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## Frequently Asked Questions:

### Incentives, Sanctions, and Therapeutic Adjustments Training

#### **What is Incentives, Sanctions, and Therapeutic Adjustments (ISTA) training?**

The National Drug Court Institute (NDCI), in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, developed the Incentives, Sanctions, and Therapeutic Adjustments Training program for jurisdictions interested in addressing Standard IV of NADCP's Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards. The overall purpose of this training is to help treatment court teams coordinate an effective, research-based strategy and have an integrated response to participant behaviors and compliance using incentives, sanctions, and therapeutic adjustments.

#### **What are the benefits of attending the ISTA training?**

Bring your team and expand your knowledge by learning how to serve your system's justice-involved diverse populations and needs. Learn about the science of behavior change and how to translate the scientific research into treatment court practice to effectively improve your program outcomes.

#### **How does my team apply for the training?**

[Click here](#) to apply for the training via the NDCI website.

#### **How will applications be selected?**

Applicants must be operational treatment courts. Each selected team must:

- Provide pretraining materials such as an up-to-date participant handbook and policies and procedures manual
- Meet scheduled deadlines to provide requested materials
- Complete the online evaluation tool
- Identify a contact person to serve as the liaison between NDCI and their team
- Agree to have all core team members (judge, prosecutor, defense attorney, court coordinator, treatment provider, community supervision/probation, and law enforcement officer [strongly recommended]) present during the entirety of the two-day training
- Agree to a post training coaching session delivered within 90 days to observe staff meetings and status hearings, and to provide feedback on progress with implementation plans developed during the training

If your team cannot agree to these conditions, we will be unable to provide the training.

#### **How will jurisdictions be notified?**

You will receive an automated notification that your application has been received by NDCI upon completion of the Cvent application. NDCI will send you an email notification of



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acceptance. Once your team is accepted for the training, NDCI uses the Cvent online registration platform. A Cvent link and registration information for the session will be sent to the point of contact for each team member to register.

### **When are these trainings scheduled?**

The dates for the training are on the [NDCI website](#) and include dates across different time zones. Please note the time zone when selecting the dates to ensure they correspond with where you are located.

### **Who from each team is required to participate in the ISTA training?**

To participate in the training, each jurisdiction must identify a minimum of seven individuals representing the following disciplines to form a treatment court planning team:

- Judge
- Prosecutor
- Defense counsel
- Court coordinator
- Treatment provider
- Community supervision/probation
- Law enforcement (strongly recommended)

### **My jurisdiction has been accepted to receive ISTA training. Now what?**

Upon acceptance into the training program, each participating team member must commit to the following:

- Meet scheduled deadlines to provide requested materials
- Identify a contact person to serve as the liaison between NDCI and their team
- Submit the team commitment form

### **Where will the training take place?**

All 2022 ISTA trainings will be conducted virtually using Zoom. In-person trainings are not currently being scheduled. As protocols change, we will update training opportunities.

### **When will the training agenda be available?**

A link to the draft agenda is available on the [NDCI website](#).

### **How long is the training?**

The training lasts two full days, starting at 8:30 a.m. and concluding by 5:00 p.m. local time each day.

### **How much does this training cost?**

There are no direct costs associated with the training.



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