



NEWSLETTER

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Greetings FADCP Members:

It is with great pleasure that I serve as Chair of the Florida Association of Drug Court Professionals. I would like to recognize Marty Epstein for his efforts and accomplishments as Past Chair: 1) substantive legislation passed, The Robert J. Koch Drug Court Intervention Act, designed to help institutionalize and advance Florida's drug courts; 2) Florida received the National Drug Court Month Award from the NADCP in June; and 3) initial planning and contract negotiations to secure the conference site.

We will again support the drug court funding bill (SB 1806) that did not pass last legislative session. We appreciate all the support our members provided during the session and speaking to their local legislative delegation.

I wish to thank the FADCP Board for all their hard work this year in addressing our goals and objectives. The FADCP Board has been working hard planning and coordinating the upcoming **2007 Florida Drug Court Conference** scheduled for April 26-27 in Orlando at the Rosen Centre Hotel. We are delighted that the conference program agenda includes national speakers like Timothy Condon, Doug Marlowe, Paul L. Cary, Carolyn Hardin, and Gloria Cronin who will cover topics like drug testing, sanctions and incentives, funding, family courts, and the pharmacology of addiction as a disease of the brain. I would like to thank our team of Gail Holly, Conference Chair, Anna Dayle Milton and Anne Fitch from the OSCA, Judge Jeffrey Rosinek, Jim Santangelo, Mike Jewell, Dena Geraghty, and Eve Janocko for all their efforts to coordinate the logistics of planning the conference. We hope to see you in April! Conference information follows.

Currently, we have 293 FADCP members which is an increase of 10% from last year. We hope to increase our membership to encompass a larger portion of our drug court teams during 2007-2008. Our goal is to increase communication to our members and to receive input on how we can better serve your needs as a drug court professional.

One pressing item that our members need to participate in is identifying the new slate of directors and executive officers for the FADCP Board for 2007-2008. The slate will be voted on during the conference on April 26th during the luncheon. The tenure for our new officers/directors will begin in June during the NADCP annual conference in Washington, DC. Please review the information on the next page and provide your input.

I look forward to seeing many of you in April at our conference. The FADCP Board is dedicated to supporting our drug court programs in Florida.

2007-2008 Nominating Slate of FADCP Directors

The FADCP Board currently has 16 members who are completing their first year of service of a two year term. They include Judge Melanie May, Michael Jewell, Martin Epstein, Kenneth Allison, Linda Burd, Dena Geraghty, Jennifer Grandal, Eileen Hibbert, Jim Hornsby, Bill Janes, Vandilla McClendon, Secretary McDonough, Rudolph Morel, Toby Olson, Judge Jeffrey Rosinek, and Jennifer Silvey.

The following nominees wish to be **included** on the FADCP Directors slate which will be voted on April 26th during the luncheon at the 2007 Florida Drug Court Conference in Orlando. We need three additional nominees, one of which is a treatment professional.

If you would like to submit a self nomination or that of another who wishes to serve, please e-mail Eve Janocko at evejanocko@aol.com by **March 8, 2007**. Your e-mail should include the nominee's name, title, circuit, phone number, discipline within the drug court team, and brief bio/resume. **No floor nominations will be accepted.** The term of service for the newly elected FADCP Board of Directors will begin in June at the NADCP conference in Washington, DC.

Current FADCP Board Members Wishing to Be Included on the Slate:

Judge Ruth Becker-Painter, 3rd DCA, County Court Judge, 16th Circuit

Judge Jack Espinosa, Jr., 2nd DCA, Circuit Court Judge, 13th Circuit

Gary Hilko, 4th DCA, Coordinator, 17th Circuit

Judge Gisele Pollack, 4th DCA, County Court Judge, 17th Circuit

Judge Jose R. Rodriguez, 5th DCA, Circuit Court Judge, 9th Circuit

Jim Santangelo, 1st DCA, Coordinator, 8th Circuit

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2007 Legislative Session
By Judge Melanie May, Chair, FADCP

Yes, it's that time of year again -- time for legislation. This year our focus is on the drug court funding bill. Here's the latest on the legislation for the 2007 session.

[Senate Bill 1806](#) creates section 938.20, Florida Statutes.

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Allows counties to assess a mandatory court cost in the sum of \$6 against every person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, or is convicted of, regardless of adjudication, a violation of chapter 893, a municipal ordinance, a county ordinance, or any provision of chapter 316 involving the use of alcohol or other substance use or abuse which results in payment of a fine or civil penalty. Funds shall be used to fund the operation and administration of drug court programs.

Senator Bill Posey is sponsoring SB1806. The bill places control of the funds with the local drug court advisory council. Representative Kelly Skidmore is sponsoring the bill in the house. The house bill is still in bill drafting.

A dedicated funding stream for drug courts statewide is critical to the institutionalization of drug courts. We must not only implement new programs, but also increase capacity levels of existing drug courts.

We will keep you apprised of the progress of these bills throughout the session.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at maymg@flcourts.org or (561) 242-2028.

Melanie G. May

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2007 Florida Drug Court Training Conference “Florida Drug Courts – The Next Generation” The Sixth Florida Statewide Drug Court Conference April 26-27, 2007 at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando



Sponsored by the Florida Association of Drug Court Professionals, Office of State Courts Administrator, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Alachua Board of County Commissioners, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Florida Department of Children and Families, Florida Department of Corrections, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Broward Sheriff's Office, National Association of Drug Court Professionals, and the US Department of Justice.

GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The Florida Association of Drug Court Professionals, Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA), and the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit has teamed up to coordinate the **2007 Florida Drug Court Training Conference**. Training will focus on the areas that were identified by drug court team members from the October 2006 needs assessment. The OSCA will not be able to fund attendance for all teams to attend the conference as they have done in the past. As with the 2004 conference, identifying funding sources for registration and travel expenses are the responsibility of each traveler. Continuing education credits for CJE, CLE and CEUs will be available.

The training will be held April 26-27, 2007 at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando. On April 25, 2007, the OSCA will be conducting a training session for drug court coordinators. The “statewide” training sessions begin at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 26th and end at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27th.

The goal of this training conference is to provide meaningful educational programs, which directly enhance and support the duties and responsibilities of the core drug court team members, who are an integral part of the everyday operation of these programs. We anticipate over 250 professionals will attend. This conference promises to be challenging, informative and visionary.

Hotel Information

The **2007 Florida Drug Court Training Conference** will be held at the Rosen Centre Hotel located at 9840 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819. **Please call: 1-800-204-7234 to make your reservations.** You must reference the **2007 Florida Drug Court Training Conference** to receive the conference rate of \$109. Rooms must be guaranteed with a credit card to ensure confirmation. **RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY Friday, March 30, 2007** to guarantee the conference rate of \$109. After this date, rooms will be released and available at the conference rate based on availability. Sales tax-exempt forms that are used by governmental entities in Florida will be honored if presented upon check in and used with a government credit card or warrant for payment. The hotel offers the conference rate to participants for 3 days prior and 3 days following the conference for those wishing to extend their trip **at their own expense.**

Register for the conference and secure your lodging before 3/1/07! Capacity may be limited to 250.

Registration Information

Please make the conference registration fee payable to:

“FADCP”

Before the March 1, 2007 deadline, registration costs:
\$100 for FADCP members, \$125 for non-members

After the March 1, 2007 deadline (if space permits):
Registration costs \$150 for everyone.

Before the March 1, 2007 deadline, complete the registration form and mail with payment to:

Anna Dayle Milton
Office of the State Courts Administrator
Supreme Court Building
500 South Duval Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1900
Phone: 850-410-1890
Fax: 850-414-1505
E-mail: miltona@flcourts.org

A receipt confirming your registration will be sent to you. Conference materials will be available at the onsite registration desk, which will be open from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25th, and from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 26th. Please direct questions regarding this conference to **Gail Holly, Conference Chair** at 813-272-5948 or E-mail: hollygm@fljud13.org.



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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

We are excited about this year’s statewide conference. It promises to be challenging, informative and visionary. Feel free to contact us for any additional information you may need. The training will be held April 26-27, 2007 at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando. On April 25, 2007, the OSCA will be conducting a training session for drug court coordinators. The “statewide” training sessions begin at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 26th and end at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27th.

The Florida Association of Drug Court Professionals (FADCP) will again serve as the financial agent for conference registration. **The registration fee, in the form of a check/warrant or money order made payable to “FADCP”, must be returned with this registration form by March 1, 2007.** We are not able to accept credit card payments. A notification receipt will be sent to you confirming your registration. Continuing education credits for CJE, CLE and CEUs will be available. Registration forms will not be accepted without payment. Complete your name and title, as you would like for them to appear on your name badge and the participant list.

Register for the conference and secure your lodging before 3/1/07! Capacity may be limited to 250.

Check/Warrant/ Money Order (circle one): \$100 FADCP Member \$125 Non FADCP Member \$150 after 3/1/2007	
Name:	
Title:	
Address:	
City, County, State & Zip:	
Telephone:	
Fax:	
Email:	
Type of drug court program (circle all that apply): Adult Juvenile Dependency Re-Entry Other:	
To help us comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, please list any special needs you may have:	

Cancellation Policy: The registration fee may not be refunded after March 15, 2007. Phone cancellations are not accepted. Any cancellations received on or before March 15, 2007 will receive a refund. All cancellations must be received in writing at the address listed below.

Registration forms, questions and/or cancellations should be directed to the following person:	Anna Dayle Milton Office of the State Courts Administrator Supreme Court Building 500 South Duval Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1900 Phone: 850-410-1890 Fax: 850-414-1505 E-mail: miltona@fcourts.org
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Questions regarding the conference should be directed to:
 Gail Holly, Drug Court Programs Office, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit
 Phone: 813-272-5948 Fax: 813-276-2987 E-mail: hollygm@fjud13.org

The Many Faces of Success “Drug Court Graduates”

The following snippets were provided by coordinators and case managers describing the success clients have enjoyed in drug court which has positively impacted not only their lives but also their family.

F.W. graduated in 1999 from the Adult Drug Court Program in Volusia County. He came in because of some questions about his license and an old DUI charge came back up from 1990. He informed me that he is doing great and recently got engaged and will be married in a few months. He has been working at Waste Management for 7 years and just received an outstanding evaluation at work. He says he will remain in contact and wishes to speak to our present Drug Court participants. He has agreed to be a part of our 10 year anniversary celebration that is coming up this year.

Leila Ozzor-Supervision Officer. "7th Circuit Court"

When we first met "**T**" in late December 2005, she stated that it was her 4th consecutive year in Detox. Every year she would check herself in around December 20th and get out on or before the 24th so that she could spend Christmas sober with her 11 year old son. She told us of anxiety and depression that had been going untreated, the suicide of her husband that she witnessed and the general feeling of hopelessness that surrounded her. She stated that she was ready for a different life. She jumped right into treatment and embraced everything that she was being taught. "**T**" graduated from Family Drug Court in January 2007 with her son and her father by her side. Her mental health needs are in control as she is a part of the pharmaceutical company's patient assistance program. She is employed. She has 14 months sober and recently quit smoking as well. "**T**" is truly an inspiration to our team.

Emily O'Brien Family Drug Court Case Manager-"20th Judicial Circuit"

A.M. was a forty three year old, African American female that came into our system with 5 cocaine exposed children. She was facing a termination of parental rights and Drug Court was offered to her as a last chance. She was married, with 8 children, and a husband who was also a user. She was asked to enter residential treatment and subsequent aftercare programs, complete parenting classes, participate in individual counseling and trauma resolution and other services. Her children and her husband were also offered services. While in our program, she faced many challenges, one of which was the death of her mother and serious illness of her husband. In turn, these challenges lead to a relapse. Ms. A.M. was able to pick up the pieces quickly and get back on track with the requirements set forth by the court. Soon after, client was reunited with 7 of her 8 children. The last child remained with her godparents. Both A.M. and her husband agreed that this was a better placement for their child as she had lived with them throughout this whole process. They still maintain a very close relationship with their daughter as well as the caretakers. For the first time in these client's lives, they were able to obtain credit and buy themselves a mini van. Their children achieved perfect attendance at school and some made it to the Honor Roll. In addition, this mother obtained employment, with the same treatment center that she had been through, as a urinalysis coordinator. She frequently speaks to our current clients and offers to speak at our graduations. We are extremely proud of Ms. A.M.

Eliette Duarte, LMHC-DDC Program Coordinator."11th Circuit Court"

K.S. entered the Lee County Juvenile Drug Court Program two years ago. KS was 16 living with her biological father and his wife. They had been smoking crack cocaine on a daily basis for approximately a year when she was arrested. She reported they were spending a thousand dollars per week on drugs. She agreed to enter the drug court program. She began the program by entering a local in patient program for teens. KS remained there for three months and then began outpatient treatment. KS was cooperative, pleasant, and motivated to change her life. She attended NA and AA meetings whenever she had the opportunity. She was able to pass her GED. KS also got a job as a secretary at a local law office. KS was very open in group and individual sessions about her substance abuse history. She graduated the program without a relapse. KS relocated to another area following graduation thinking it would be positive change for her. Recently she returned to Lee County to visit. She looks healthy and happy and remains free from substance use. She will complete her Associates Degree in the Administration of Justice at the end of this semester. Her goal is to return to Lee County and work with adolescents with substance abuse issues.

Jodi M. Dickerson, Med Juvenile Drug Court Clinician "Lee County 20th Judicial Circuit"

K.M. started the Dade County Drug Court in 2005. K.M. did not have any intentions to stop using drugs. After so many chances in drug court, she decided she was tired of using drugs. K.M. stated that she was just "sick and tired" of being "sick and tired". Both of her parents were deceased and she did not have contact with any other family members. No one wanted to see her because they knew she was walking the streets and using drugs. After coming to court and going in and out of jail, she was assigned a case manager. On February 23, 2006, she stated she wanted drug court and not to use any more drugs. K.M. was released from custody and has continued to grow, physically and mentally. She has started working. K.M. is married and has a beautiful baby boy. K.M.'s husband and infant son attend N.A. and A.A. meetings on a daily basis. K.M. now has contact with her family. K.M. and her husband have rented their first apartment. K.M. still calls from time to time to assure drug court that she's still clean. She and her husband are planning to buy their first home. Considering all the issues in her life that she continues to face, she is doing extremely well. K.M. graduated from drug court in January of 2007 and has the support of her husband and family. K.M. was cooperative, pleasant, and motivated to change her life and that's what she did.

Vandilla McClendon Drug Court Case Manager "11th Circuit Court"

Drug Court Training Opportunities

National Association of Drug Court Professionals

NADCP 2007 Annual Conference

Registration Deadline: May 18, 2007

NADCP's 13th Annual Drug Court Training Conference

Location: Wardman Park Marriott Hotel
Washington, DC

Dates: June 13, 2007 Pre-Conference Workshops
June 14-16, 2007 Annual Training Conference

NADCP's Annual Drug Court Training Conference is the largest conference in the nation focusing on substance abuse and criminality. Its principal objectives are to receive training from peers and experts alike on the current practices and trends in the treatment of addiction, to connect with policy makers on the direction of funding and relevant legislation, to network with fellow practitioners and to interface with providers of products and services developed to meet the needs of the field.

Payments must be received by Friday, May 18, 2007, to register in advance (Pre-Registration). Registration received after May 18, 2007 will be at the higher on-site rate (an additional \$25.00).

<http://www.nadcp.org/2007ConfFlyerAndRegForm.pdf>

2007 Florida Drug Control Summit

Date to be determined.



Florida's Drug Court Coordinator Meeting

On April 25th, prior to the start of the statewide conference, the Office of the State Courts Administrator will hold an informational meeting for drug court coordinators. The meeting will be held from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando. For more information, contact Aaron Gerson with the OSCA at 850-488-4920 or gersona@flcourts.org.

Florida's Statewide Drug Graduation

In celebration of "National Drug Court Month", the Statewide Drug Court Graduation will be held on Tuesday, May 29th hosted in Clearwater by the Sixth Circuit. Justice Peggy A. Quince will participate and Governor Crist has been invited to attend the event.

"National Drug Court Month Celebration"

In addition to the Statewide Drug Court Graduation on May 29th, the Governor and drug courts statewide will sign proclamations declaring the month of May as drug court month in the state of Florida.

2007-2008 FADCP Membership Drive

The 2007-2008 FADCP Membership Drive will begin in August. It is through volunteers that we are able to accomplish initiatives that support Florida's drug court programs. If you wish to join or get involved with FADCP initiatives, please submit your membership application. For questions, please E-mail Eve Janocko, FADCP Executive Administrator at evejanocko@aol.com.

Future FADCP Newsletters

Do you have an article you would like to write for the next newsletter or topics you wish covered? If so, please E-mail Eve Janocko, FADCP Executive Administrator at evejanocko@aol.com or contact her at 904-280-4143.