



# **Jamaica's Drug Treatment Courts: Treatment Programmes & Data Requirements**

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# DTC Expanding in Jamaica Since 2001

- ✓ Court supervised Treatment for Offenders with drug abuse problem
- ✓ Jointly implemented by MOJ, CMS, MOH, MNS & NCDA
- ✓ Courts:
  - 3 Adult:
    - Kingston & Montego Bay (2001)
    - St. Catherine & St. Thomas (2014)
    - Manchester (2016)
  - 2 Children:
    - Kingston & St. Andrew Family Court (2014)
    - St. James Family Court (2017)

# Treatment Center Perspective

## **Role of the Treatment Provider in DTC**

- ✓ Provides rehabilitative therapy sessions
- ✓ Drug screening
- ✓ Case management
- ✓ Shares information as required/ guided by ethics/legalities
- ✓ Monitoring for drug court participants in keeping with the holistic recovery of the participant

# Treatment Center Perspective

## Role of the Treatment Provider in DTC

- ✓ All treatment centers accept referrals from DTC
- ✓ Client must agree to treatment voluntarily (residential or outpatient)
- ✓ Collaboration with DTC personnel re client follow-up (progress, visits, compliance)
- ✓ Treatment protocol is the same as all other clients
- ✓ Standardized treatment data form for used with all clients

# Treatment Center Perspective

## Data Requirement & Information Needs

- ✓ Court specific information from DTC clients

Submission of progress report regarding compliance/completion etc.

- ✓ Information received for DTC client

A Brief summary is submitted - Reason for current arrest, Recommendations for treatment duration, Agreements/stipulations

- ✓ Requirements for specific case management information to the court during the treatment process

Not required to do this

# Treatment Center Perspective

## Data Requirement & Information Needs

- ✓ Information provided to the court system on the outcome of the treatment upon graduation

Discharge and summary of performance in treatment and commitment to follow-up for 1 year/Exit plan for Teen Challenge

- ✓ Perspectives on adequacy of information collected and shared in the DTC

ATSU - Lack of communication among DTC team members. Clarity on expectations necessary – basic operation on unit (fee structure, space available etc – misleading)

# Preliminary Framework for Evaluating Drug Treatment Courts in the Americas (OAS 2012)

- ✓ Member states should collect a common set of core performance indicators for M&E
- ✓ Performance indicators should be SMART
- ✓ Value-neutral – benchmarks for success not established for Caribbean
- ✓ Collecting performance data will facilitate the development and validation of benchmarks - comparability within and across countries

# National Drug Observatory Perspective – Documenting and Measuring Treatment Outcomes

## **Process Evaluations:**

- ✓ Functioning as planned
- ✓ Treating intended target population
- ✓ Delivering types and dosages of services

## **Common questions:**

- ✓ Problems and barriers? Addressed?
- ✓ Characteristics and needs of participants? Met?
- ✓ Rewards and sanctions?
- ✓ Cases resolved more or less rapidly for DTC than offenders in traditional criminal justice system?



# DTC Evaluation Designs

## **Short-Term Outcome Evaluations:**

- ✓ Measure participants' performance while enrolled
- ✓ During-treatment outcomes that predict post-treatment outcomes (retention/graduation – criminal recidivism)

## **Common questions:**

- ✓ Percentage successfully graduated?
- ✓ Average length of stay?
- ✓ Average attendance rate?
- ✓ Proportion of urine drug tests negative for all substances?

# DTC Evaluation Designs

## **Long-Term Outcome Evaluations:**

- ✓ Measure participants' performance after they are no longer enrolled in DTC

## **Common questions:**

- ✓ Percentage arrested or convicted for a new offense after program?
- ✓ Percentage incarcerated for new crime and how long?
- ✓ Percentage employed or enrolled in educational program at follow-up?
- ✓ Percentage experiencing serious medical, psychiatric, family problems at follow-up?
- ✓ Percentage of babies delivered drug free ?

# DTC Evaluation Designs

## **Cost Evaluations:**

- ✓ Attach monetary values to results of DTC evaluation
- ✓ Estimates net financial impact – distinctions between investment costs, outcome costs and outcome savings

## **Common questions:**

- ✓ Additional costs of providing treatment and supervision?
- ✓ Additional costs of holding frequent court hearings?
- ✓ Comparison of DTC cost to traditional approaches?
- ✓ Were investment costs recouped by outcome savings?

# JA DTC Monthly Report

## Recommended Core Indicators

- ✓ Dose of Court Hearings
  - # of hearings scheduled
  - # of hearings attended
  - # of hearings cancelled
- ✓ Dose of Drug & Alcohol Testing
  - # urine, saliva or breath analyses scheduled
  - # urine, saliva or breath samples provided
  - # samples invalid or adulterated
  - # samples excused

# Recommended Core Indicators

- ✓ Dose of Substance Abuse treatment
  - # treatment sessions scheduled
  - # treatment sessions attended
  - # treatment sessions cancelled, excused or rescheduled
- ✓ Graduation/Retention Rate
  - # participants entered program
  - # participants graduated
  - # neutral discharges
  - # still enrolled

# Recommended Core Indicators

- ✓ Length of stay
- ✓ Re-arrest rate
- ✓ Re-conviction rate
- ✓ Re-arrest rate
- ✓ Re-incarceration length
- ✓ Negative drug and alcohol test rate
- ✓ Risk level
- ✓ Clinical diagnosis
- ✓ Need for Mental Health/social services

# Current Situation

## Ongoing effort to institutionalize DTC M&E systems

- ✓ Secured buy-in from DTC stakeholders
- ✓ Capacity building for data capturing undertaken
- ✓ Regional DTC M&E Framework to be finalized



DTC Kingston  
May 2001- November 2014



Location	Court Referral	Eligible	Graduated
Kingston	390	202	97



# Treatment Court Testing and Counselling: **April 2015 - August 2017**

	Number of Clients Seen	Number of Sessions Conducted	Number of Tests Conducted
Children	84	573	248
Adults	148	2,644	1,924
Total	232	3,217	2,172



# Drug Treatment Court Testing and Counselling April 2015 - March 2016

	Number of Clients Seen	Number of Sessions Conducted	Number of Tests Conducted
Adults	43	682	466



# **Treatment Court Testing and Counselling April 2016 - March 2017**

	<b>Number of Clients Seen</b>	<b>Number of Sessions Conducted</b>	<b>Number of Tests Conducted</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Adults</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>878</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>1,532</b>	<b>958</b>



# Treatment Court Testing and Counselling

## April 2017 - August 2017

	Number of Clients Seen	Number of Sessions Conducted	Number of Tests Conducted
<b>Children</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>168</b>
<b>Adults</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>580</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1003</b>	<b>748</b>





# ACHIEVEMENTS

- Since 2015, 28 individuals have graduated from the adult programme and 11 from Family Court (Children's' DTC).
- Through COMET II, 32 participants have been included in their Workforce Empowerment Development Programme.
- Through COMET II, 28 participants have been assisted to continue their education/skills training.
- The Children's Drug court is in the pilot phase in the Kingston and St Andrew and Montego Bay Family Court
- Through social integration, partnerships have been formed in which clients have received assistance to acquire school books and snacks

# Upcoming Regional DTC Evaluation (CCI)

- ❑ **Process evaluation** – implementation
  - Identification of strengths, gaps, opportunities

- ❑ **Components**

- I. Court Operations
- II. Target Population
  - Legal eligibility
  - Legal screening
  - Clinical eligibility
- III. Clinical Screening & Assessment
- IV. Deterrence & Incentive Strategies
  - Legal leverage
  - Court Supervision
  - Interim Sanctions and Incentives
- V. Treatment Strategies
- VI. Program Oversight
- VII. Team Collaboration
- VIII. Participation Timeline
- IX. Drug Court Data