2016 LaHEC Professional Development Summit Workshop

Partnering to Reduce Substance Use in Louisiana’s Collegiate Communities

Thursday, June 9, 2016 - Friday June 10, 2016
The Lod Cook Conference Center and Cook Hotel,
3848 West Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA
Baton Rouge City Sobriety Court
OVERVIEW
Fatalities in Crashes Involving an Alcohol-Impaired Driver (BAC = .08+)

Fatalities

- 0
- 1-5
- 6-15
- 16-25
- 26-35
- 36-45
- 46-55
- 56+
### Fatality Rates: Louisiana, U.S. and Best State

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*State(s) with Lowest Rates: Lowest VMT and Population Rates Could Be in Different States*
combine intense judicial supervision with comprehensive substance abuse assessment and treatment

hold offenders accountable for their actions while providing the help that they need to break the pattern of addiction

employ a non-adversarial, team approach

require a minimum twelve months of (coerced) treatment
EARLY RESEARCH

- decreased recidivism rate
  Bernalillo County, NM (15.5%/28.5%)
  Kootenai County, ID  (4%/25%)
  Lansing, MI  (13%/33%)

- increased collection rate of fines, fees, and court costs
  Lansing, MI  (90%/60%)
MICHIGAN STUDY

- Reduced recidivism (19 times less likely to re-offend)
- Reduced levels of substance abuse
- Increased completion rates (54% - 84%)
- Costs less than traditional courts
ENDORSEMENTS

- Governors’ Highway Safety Association
- International Association of Chiefs of Police
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving
- National Alcohol Beverage Control Association
- National District Attorneys Association
- National Sheriff’s Association
LOUISIANA’S DWI COURTS

- Baton Rouge City Court
- Terrebonne Parish
- Iberia Parish
- St. Mary Parish
- 4th Judicial District
- 22nd Judicial District
- 14th Judicial District Court
- 25th Judicial District Court
NECESSARY ELEMENTS

- Post conviction model
- Minimum 12 month program
- DWI Court team: judge, prosecutor, defense attorney, coordinator, probation officer, law enforcement officer, treatment provider, evaluator
- Steering Committee of community partners
NECESSARY ELEMENTS

- Ten Guiding Principles (www.dwicourts.org)
- Evaluation
- Sustainability
The mission of the Baton Rouge City Sobriety Court is to increase public safety by reducing the number of repeat impaired driving offenders. The Court will create an environment that fosters accountability with long-term positive and productive behavior in participants. This will be accomplished by educating not only the offender but the Community about the effects of impaired driving and addiction.
Sobriety Court Team Positions

- Judge
- Sobriety Court Coordinator
- Compliance Manager
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Program Evaluator
- Prosecutor
- Public Defender
- Law Enforcement Representative
Sobriety Court Ancillary Support

- Clerk of City Court / Project Director
- Deputy Judicial Administrator
- Probation
Target Population

- Offenders charged with Driving While Intoxicated (DWI);
- 18 years of age or older;
- BAC of .15 or higher;
- Offenders with 1 or more DWI Arrests in last 5 years;
- Offenders with 2 or more lifetime DWI Arrests;
- Offenders that work, attend school or reside in East Baton Rouge Parish;
- Offenders that do not have a history of severe mental illness;
- Offenders that acknowledge that he/she will comply with all required court appearances, probation terms, random alcohol and drug testing, treatment requirements, individual and group support and counseling sessions.
Eligibility Criteria

- 17 years of age or older
- Offender charged with Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) and has 1 or more prior DWI arrest(s).
- No evidence of drug dealing
- No prior felony convictions defined as crimes of violence [L.R.S. 14:2(13)] within prior 10 years.
- Current arrest cannot be crime of violence, including domestic violence.
- Other criminal proceedings alleging commission of a crime of violence cannot be pending against the offender.
- Charge cannot be DWI that resulted in the death of a person.
- Must live, work or attend school within 75 miles / 1.5 hours of Baton Rouge City Court, unless approved by Sobriety Court Team.
- Offender is alcohol dependent and desires to change behavior his / her by having a willingness to complete a treatment program and participate in recovery.
- Defendant affirms he/she will be able to attend all required court appearances, treatment sessions and support meetings.
Benefits to Entry

- Reduction of charge from 1st to 2nd Offense. *(Resulting in fewer community service hours)*
- Traffic charges dismissed in most cases
- Fine payment deferred as long as in compliance, may waved upon successful completion
- Substance abuse evaluation partially grant funded
- Limited group & individual treatment partially grant funded
- Upon successful conclusion of program the individual is eligible for an 894 on a first offense and/or second 894 where applicable
ENTRY PROCESS

- DWI Arrest
- Sobriety Court Bond Evaluation & Contact
- Client Contact & Eligibility Assessment
- Substance Abuse Assessment

PLEA / ENTRY INTO SOBRIETY COURT
Phases

Phase 1
- Orientation
- 30 – 45 Days

Phase 2
- Early Recovery
- 90 Days

Phase 3
- Maintenance & Relapse Prevention
- 115 Days

Phase 4
- Continuance of Care & Commencement
- 115 Days
Treatment Protocol

- **Stabilization Phase**: detoxification, initial treatment assessment, education and screening for other needs as well as AA / NA participation with random drug screening (approximately 1 – 2 months).

- **Treatment Phase**: individual and group counseling and other care and adjunctive therapies (approximately 4 – 6 months).

- **Transition Phase**: social reintegration, employment and education, housing services, job training, other social programs and continued group counseling (approximately 3 – 6 months).

- **Continued care**: continued group / AA / NA meeting attendance and random testing; probation will be terminated upon meeting all requirements (approximately 3 months).
In Program Incentives

- Gift certificates
- Recovery Celebrations
- Bus passes
- Clothing
- Dental assistance
- Fees waived
- Movie Passes
- Praise
In Program Sanctions

- Verbal warning
- Community service work
- Jury box court observation
- Increased drug tests
- Curfew
- Increased court appearances
- Ignition Interlocking System
- Electronic monitoring
- Jail
General Statistics

- To date
  - 283 Clients entered the program
  - 172 graduated
  - 40 participants received alternative sentences, intervention placement or revocations
  - 6 re-arrested for alcohol related charges
  - 85% graduation rate
  - 59% white; 40% black; 1% other
  - 81% males; 19% females
Current Statistics

- 71 participants
- 7 to graduate on June 20th; 2 with no sanctions; & no warnings
- Average of 4 new clients per month
OFFICE HOURS
0800-1600 (M – W)

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