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Engaging Prosecutor and Defense Attorneys in JDTC Staffing

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Objectives

After this presentation, we want participants to be able to:

1. Identify current in-practice challenges related to information sharing in pre-court staffing;
2. Provide examples of data that can be useful during pre-court staffing; and
3. Highlight key reasons why developing a codified structure to pre-court staffing allows teams to be more effective;

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First...Tell Us What You Like About Pre-Court Staffing.

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Now, For The Flip Slide...What Don't You Like About Pre-Court Staffing?

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The Research Around Communication and Collaboration is Clear

Guideline 3.4

The JDTC team should meet weekly to review progress for participants and consider incentives and sanctions, based on reports of each participant's progress across all aspects of the treatment plan.

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What This Means in Practice is that JDTCs Need a Plan

The team has codified processes that:

- state how information will be shared between court staffing; and
- ensures responses are both consistent and immediate.

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There are Several Major Pitfalls Observed in Pre-Court Staffing Which Involve the **Lack of:**

1. Facilitation during pre-court staffing
2. Focus or direction on *what* the team should discuss
3. Data to understand overall progress by youth

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Question:

As a team, have you discussed how pre-court staffing will be ran?

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It's Really Important, as a Team, to Decide on the Following:

- Facilitator
- Case-Flow
- Information Sharing
- Topics of Discussion
- What's Off Limits

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This Brings us to the Final Question – What Should we Discuss?

Topics of Discussion

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Let's Practice

- Read through the example narrative reports
- With your neighbor, consider the questions at the bottom of the handout

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Sample Youth Progress Reports

	This week	Last 8 weeks	
Amanda			
Attend school daily	100%	90%	
Participate in txt once per week	100%	100%	
Pass drug tests	100%	75%	
Billy			
Attend school daily	100%	80%	
Participate in txt once per week	0%	50%	
Pass drug tests	100%	90%	
Connor			
Attend school daily	100%	100%	
Participate in txt once per week	100%	100%	
Pass drug tests	0%	95%	

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Is this what you would expect?

Drug Tests	This week	Last 8 weeks	
Amanda	100%	75%	
Billy	100%	90%	
Connor	0%	95%	
Average	67%	83%	

- What reasons can you think of for why there is an average of 83%?
- What program changes could impact the average?

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Where to Start

1. As a team, discuss and codify a process for staffing meetings
2. Revise or develop a staffing report that allows the team to understand the larger, overall progress of youth
3. Determine how staffing report data can assist the team with programmatic improvements

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