility, self-sufficiency, and well-being for low-income families in Northeast Tennessee. Executive Director Lisa Tipton served on the Bright Start Steering Committee and **Families Free** is included as part of this grant.





Montgomery County Veterans Treatment Court

On February 24, 2022 Governor Bill Lee shared words of encouragement with the graduating class, recognizing their service to our country and the long, hard path that they chose to take towards recovery. The Governor also acknowledged that the Montgomery County Veterans Treatment Court Program was a model program in the State of Tennessee and that he was incredibly proud to be there. Eighteen veterans and active-duty soldiers celebrated the completion of the Phase V Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) Program including: Steven Aris Angelo Buckner, Daniel Garcia, Jonathan Hawley, Dustin Holthusen, Donell Joseph, Ibrahim Kargbo, Logan Kear, Olajuwon King, Jonathan Love, Scott McBride, Julia Neblett, Terrance Page, Mark Richards, Thomas Rose, Brianna Sherpa, Luis Sierra, and Jonathan Wilcher.

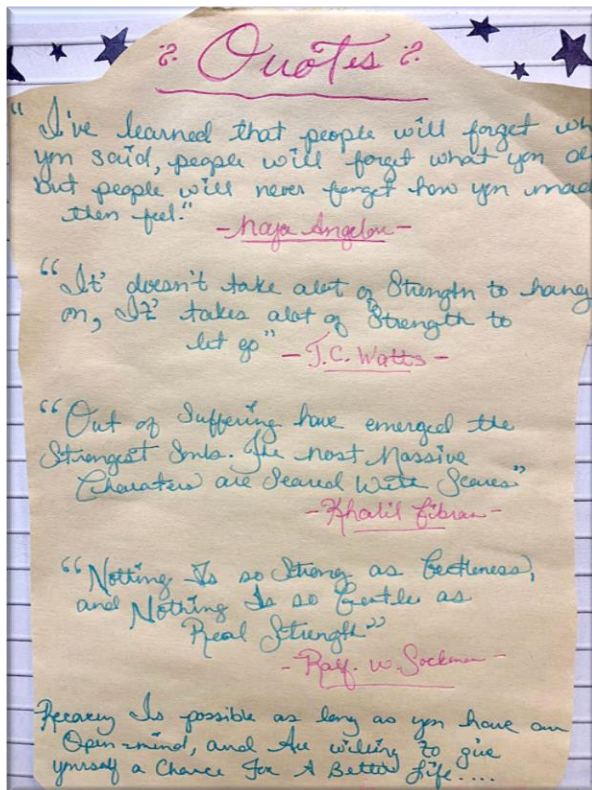


Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

The Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (TDMHSAS) produced a series of videos of those who work in Tennessee Recovery Courts, Veterans Treatment Courts, Mental Health Courts, Juvenile and Family, and DUI Courts. The videos profile staff from all ranks within the recovery court system, from judges to case workers, and reflect all communities across Tennessee. To read more about this project and view these video profiles, go to [TDMHSAS Recovery Court Highlights](#).



Davidson County General Sessions Recovery Court



Prior to graduation, Recovery Court graduates create a piece of art to give to those who are new to the Recovery Court program. This artwork was created and handed down a few years ago. In March, the individual who created this lost their life to the disease of addiction. The Davidson County Recovery Court posted this artwork with the reminder that, while their Recovery Court community mourns, they understand that it was this very community that gave this individual access to sobriety and a reconnection to live a peaceful and independent life for some time. The legacy of this artwork and its artist remains, continuing to offer words of encouragement to those who are having a difficult day.

Davidson County General Sessions Recovery Court resumed in-person graduation with eleven graduates on 3/30/22 at the Birch Building in Nashville, TN. Go to [WKRN Reports on Davidson County Recovery Court Graduation](#) for the complete story.



Picture taken from WKRN Report



Grundy County Safe Baby Court



Safe Baby Court is thankful for its stakeholders! We held a stakeholder meeting on May 6, 2022. Justin Owens, System of Care Across Tennessee (SOCAT), and Theresa Jorgensen, Relative Caregiver Program, provided great information to attendees. We look forward to another meeting in August!



22nd District Recovery Court



Judge David Allen with Jen, Andy and Gerald as they phase up in May!



The Recovery Court kicked off its first Annual Recovery Court Easter Egg Hunt in April with plenty of Easter eggs for the kids!





21st District Recovery Court



Eat the Street Fundraiser

Eat the Street Fundraiser for the 21st District Recovery Court took place on May 6th at Franklin Bicentennial Park. Many previous graduates from years past attended, including Mike, who came to show support along with board members, sponsors, food trucks, volunteers and friends!

The Good Scout Award

Jacob Thorington presents Judge Martin with the Good Scout Award at the 2022 Williamson County Good Scout Award Breakfast in April. The Middle Tennessee Council of Boy Scouts of America hosted the event at the Williamson County Enrichment Center in Franklin, TN.



First Judicial District Felony Recovery Court

First Judicial District Felony Recovery Court and Families Free took the opportunity of May's Recovery Court Month to post the accomplishments of one of their alumni, Tabatha Fatolitis, who recently graduated from Northeast State Community College with an Associates in Behavioral and Social Science degree.





Congratulations to City of Jackson Recovery Court intern Jamie Brown, who received the Academic Achievement Award and the Outstanding BSW Graduate Award from the Union University School of Social Work. She will now move forward to earn her master's degree! We also congratulate Clinical Case Manager Hope Vunk, who was awarded the University's Task Instructor of the Year, being recognized for her teaching skills and the encouragement she offers the social work students who intern with the City of Jackson Recovery Court!

A Decade of Service



Pictures taken from Unionite
Spring 2019 Issue

This May was the 10-year anniversary of Director Haley Coble's tenure with the City of Jackson Recovery Court. The Recovery Court posted how thankful they are for her hard work, compassion and dedication to their program. Also expressed is their gratitude for how much Haley Coble gives to all that she does and how she has such a heart for those in recovery, touching many lives over the years.



United Way's President and CEO, Angela F. Williams, presented one of the City of Jackson Recovery Court team members, Matthew Marshall, with the United Way Exemplary Leader Award at the United Way Southeast Regional Conference in April in Greenville, SC.



Police Officer Rusty Ballentine is leaving the City of Jackson Recovery Court team after fifteen years of service, assisting with home visits, arrests, and treatment team meetings. While the Recovery Court is excited for his new work adventure, he will be greatly missed.



Rutherford County Recovery Court Foundation



A great time had by all at the Rutherford County Recovery Court inaugural breakfast fundraiser in April. Thanks to all the honorees, Trish Breeding, attendees and board members who helped!



Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Jeff Bivins gave the keynote address at the 16th Judicial District Recovery Court graduation on May 16, 2022 at the Rutherford County Judicial Center. Justice Bivins spoke to over 125 people in attendance, applauding the 7 graduates as well as the program's staff saying, "Programs like this one reunite families and restore lives."



Two graduated from the Rutherford County Veteran's Court on May 18, 2022. The Honorable Ben Hall McFarlin, III presided over the ceremony, reminding us to thank and support our Commissioners who are responsible for assisting with funding.

A thank you to Trish Breeding for all you have done for the Rutherford County Recovery Court Foundation! Your service is greatly appreciated and congratulations on your new endeavors!



Training Opportunities

TARCP Lunchtime Learning Series

June 29, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. CT

Revisiting Recovery Court Phases with Marie Crosson

Presented virtually. Please go to [TARCP Lunchtime Learning Series](#) to register.

July 27, 2022

No training is scheduled due to the NADCP Conference in Nashville, TN.

August 31, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. CST

Know Your Role: What You Do and What You Share

Presented virtually. Please go to [TARCP Lunchtime Learning Series](#) to register.

September 28, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. CST

Collaborative Case Management and How the Team Can Support It

Presented virtually. Please go to [TARCP Lunchtime Learning Series](#) to register.

October 26, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

The Role of Law Enforcement in Treatment Courts

Presented virtually. Please go to [TARCP Lunchtime Learning Series](#) to register.

Please note that there are no sessions in March, July, November, or December. TARCP is a NAADAC approved provider. CEUs are available and we will apply for CLE approval.



Training Opportunities

safeTALK Training

Misty Leitsch, BBA, BSW, and Stephanie Evans

July 6, 2022 and July 8, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. – Noon CST

Springfield Baptist Church, 400 North Main Street, Springfield, TN 37172

This half-day course uses powerful presentations, audiovisuals, and skills practice to teach you how to prevent suicide by recognizing signs, engaging someone, and connecting them to an intervention resource for further support. A skilled, supportive trainer will guide you through the course and a community resource will be on hand to support your safety and comfort.

Please note: both of these sessions feature the same information, just on different dates. You only need to attend one session. Register at [TAADAS Training and Education](#) for the July 6th session and go to [TAADAS Training and Education](#) to register for July 8th session.



Training Opportunities

CPRS Supervision Virtual Training

Mary Linden Salter, Leanne Crawford, Ken Barton, Jennifer Jones, and Lori Rash

July 7, 2022 8:30 a.m. - July 8, 2022 12:30 PM CST

In this CPRS (Certified Peer Recovery Specialist) Supervision Training Supervisors will learn:

- CPRS Ethics and Boundaries
- Key differences between a Peer Support Plan and a Treatment Plan
- Peer Support Components and Skill Development

This training is approved for 6.5 hours of CPRS Continuing Education by TDMHSAS

Register at [TAADAS Training and Education](#).

Race and Resiliency: A Mental Health Symposium

July 15, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CST

CMAC Building, Lane College, Jackson, TN (corner of Hayes and Lane Avenues)

TSPN's Southwest Region is hosting this candid discussion on the intersection of race and mental health. It will feature well-known experts in the West Tennessee area with several breakout sessions sure to fit everyone's interest.

The \$15 cost of admission includes breakfast and lunch. The Tennessee Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers has agreed to provide CEUs for this event. Register at [TAADAS Training and Education](#).

Neuroplasticity and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

Presenter: Karen Pryor, PhD, PT, DPT, ND

July 15, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. – Noon CST

This lecture discusses neuroplasticity as an addition to the treatment regime for the education of function. Attendees will discover how neurological injury due to narcotic exposure affects balance, movement, and sensory in affected children. Particular emphasis will be devoted to the development of neuroplasticity connections for proprioception in motion in children with developmental delays and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome. Guests will explore how music, beat, emotion, and video can help rewire the connections of a challenged nervous system. Register at [TAADAS Training and Education](#).

Sexual Assault: The Neurophysiology of Trauma

Presenter: Alicia Hirt, LCSW

July 19, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. – Noon CST

This virtual training explores the physiological components of sexual assault trauma in the context of substance abuse/mental health disorders. Participants will learn how traumatic experiences can alter brain function, resulting in experiences and behaviors commonly misunderstood by professionals working with survivors of sexual assault. Guests will leave with an understanding of common, involuntary responses to sexual assault, and how to apply these concepts to increase safety and care for survivors. Register at [TAADAS Training and Education](#).





Training Opportunities

Foundations of Self-Care

Presenter: Alicia Hirt, LCSW

July 19, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CST

This training will discuss the importance of self-care, particularly for those working in the mental health or behavioral health fields. Participants will explore the effects of trauma exposure and how this impacts the way we relate to and experience self-care. They will also discuss the limitations of the current mainstream concepts of self-care and offer ways to reframe self-care practices. Register at [TAADAS Training and Education](#).

Treating Cannabis Use Disorder

Presenter: Cardwell C. Nuckols, Ph.D.

July 20, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CST

The increased use of cannabis in its many forms, along with a growing number of states approving both medicinal and recreational use, creates many questions and not enough answers. This skills training will focus on what we do know about cannabis and related cannabinoids and how we can use this information to enhance treatment and patient recovery. Register at [TAADAS Training and Education](#).

Gas Station Drugs: Overview and the Effects on Pregnancy

Merrill Norton, Pharm. D., D.Ph., CMAC

July 21, 2022 or August 11, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. CST

Jackson State Community College, McWherter Building Room 131

2046 North Parkway, Jackson, TN 38301

“Gas station drugs” are prescription and non-prescription drugs of abuse commonly sold at gas stations, convenience stores, or on the Internet. Most are sold without regulations regarding their production or distribution. This presentation will discuss herbal and pharmaceutical products including phenibut, tianeptine, kratom, ketamine, and delta 8. Participants will learn how these drugs work and their adverse effects.

Special attention will be given to the emergency procedures to manage overdoses of phenibut and tianeptine, as well as the potential effects of these drugs on pregnant mothers and unborn children.

NOTE: Both these sessions feature the same information, just on different dates. You only need to attend one session. Register at [TAADAS Training and Education](#) for the July 21st session and [TAADAS Training and Education](#) for the August 11th session.

Training Opportunities

Practitioner's Guide to Medication Assisted Treatment for Alcohol Use Disorder

Presenter: Merrill Norton, Pharm. D., D.Ph., CMAC

July 22, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. – Noon CST

TAADAS Conference Room, 1321 Murfreesboro Pike, Suite 155, Nashville, TN 37217

The FDA has approved certain medications to help people with alcohol abuse disorder (AUD) transition into abstinence. But less than 10% of patients with AUD receive medications as part of their treatment plan, even though it is an evidence-based treatment recommended by SAMHSA in combination with behavioral interventions. This presentation demonstrates the rationale and efficacy of deterrence medications, especially naltrexone, acamprosate, disulfiram, off-label anticonvulsants, and herbal preparations. Register at [TAADAS Training and Education](#).

Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) Training

Presenters: Misty Leitsch, BBA, BSW, and Stephanie Evans

July 26, 2022 and August 12, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CST

Springfield Baptist Church, 400 North Main Street, Springfield, ZIP 37172

This no-cost training equips adults with the knowledge and skills to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental illness, identify when a young person might be experiencing a mental health crisis, and equip those adults to intervene until the appropriate help is available. If you are an adult who assists young people or cares for young people then this training is for you. Knowing the signs can save a life. Participants will receive certification as Youth Mental Health First Aiders. Register at [TAADAS Training and Education](#) for the July 26th session and [TAADAS Training and Education](#) for the August 12th session.

NOTE: All these sessions feature the same information, just on different dates. You only need to attend one session.

Stimulant Use Disorder: Overview and Trends

Presenter: Lucy Cannon, Ed.D., LCSW, LICSW, CCDP-D, MATS

August 5, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. CST

The Hart Center, 1384 Madison Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104

The focus on the opioid crisis within the last decade has resulted in little attention given to the recent increase in the abuse of stimulants, including cocaine and methamphetamine. This presentation offers an overview of stimulant disorders from the healthcare perspective--not just their physical and psychological effects, but the history of the stimulant use disorder in the context of the "War on Drugs" and the ongoing opioid epidemic. Participants will review recommended protocols for diagnosis and treatment, incorporating the DSM-V and best practice treatment models. Register at [TAADAS Training and Education](#).



Training Opportunities

Family Trauma: Trauma Informed Care and Addiction Treatment Model Approach

Presenter: Lucy Cannon, Ed.D., LCSW, LICSW, CCDP-D, MATS

August 8, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time

United Way of Greater Knoxville, 1301 Hannah Avenue, Room 207, Knoxville, TN 37921

Many risk factors contribute to family trauma. When a family member experiences a traumatic event, it often hurts each family member in different ways. This workshop focuses on utilizing a Trauma-Informed Care and Addiction Treatment model approach to help families work through their trauma and subsequently mend families. Register at [TAADAS Training and Education](#).

Specialized Needs for Women in Treatment

Presenter: Lisa Black, M.Ed., NCAC II

August 15, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. CST

Women struggling with substance use disorder require specialized support. The support a woman receives can dramatically affect the success of her treatment journey. Participants will engage in an enriching session that will equip clinicians with the tools to recognize and provide women with the therapeutic support they need. Register at [TAADAS Training and Education](#).

Ethics and Practical Wisdom

Presenter: James Campbell, LPC, LAC, MAC, AADC

August 25, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. – Noon CST

Jackson State Community College (McWherter Building),
2046 North Parkway, Jackson, TN 38301

This session introduces addiction professionals to ethics as it relates to their relationships with clients, families, employers, and the profession. It will address the importance of confidentiality and the duties and responsibilities of people working within the field, specifically covering duty to warn, self-disclosure, dual relationships, and differing professional roles.

This is a foundational training for those newer to the field as well as those who may need a refresher and/or update and will include updates from the NAADAC code of ethics. Register at [TAADAS Training and Education](#).

Engaging Families in Treatment and Recovery

Presenter: James Campbell, LPC, LAC, MAC, AADC

August 25, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CST

Jackson State Community College (McWherter Building in Room 131)
2046 North Parkway, Jackson, TN 38301

Families can be a tremendous influence regarding both substance use and recovery. However, it is often difficult for those serving people with substance use disorders to engage families. This session explores family dynamics, the impact of substance use within family systems, and how to engage families more effectively. It also offers an overview of clinical interventions. Register at [TAADAS Training and Education](#).



Training Opportunities

Motivational Interviewing Training

Presenter: Alan Lyme, LISW, MAC, CCS

August 29 – August 30, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. CST

This training series offers frontline staff core, booster, and advanced training towards competency in Motivational Interviewing (MI). Coding of recorded work and individual coaching are integral components. Participants will review the four processes utilized in MI, explore the contrast of sustain- vs. change-talk, discuss concrete strategies for addressing discord in conversation, and demonstrate how to elicit change-talk and provide empathic reflective statements. Register at [TAADAS Training and Education](#).



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