

East Troy Juvenile Municipal Court Program

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Presentation Overview

- What we do- an overview of the East Troy Juvenile Municipal Court Program
- How it's going- successes and challenges
- How you can implement this program in your court



A Typical Day in Court

- Social workers let the Judge know of any relevant information pertaining to the juveniles on the docket
- The Judge meets with the juvenile and their parents/guardians to determine how the case will proceed (guilty, not guilty, no contest)
- If the juvenile pleads not guilty, the case is referred to the city prosecutor and the social worker provides a resource list to the family
- If the juvenile pleads guilty or no contest, the Judge gathers additional information about the citation and general information about the juvenile
- The Judge generally does a hold open with certain conditions
- The juvenile and parents/guardians meet with the social worker in another room to discuss services and complete the SBIRT



Human Services' Role

- Provide suggestions in court related to disposition
- Provide resource list and brief overview of services
- Meet with the family to provide resources, assist in service connection, and screening the juvenile
- Conduct SBIRT with the juvenile



What is SBIRT?

- Screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment
- Our program uses the GAIN-SS, AUDIT, and DSAT for screening tools
- We are looking to gather functioning information related to mental health concerns, AODA use, risky behavior, and other concerns that may be impacting the juvenile's functioning
- Make recommendations and assist in future planning with the family



Global Appraisal of Individual Needs Short Screener (GAIN-SS)

IDScr	1. <u>When was the last time</u> that you had <u>significant</u> problems ...				
a.	with feeling very trapped, lonely, sad, blue, depressed, or hopeless about the future?.....	3	2	1	0
b.	with sleep trouble, such as bad dreams, sleeping restlessly, or falling asleep?	3	2	1	0
c.	with feeling very anxious, nervous, tense, scared, panicked, or like something bad was going to happen?.....	3	2	1	0
d.	with becoming very distressed and upset when something reminds you of the past?.....	3	2	1	0
e.	with thinking about ending your life or committing suicide?.....	3	2	1	0

EDScr	2. <u>When was the last time</u> that you did the following things <u>two or more times</u> ?				
a.	Lied or conned to get things you wanted or to avoid having to do something?.....	3	2	1	0
b.	Had a hard time paying attention at school, work, or home?.....	3	2	1	0
c.	Had a hard time listening to instructions at school, work, or home?.....	3	2	1	0
d.	Were a bully or threatened other people?.....	3	2	1	0
e.	Started physical fights with other people?.....	3	2	1	0

GAIN-SS Continued

SDScr 3. When was the last time that...

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| a. | you used alcohol or other drugs weekly or more often?..... | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| b. | you spent a lot of time either getting alcohol or other drugs, using alcohol or other drugs, or feeling the effects of alcohol or other drugs?..... | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| c. | you kept using alcohol or other drugs even though it was causing social problems, leading to fights, or getting you into trouble with other people?..... | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| d. | your use of alcohol or other drugs caused you to give up, reduce or have problems at important activities at work, school, home, or social events? | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| e. | you had withdrawal problems from alcohol or other drugs like shaky hands, throwing up, having trouble sitting still or sleeping, or that you used any alcohol or other drugs to stop being sick or avoid withdrawal problems?..... | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |

CVScr 4. When was the last time that you....

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| a. | had a disagreement in which you pushed, grabbed, or shoved someone? | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| b. | took something from a store without paying for it?..... | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| c. | sold, distributed, or helped to make illegal drugs?..... | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| d. | drove a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs?..... | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| e. | purposely damaged or destroyed property that did not belong to you?..... | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |

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| 5. Do you have other <u>significant</u> psychological, behavioral, or personal problems that you want treatment for or help with? (If yes, please describe below) | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
| | 1 | 0 |

Successes



- The ability to connect juveniles and families to services on the spot that have been challenging to connect with
- Families and juveniles are more open about concerns and have a point person to help connect them to services
- Juveniles and families have a more positive view of the court system
- Early intervention leads to more positive outcomes and less future involvement in youth justice systems

Challenges



- Voluntary
- Parents/guardians who are closed off to help for them or their children
- Lack of resources (staff, prevention services, programming)

What Does the Data Say?

- Since November 2022, of the 28 juveniles that appeared in court and were eligible to meet with HHS, 22 of those juveniles were screened and received follow up as necessary.
- Of those 28 juveniles, over 55% were either in therapy, or connected to therapy services after court



Implementation



- Collaboration with your local health and human services department
- A health and human services worker to attend court sessions and provide limited case management (preferably a worker from either children services or behavioral health services)
- Access to a private meeting room near your courtroom
- Openness to taking a less punitive approach and collaboration with your local health and human services department
- A trauma informed approach is a must!

Questions?



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