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Best Practice Standard X - Monitoring and Evaluation

Objective:

The Drug Court routinely monitors its adherence to best practice standards and employs scientifically valid and reliable procedures to evaluate its effectiveness.

N	Non-Compliant
P	Partially Compliant
C	Compliant

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NOTES

A Adherence to Best Practices			
The Drug Court monitors its adherence to best practice standards on at least an annual basis			
The Drug Court team develops a remedial action plan and timetable to rectify deficiencies			
The Drug Court team examines the success of the remedial actions			
Outcome evaluations describe the effectiveness of the Drug Court in the context of its adherence to best practice			
B In-Program Outcomes			
The Drug Court continually monitors participant outcomes regarding attendance at scheduled appointments			
The Drug Court continually monitors participant outcomes regarding drug and alcohol test results			
The Drug Court continually monitors participant outcomes regarding graduation rates			
The Drug Court continually monitors participant outcomes regarding lengths of stay			

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The Drug Court continually monitors participant outcomes regarding in-program technical violations				
The Drug Court continually monitors participant outcomes regarding new arrests				
C Criminal Recidivism				
The Drug Court monitors new arrests for at least three years following participant entry into the program				
The Drug Court monitors new convictions for at least three years following participant entry into the program				
The Drug Court monitors new incarcerations for at least three years following participant entry into the program				
D Independent Evaluations				
A skilled and independent evaluator examines the Drug Court's adherence to best practices and participant outcomes at least every five years				
The Drug Court team develops a remedial action plan and timetable to rectify deficiencies				
The Drug Court team examines the success of the remedial actions				
E Historically Disadvantaged Groups				
The Drug Court continually monitors admission rates for members of historically disadvantaged groups				
The Drug Court continually monitors services delivered to members of historically disadvantaged groups				
The Drug Court continually monitors outcomes achieved for members of historically disadvantaged groups				
The Drug Court team develops a remedial action plan and timetable to rectify deficiencies				
The Drug Court team examines the success of the remedial actions				

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F Electronic Database			
Information relating to the services provided and participants' in-program performance is entered into an electronic database			
G Timely and Reliable Data Entry			
Information concerning the provision of services and in-program outcomes is recorded within forty-eight hours of the respective events			
H Intent-To-Treat Analyses			
Outcomes are examined for all eligible participants who entered the Drug Court regardless of whether they graduated, withdrew, or were terminated from the program			
I Comparison Groups			
Outcomes for Drug Court participants are compared to those of an unbiased and equivalent comparison group			
J Time at Risk			
Participants in the Drug Court and comparison groups have an equivalent opportunity to engage in substance use, criminal recidivism, and other behaviors of interest to the evaluation			

100%	• Compliant
99%-80%	• Partially Compliant
79%-0%	• Non-Compliant

Total Compliance:

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