

Data Needed for Drug Court Participant Monitoring and for Process, Outcome, Impact (and Cost) Evaluation

Program Process and Outcome Data

Note: This is a basic list. The program may have special goals or services that lead to additional process and/or outcome data of interest.

- Identifiers including name and any other IDs available – e.g., state criminal justice ID's, court case numbers. (This is necessary in order to link data from different data sources.)
- Demographics
 - Birth Date
 - Gender
 - Race/Ethnicity
 - Employment status at drug court entry and exit
 - Highest Grade Completed at time of drug court entry and exit
 - Marital Status
 - Number and ages of children
 - Housing status at entry and exit
 - Income at entry and exit
- Drug Court entry and exit dates
- Date of arrest and court case number for case leading to drug court participation
- Date of referral to drug court program
- Drug Court status on exit (e.g., graduated, terminated, dropped out)
- If terminated, reason for termination
- Dates of entry into each phase
- Criminal justice status on exit (e.g., on probation, charge expunged, etc.)
- Dates of UAs
- Dates of positive UAs
- Dates of other drug tests and dates of positive tests
- Dates of drug court sessions/hearings
- Drugs of Choice (Primary and secondary)
- Attitude toward treatment/readiness to change at entry
- Dates of services received with types of service received (e.g., group A&D sessions, individual A&D sessions, mental health, anger management, etc). (Note: If dates are not available then we would at least need the different types of services received and approximate time periods or the number of times the individual received a particular service).
- General treatment issues (e.g., mental health diagnoses, A&D diagnoses)
- Rewards and Sanctions (Dates, types and duration)
- Non-compliant behavior (type of behavior, dates)
- Aftercare services (Dates and types)
- (For Juvenile) School attendance status at entry and exit

For Family Treatment Child Welfare (In addition to above)

- # of prior terminations of parental rights at case start
- Date of petition (of initial removal from parents' custody)
- Allegation types (e.g., neglect, abuse, threat of harm)
- # of children on case
- Dates of birth for each child on case
- Dates and types of child welfare review hearings
- Start and end dates of child living situation (e.g., living with parent, kin, non-kin foster care, shelter care)
- Permanency decision
- Date of permanency order
- Date of child welfare case closure

Impact Data

Note 1: This is the basic data needed (ideally) for evaluation of the impacts related to a drug court program. Each program may have some specific outcomes or impacts of special interest to it that you may want to add to this list. (This list does not include all *outcome* related data. Outcome data is included in the list of program related data.)

Note 2: Most programs would not collect this data. This data would be found in various agency databases (or paper files) including criminal justice databases and treatment databases (county or statewide).

- Subsequent treatment episodes – start and end dates and type of treatment
- Dates of re-arrest/referral after entering the drug court program*
- Probation start and end dates
- Jail/Detention entry and exit dates
- Prison start and end dates
- Social and health services information
- (For juveniles) School related data such as completion status
- (For Family Treatment) Confirmed hot line call with new allegation
- (For Family Treatment) New petition for removal
- (For Family Treatment) New child welfare case (voluntary or not voluntary)