



# NEWSLETTER

Florida Association of Drug Court Professionals  
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**The Honorable Deborah White-Labora**  
11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

**The Honorable Joseph Will**  
7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

## **Letter from the Chair**

Dear FADCP Members:

I look forward to serving as Chair of the FADCP for the next two years. We start this term focused on initiatives that support Florida's drug courts. The first initiative is developing and coordinating the distance learning session slated for October 27, 2010 with Michael Nerney. We are pleased that St. Johns County (St. Augustine, Florida) will host the training session. Circuit Judge Wendy Berger will preside over the training. The FADCP Training Committee, the Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA) and the Seventh Judicial Circuit will work closely with Mr. Nerney to develop the training. The following areas will be included with an emphasis on adult participants and juvenile and family areas when appropriate: current drug trends, co-occurring disorders, benzodiazepines and opiate use, linkages to high risk behavior, timing of appropriate psycho education and treatment, neuroscience of addiction intertwined through training such as the positive changes in the brain demonstrates treatment effectiveness, latest research findings that may be of interest related to gambling and Parkinson's treatment, etc. The session will be interactive to allow drug court teams to ask questions during the presentation. Hands on interactive elements will be incorporated into the presentation for active learning by participants.

**Please mark your calendars accordingly and save the date on October 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.**

We will closely monitor legislation through the oversight of Judges May and Beach who admirably guide FADCP on these important issues. Last year's legislative priority was monitoring the reentry bills which came up short in the end. We thank Senator Rich and Representatives Bogdanoff and Porth for their sponsorship. We will call upon membership to assist us with legislative priorities and ask for your support and action.

We will continue to work with the OSCA as they coordinate Florida's Post-Adjudicatory Drug Court Expansion Program impacting eight of our drug courts statewide. The goal of the drug court expansion plan project is to expand adult post-adjudicatory drug courts to reduce future prison admissions.

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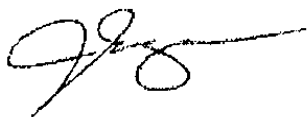
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The FADCP Board through its Drug Court Capacity and Judicial Education Workgroup is working to include training for judges on problem solving methods at the Circuit and County Conference levels, Advance Judicial Studies, and New Judges College to address substance abuse and mental health issues within the State Courts System. The significant data and recommendations clearly embrace problem solving methods based on drug court principles as the key to addressing substance abuse and mental health issues that impact the entire justice system.

The FADCP National Drug Court Month Celebration Committee will coordinate the statewide initiative to showcase Florida's drug courts. This year we held the statewide food collection drive and the FADCP distributed drug court medallions to graduates who participated in the 11th Annual Statewide Drug Court Graduation held on May 11th. The statewide graduation was a grand success thanks to the efforts and coordination of Circuit Judge Joseph G. Will, Drug Court Coordinator Richard Zachry, and the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

I wish to thank Judge Gisele Pollack for all her efforts to lead the FADCP during her two year term. Judge Pollack will remain active with FADCP serving as chair of the training committee and participating on the legislative committee. We anticipate an active term addressing areas that impact our drug courts. Through our membership we are a strong voice of support for Florida's drug courts. I appreciate the efforts of our FADCP Board and membership who provide the vision for Florida's drug courts. I look forward to working with all of you.

Best Regards,



Judge Espinosa (smiling center) takes time for a photo with Georgina Rullo (smiling left) and Amy Philbrick (smiling right)

### Join the Florida Association of Drug Court Professionals Today!

An individual membership form for those who wish to join FADCP is included on the last page of this newsletter. Organizational membership forms and individual membership forms are available to download at [fadcp.org](http://fadcp.org).

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### Florida Association of Drug Court Professionals Meeting Schedule (2010-2011)

Congratulations to the new FADCP Board and Executive Committee as a new term is starting. Board members are listed on the front page of this newsletter. The Executive Committee is scheduled to meet on the following dates:

• August 25<sup>th</sup> • November 10<sup>th</sup> • February 9<sup>th</sup> • April 13<sup>th</sup>

The entire FADCP Board is scheduled to meet:

•September 15<sup>th</sup> •December 8<sup>th</sup> •March 9<sup>th</sup> •May 11<sup>th</sup>

FADCP members interested in addressing specific topics are encouraged to contact any board member prior to one of the above scheduled meetings. Participation by those serving on the FADCP Board is important and a strict attendance policy is in place.

### FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF DRUG COURT PROFESSIONALS 2010-2011 Committees

FADCP ensures Florida's drug courts continued status as the most efficacious model addressing substance abuse in the justice system. Following this vision cannot be achieved without the volunteer services of practitioners who serve on committees. **Members are encouraged to get involved** on at least one of FADCP's committees. FADCP Committees for 2010 – 2011 are listed below:

#### Conference and Training

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Dena Geraghty  
Aaron Gerson  
Jennifer Grandal  
Michael Hayes  
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Jane Muir-Isherwood, Chair  
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Patrick Mahoney

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Kenneth Arnold  
Marcia Beach  
Jack Espinosa  
Dena Geraghty  
Jennifer Grandal  
Bruce Grant  
Gary Hilko  
Gisele Pollack  
Jim McDonough  
Jane Muir-Isherwood  
Frank Rabbito  
Georgina M. Rullo  
Jeffrey Rosinek  
Chris Thomas  
Deborah White-Labora

#### National Drug Court Month Celebration

Deborah White-Labora, Chair  
Aaron Gerson  
Gary Hilko  
Georgina Rullo  
Michelle Jones

#### Drug Court Capacity and Judicial Education Workgroup

Jack Espinosa, Jr., Chair  
Marcia Beach  
Jeffrey Cece  
Jim Downum  
Jennifer Grandal  
Bruce Grant  
Georgina Rullo

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Deborah White-Labora, Chair  
Kenneth Arnold

#### Newsletter

Michael Jewell, Co-Chair  
Georgina M. Rullo, Co-Chair  
Aaron Gerson  
Sheree Beau-Wells

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Jim McDonough, Chair  
Jim Downum  
Gisele Pollack  
Georgina M. Rullo  
Deborah White-Labora

**Information of Great Interest**

Did you know alcohol can be produced in a urinalysis sample cup post-collection if the right chemicals are present? "...it's called fermentation-just like brewing beer or fermenting wine," according to nationally recognized toxicology expert Paul L. Cary, director of the Toxicology & Drug Monitoring Laboratory at University of Missouri Health Care in Columbia. While this is a rare occurrence, it's important enough for drug court teams to be aware of to prevent participants from being falsely accused of alcohol use. To create this fermentation, the client must have two issues occurring simultaneously. First, the client must have yeast present in the urine which is usually a sign of an infection and most commonly diagnosed as a urinary tract infection. The second factor is that the client must have uncontrolled diabetes. When diabetes is not controlled, glucose spills into the urine. Once the sample is collected, it will begin to "...ferment, over time, causing the production of ethyl alcohol, in the sample cup," according to a written analysis Cary provided to Volusia County court officials late last year.

What do you do when you have a situation like this? Cary says a few things can be done. First, have your lab check the urine for glucose and nitrites. In cases of post collection alcohol fermentation, either or both levels will be high, he said. The lab can also perform a microscopic examination of the urine to detect yeast cells. Another option would be to repeat the alcohol test on the original positive sample. If the alcohol positive test result was from ingesting alcohol-containing beverages, the first reading (concentration) and the repeat test should produce very similar results (levels) Cary explained. If on the other hand, alcohol is present in the urine from post-collection alcohol fermentation, the alcohol level will continue to rise in between the two tests. Lastly, Cary said you may want to consider using EtG/EtS testing to confirm the positive urine alcohol test.

What are some best practices to prevent false accusation toward a client? It is important to gather as much information as possible at the client's orientation. All clients should fill out a form indicating their health problems and disclose any medications they are taking. In the Volusia County Adult Drug Court Program, we now specifically ask the client if they have diabetes or any health concerns that may contribute to in a false positive, i.e. yeast infection. Also, sharing information regarding drug screens and medical conditions with the team will help prevent inappropriately sanctioning a client. Additionally, the team should encourage the clients to provide information from a medical doctor rather than relying solely upon the client's statement to ensure its accuracy. New information is developing all the time about drug screens, medications and addiction. Please encourage your team to attend trainings when possible and share information with others. Drug Courts work, especially when the teams work together!



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### Drug Court Month Celebrations in May



The Florida State Courts System, the Florida Association of Drug Court Professionals (FADCP), the Florida Executive Office of the Governor, and Florida's drug court programs have recognized, showcased, and celebrated National Drug Court Month this year with proclamations, graduation ceremonies and food drives. In the photo to the left, Chief Justice Peggy Quince reads a Drug Court Month Proclamation at the Statewide Drug Court Ceremony in Daytona Beach, FL.

The highlight of the National Drug Court Month celebration in the state of Florida was the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Drug Court Graduation held on May 11, 2010. The event took place at Embry-Riddle

Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida and was hosted by the Seventh Judicial Circuit. In addition to Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Peggy Quince, speakers included, Bruce Grant, director of the Florida Office of Drug Control. Judge Joseph G. Will, pictured on the right, presided over the graduation. All four counties in the Circuit (Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns and Volusia), had judges, past graduates and team members speak about only a few of many successes in their drug court programs over the years.



There were at least 300 drug court graduates who participated statewide from drug court programs in Escambia, Marion, Sumter, Pinellas, Volusia, Bay, Polk, Palm Beach, Monroe, Broward, Brevard and Miami-Dade Counties. Most of the participating jurisdictions hosted their own graduation ceremonies simultaneously and were able to view the opening ceremony via the State Court System's video conference network. The FADCP provided drug court medallions, shown above, to drug court graduates who participated in the statewide ceremony. Florida had 535 drug court graduates during the month of May.

In addition to the statewide drug court graduation, local proclamations and resolutions were adopted through courts, county commissions, and local governments as well as resolution adopted by the Florida Supreme Court and a proclamation adopted by the governor of Florida recognizing May as National Drug Court Month.

This year, Florida added another statewide initiative by asking local drug courts to coordinate a food drive for local food banks. This project is detailed in this edition of the FADCP Newsletter under the "Drug Court Goes Food Court" theme.

### We Need Your Ideas for Next Year!

We need your ideas on how Florida can creatively celebrate National Drug Court Month next year! Expanding the food drive effort to more drug court programs is anticipated. If you have any clever ideas or wish to participate on the NDCMC Committee whose charge is to develop the statewide initiatives, please contact Eve Janocko at [evejanocko@aol.com](mailto:evejanocko@aol.com).

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### FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF DRUG COURT PROFESSIONALS

#### Legislative Update

By Judge Melanie May

Thank you to everyone who worked to see reentry move closer to reality last session. We are evaluating our options for next session to decide whether to attempt the bill's passage again. If we move forward, we will take immediate steps to secure sponsors to ensure the bill is timely placed on the legislative agenda. This is half the battle for success!

Again, the FADCP thanks Senator Nan Rich and her legislative director, Kristen Carter, Representative Ellyn Bogdanoff and her legislative director, Aaron Nevins, and Representative Ari Porth and his legislative director, Dan Daley. Their combined efforts allowed the reentry bill to advance as far as it did. Without their efforts, the bill had no chance.

This will be a difficult year as the legislature focuses on the budget crisis once again. In addition, many of the executive positions and a large number of legislative seats are up for election. This means we won't know the players or their support for our issues until November. This will also mean a number of new players will need to be educated on our issues. In fact, it may be a year in which very little substantive law is enacted.

The FADCP Legislative Committee will meet in the near future to set the agenda for next session. We will continue to provide guidance and direction for next year's legislative agenda: sustained funding, reentry drug courts, expanded eligibility for misdemeanor drug court, and the bondsmen's efforts to restrict the use of pre-trial release.

The drug court expansion project that is being overseen by the Office of the State Courts Administrator will forecast our future in many ways. FADCP will continue to partner its advocacy efforts with FADAA and others to ensure that drug courts are sustained and remain a viable alternative to incarceration.

Will keep you posted and ask for your assistance when required. The FADCP is the voice of Florida's drug courts!

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#### Relaxed Attitudes about Marijuana

In June, NPR's *Morning Edition* ran a series of segments related to "Relaxed Attitudes About Marijuana". You may be interested in listening.

"Medical marijuana is legal in 14 states, and advocates would like to expand that or legalize pot altogether. But the judges, lawyers and therapists who work in drug courts say the criminal justice system has helped addicts turn their lives around."

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=127754799>

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### 2010 Florida Drug Court Statewide Distance Learning - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

A collaborative event sponsored by the Florida Association of Drug Court Professionals, Office of the State Courts Administrator, and the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

**Wednesday, October 27, 2010 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**

**Michael Nerney Presents:**  
**“Current Drug Trends and Linkages to High Risk Behavior”**  
**“Co-Occurring Disorders” “Latest Research Findings”**  
**Hosted by St. Johns County in St. Augustine, Florida**

These training sessions will be available to all judicial circuits through the courts video conferencing network. Additional information on the 2010 Florida Drug Court Distance Learning Session, including how to register, will be forthcoming and posted at [www.fadcp.org](http://www.fadcp.org) and [www.flcourts.org](http://www.flcourts.org).

### UPDATE - Florida’s Post-Adjudicatory Drug Court Expansion Project

Circuit	County	Total
1st	Escambia	<b>22</b>
4th	Duval	<b>11</b>
5th	Marion	<b>9</b>
6th	Pinellas	<b>50</b>
7th	Volusia	<b>20</b>
9th	Orange	<b>45</b>
10th	Polk	<b>79</b>
13th	Hillsborough	<b>78</b>
17th	Broward	<b>46</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>360</b>

Last year the Florida Legislature appropriated \$19 million in Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to the State Courts System to expand drug courts to target offenders who would otherwise be incarcerated. The goal of the expansion is to divert non-violent felony offenders in need of substance abuse treatment from prison into post-adjudicatory drug court in an effort to reduce prison admissions and associated costs. The expansion program targets nine counties with the highest number of prison admissions for non-violent felony offenders, including Broward, Duval, Escambia, Hillsborough, Marion, Orange, Pinellas, Polk, and Volusia Counties. The funding provides for case management, drug testing, and substance abuse treatment services for 4,000 targeted offenders over the two year grant period. A portion of funds

are also going to the Department of Corrections to support additional probation officers to supervise the offenders being diverted from prison into drug court and on probation.

After an arduous start, participating programs are now beginning to see an increase in admissions. The enclosed chart reflects the total admissions that each jurisdiction reported to the Office of State Courts Administrator (OSCA) early in July 2010. Large counties with separate divisions specifically designed to hear cases involving violations of probation have been able to quickly identify more candidates than the other jurisdictions. OSCA plans to conduct site visits later in the year. The Florida Legislature’s Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability continues to collect data, conduct surveys and interview practitioners in an effort to accurately report on this project’s progress. One jurisdiction has reportedly indicated that they will be unable to continue participating in the project.

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### From the Governor's Office of Drug Control Director Bruce D. Grant



The Office of National Drug Control Policy recently released the 2010 National Drug Control Strategy. All relevant documents (including highlights, budget summary, data supplement, and the full strategy) can be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/strategy/>

Chapter 4 of the National Strategy (Breaking the Cycle of Drug Use, Crime, Delinquency, and Incarceration), which begins on page 49, contains a strong endorsement of drug and other problem-solving courts and diversion programs. The bulk of the drug court content begins on page 53.

Under the heading of Community Corrections Programs (pg. 55), the National Strategy endorses programs that use drug testing with certain and swift sanctions in probation systems. They endorse the principles of Hawaii's Opportunity Probation with Enforcement (HOPE) program, which serves as the foundation for Florida's Accountability Initiative for Responsible (FAIR) Probation - a pilot program that is currently being developed by the Office of Drug Control.

Some of these initiatives have been previously discussed in the Office of Drug Control's Weekly Updates, which can be found online at this location: [http://www.flgov.com/drugcontrol/odc\\_newsletters.html](http://www.flgov.com/drugcontrol/odc_newsletters.html) The Weekly Update also contains information on the legislative session, during which bills were passed to crack down on pill mills, restrict excessive sales of methamphetamine precursors, limit the sale of drug paraphernalia, and increase penalties for those who serve alcohol to underage youth.

Please don't hesitate to contact Director Grant if you have any questions. Director Grant can be reached at [bruce.grant@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:bruce.grant@eog.myflorida.com).

### **News from the Guidance Care Center in Monroe County Offender Re-entry Grant will ease Transition from Jail to the Community**

In response to the Strategic Plan of the Monroe County Criminal Justice, Mental Health & Substance Abuse Diversion Planning Council, The Other Side of the Fence Offender Re-entry Program was developed to promote the reduction of relapse and recidivism for incarcerated individuals returning to our community. The Other Side of the Fence program provides assessment and transition planning with participants during the last 30 days of incarceration. Program staff meets the participant at the Detention Center following release and immediately begins to assist with housing placement, employment, transportation as well as providing direct substance abuse treatment services, case management and referrals for mental health and primary medical care. These services, funded by a 3 year federal SAMHSA/CSAT grant, are available for incarcerated individuals throughout the Florida Keys through a partnership with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and the Guidance Care Center staff.

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### “Drug Court Goes Food Court”

By Eve Janocko, FADCP Executive Director

The FADCP and the Office of the State Courts Administrator convened the National Drug Court Month Celebration (NDCMCC) Committee chaired by Drug Court Judge Deborah White-Labora, Miami-Dade County, to develop ideas and ways in which Florida celebrates National Drug Court Month which is recognized each May. In 2009, Florida won the National Association of Drug Court Professionals award for best recognition of Drug Court Month with its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Graduation.

In addition to the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Drug Court Graduation hosted by the Seventh Judicial Circuit on May 11<sup>th</sup>, this year Florida added a statewide initiative asking drug courts to coordinate a food collection for local food banks. Georgina Rullo, suggested for Florida to adopt the innovative program implemented by Judge Dee Anna Farnell’s drug court in the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. The theme was “Drug Court Goes Food Court”. This statewide initiative allowed drug court participants and court personnel to give back to their community. Pantry shelves at food banks are in need of replenishing with the current economic situation impacting so many families. The committee asked drug court programs to develop protocols for participants to receive incentives or sanctions based on a food donation.

Drug court programs from Escambia, Osceola, Broward, and Alachua Counties participated in the initiative. Over 1,000 pounds were collected. The food drives had a positive impact in each community and within each drug court program as donations were given to the local food banks. This initiative helped raise awareness about drug court and the need to reach out to support local communities.

Osceola County’s Drug Court Program encourages clients to give back to their community throughout the year. In addition to the two food drives held each year near Thanksgiving, a school supply drive is also coordinated that helps “A Gift for Teaching” which is an agency that provides supplies to students in need and for teachers in the community. During the holidays, a toy drive collection is held. The toys collected are provided to a few local programs like the “Be An Angel” program which distributes toys to children in foster or group home and to the “County Visitation Center” which provides court ordered supervised visitations. Participants in the drug court program in need of any of the items collected (food, school supplies or toys) are encouraged to speak to their case manager to ensure their needs are met first. Through are always plenty of items to be given back into the community after a collection.

Michelle Jones, Osceola County Drug Court Manager, explained their program, “We ask the clients to collect the food from a list of acceptable and needed items. They then take the food to their case manager and provide them with receipts to ensure that the foods are new purchases for the food bank. We collect all the items up and when the food drive is over we ask the clients to help us separate them into different categories. We count the items up and keep a tally (see adjacent photos). Thus, we are able to show the clients that a small action by a few people can make a large impact. We also share this information with the clients, staff and the Council on Aging (where we donate the food).”



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In Escambia County, Summer J. Graham, Drug Court Case Manager embraced the food drive challenge and looks forward to next year's statewide initiative. Escambia County presented each participating agency with a framed photo of the food drive collection as a thank you for their efforts. The Escambia Drug Court Team members who coordinated their respective department's food drive include: Marilyn Thomas, Toni Freeney, Wendy Wilson (Probation); Burt Strubhar (Public Defender's Office); Karen McAllister, Clinical Director, Kim Sprayberry, LMHC, Counselors Jessica Gentry, Tom Fitzgerald, Erica Shelley, John Stanley and Jane Nelson, Administrative Assistant (Pathway Treatment); and Summer Graham, Expansion Grant Case Manager, Stacy Roberts, Drug Court Administrative Assistant III and Cathy White, Drug Court Manager.



Court Administration staff is pictured here with Summer J. Graham in the center. Judges, janitors and many others at the M.C. Blanchard building participated.



This is a very large container that all of the food was placed into after donation boxes from each facility were consolidated. The staff at Manna Food Bank was pleasantly surprised. The container was rolled onto a large scale by staff who all smiled as they said 308 pounds!!



Pictured are three of the counselors who work at Pathway. (Left to right: Erica Shelley, Tom Fitzgerald, and John Stanley). Many of the donations were supplied by the clients themselves. Clients took great pride in the fact that many of them have received donation from Manna Food Bank and now are able to give back to help someone else

The Alachua County Drug Court participants collected 262 pounds of non-perishable food items for the Bread of the Mighty Foodbank. Participants conducted the food-drive locally as part of Florida's statewide "Drug



Court Goes Food Court" initiative. "This is a wonderful opportunity to provide drug court participants a chance to give back to their community," says Drug Court Supervisor, Frank Owens. The participants collected and donated nonperishable food, toiletries and paper products or donated their time to the food bank. Drug court staff thank the participants for their efforts and the Bread of the Mighty Foodbank for their assistance. Alachua County Drug Court team members in the adjacent photo from left to right: Deborah Nelson, Frank Owens, Mary Guertin, Dana Lynch, Ashley Day.

Gary Hilko, Program Manager of the Broward County Drug Court in conjunction with the local food bank, Feed South Florida, coordinated the efforts in Broward County. The Drug Court staff created and distributed flyers advertising the upcoming food drive throughout the courthouse and at the Broward Sheriff's Office treatment center. In addition e-mail reminders were sent out to the judges and staff at the Courthouse advertising the upcoming event. The drug court staff distributed the food drive boxes around the Courthouse and Sheriff's Office treatment center on May 3, 2010 allowing contributions to be made by the staff and the public. Contribution boxes were placed in the courtrooms of Judge Beach, Judge Haury and Judge Pollack who preside over the Drug Court Dockets. The food drive ran through May 14, 2010. Thanks to many generous contributions, more than 330 pounds of food were collected. The contributions were collected by staff and transported to the Feed South Florida food bank by Mr. Hilko.



## **Trauma Informed Care and the Science of Trauma**

Comments by Georgina Rullo, Operation Par, C.A.P.

The National Center for Trauma-Informed Care has developed implementation of curriculum in order to treat our Criminal Justice population. Based on the strong empirical support for trauma-informed practice, and the real-world successes that this approach has yielded in many correctional and mental health settings where it has been implemented, we anticipate that this project has the potential to improve environments, enhance treatment effectiveness, and reduce the need for use of force by adult and juvenile justice staff. It generally contributes to a more gender-specific approach with women and girls.

This review suggests that trauma-sensitive gender-specific programming and treatment models are needed in order to address needs and prevent retraumatization of Women and Girls in the Criminal Justice system. The treatment model should provide developmentally reparative experiences that address not only PTSD but also issues of identity, trust, safety, body image, physical self care, affect regulation peer group selection and engagement, and sexuality. Programs should screen for and address issues related to physical and sexual violence, HIV/AIDS, pregnancy, and drug and alcohol dependency. In addition, the high prevalence of women and girls from minority ethno-cultural groups indicates the need for culturally specific services.

For more information, visit the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration online at:

**<http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/nctic/trauma.asp>**

“Trauma-informed programs and services represent the “new generation” of transformed mental health and allied human services organizations and programs who serve people with histories of violence and trauma.”

### **OSCA Sponsored Distance Learning Series this summer**

The Office of State Courts Administrator (OSCA) in cooperation with the Department of Juvenile Justice is sponsoring a series of distance learning sessions this summer for professionals working within Florida’s juvenile justice system. Each participating circuit has a liaison to assist those interested in attending via the Court’s video conferencing system. The four sessions in the series include:

June 25<sup>th</sup> – Working with Youth with Mental Health Disorders in the Juvenile Justice System  
with Holly Hills

August 16<sup>th</sup> - Parent Involvement: Working with Resistant Parents in the Juvenile Justice Process  
with Nancy Hamilton

Date and Title TBA - current youth culture - strategies for motivating juvenile justice involved youth  
with Mark Fomby and Sharon Sims

Date TBA - Juvenile Drug Court 101 with Sue Yeres

For more details, visit: **[http://www.flcourts.org/gen\\_public/family/familycourts.shtml](http://www.flcourts.org/gen_public/family/familycourts.shtml)**

## **The Miami-Dade Drug Court Speaks Fluent Japanese!**

By Judge Deborah White-Labora

Actually, the Miami-Dade Drug Court will just *appear* to speak fluent Japanese on TV. For over a week a camera crew has been in Drug Court producing a show for NHK, Japan's leading public broadcast station. NHK has over 12 million viewers and the Drug Court session is scheduled to air in Japan in late August. The TV crew was welcomed by Judge Deborah White-Labora and her team and it was certainly a very interesting experience for everyone. NHK is planning to return to the Miami-Dade Drug Court in September to begin filming a one hour Drug Court documentary for NHK. Japan does not have a Drug Court and it is hoped that the TV segment will inspire local courts to consider starting a Drug Court in Japan.



NHK filmed court proceedings over the course of two days and also followed two participants, Ms. Stacie Peshkin and Mr. Enrique De La Gandara, on their journey of recover. The filming culminated with the July graduation ceremony and graduation of Mr. De La Gandara. Mr. De La Gandara is a gifted artist and an unexpected highlight of the graduation was his presentation of the painting "Road to Recovery" to Drug Court. The painting will be on permanent display in the Drug Court courtroom.



### **Trends in Emergency Department Visits Involving Nonmedical Use of Narcotic Pain Relievers**

**The Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) recently advised:**

**“The estimated number of emergency department (ED) visits involving nonmedical use of narcotic pain relievers rose from 144,644 in 2004 to 305,885 in 2008, an increase of 111 percent”**

**Graphs and details are available in the June 18<sup>th</sup> DAWN Report, available online at:**

**<http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k10/DAWN016/OpioidED.htm>**

## **FADCP SNIPPETS**

### **St. Johns County Starting Juvenile Drug Court Program**

Under the leadership of Circuit Judge Clyde Wolfe, St. Johns County anticipates starting a new Juvenile Drug Court Program in August. Funding is being provided by the Department of Children and Families via St. Johns County Health and Human Services.

### **Alcohol, Benzos, Opiates and Cocaine**

*The Medical Examiners Report of Drugs Identified by Deceased Persons -2009* has been released and can be accessed at: <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us> - just follow the "publications" link.

"The four most frequently occurring drugs found in decedents were Ethyl Alcohol (4,046), all Benzodiazepines (3,379 including 1,963 Alprazolam, occurrences), Oxycodone (1,948), and Cocaine (1,462)."

### **Have You Heard That Drug Court is a TV Show in Arkansas?**

The Washington-Madison County Drug Court with Judge Mary Ann Gunn in Arkansas is televised.

<http://www.jonestv.org/drugcourt>

### **Tackling America's Drug Addiction NPR Report from June 18, 2010**

Drug Courts are mentioned as a solution during a June NPR program. Michele Norris speaks with Joseph Califano, founder and chairman of the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, about the appetite for drugs in the U.S. and what's being done to curb it.

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=127937271>

### **About the FADCP Newsletter**

FADCP members and friends of drug courts everywhere are encouraged to contribute to this newsletter. Please send in your contributions. We anticipate the next publication to come out in November.

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<b>Which category best describes your involvement in Drug Court?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Judicial Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Defense <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator <input type="checkbox"/> Treatment <input type="checkbox"/> Probation <input type="checkbox"/> General Government <input type="checkbox"/> Educator <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecution <input type="checkbox"/> Planner <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluator <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Team <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<b>Type of Drug Court (check all that apply):</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Pretrial <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Post Adjudication <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Pretrial <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Dependency <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Post Adjudication <input type="checkbox"/> Other:

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