



COORDINATOR & CASE MANAGER CONFERENCE

November 5 - 6, 2025 | VanDyk Mortgage Convention Center

Coordinators & Case Managers Conference – Session Descriptions & Objectives

Wednesday, November 5

7:45 - 8:30am	Registration & Check-In	Room B
8:30 - 8:45pm	Welcome	Room C
8:45 - 10:00am	SESSION I (1.25) Treatment Court Updates – Advocacy, Resources, Opioid Updates, Standards, What’s On Your Mind? Katherine Hude <i>Attorney & Executive Director</i> MATCP Description: This session provides a comprehensive update on key developments impacting Michigan treatment courts, including advocacy efforts, emerging resources, opioid-related trends, and evolving standards. We will also include an interactive and open forum to share challenges, successes, and ideas, ensuring the voices of coordinators and case managers help shape the future of treatment courts in the state. <i>Session Objectives:</i> 1. Explore Current Advocacy Initiatives and Available Resources. Discuss strategies to enhance program effectiveness and participant support. 2. Review State and Local Opioid Settlement Initiatives and Funding. Updates on state and local initiatives and tips to maximize access to funding. 3. Updates to Treatment Court Standards and Best Practices. Engage in peer-to-peer dialogue to address real-time challenges and opportunities.	Room C
10:00 - 10:30am	Vendor Networking	Room B

10:30 - 12:00pm

SESSION II (1.5)

Choose 1 Breakout (see description at Session III):

- **Navigating the Path to Recovery:** Room A-2
Building Stronger Connections Between Courts, Care, & Community
Christina Nicholas Sheila Day
Access Director, Criminal Justice Systems Substance Abuse Professional
Indivior Sheila Day Counseling
- **The Treatment Court Ignition Interlock Process** Room A-1
Josh Nucian
Defense Attorney; President of Sales & Marketing
Nationwide Interlock and Electronic Monitoring
- **Strong Teams, Successful Programs** Room A-3
Honorable Patrick Bowler (retired)

12:00 - 12:45pm

Vendor Networking & Buffet Lunch

Room B

12:45 - 2:15pm

SESSION III (1.5)

Choose 1 Breakout

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navigating the Path to Recovery:
Building Stronger Connections Between Courts, Care, & Community
Christina Nicholas & Sheila Day | Room A-2 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incentives, Sanctions, and Service Adjustments
Honorable Tina Brooks Green (retired) | Room A-1 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong Teams, Successful Programs
Honorable Patrick Bowler (retired) | Room A-3 |

Breakout Description: Navigating the Path to Recovery:

Building Stronger Connections Between Courts, Care, & Community

This session explores how treatment courts can strengthen their impact by forging deeper connections with Michigan's public health system, clinical care networks, and community-based supports. By empowering attendees to champion integrated, person-centered recovery pathways, they will gain practical tools to assess participant needs through the lens of social determinants of health, understand levels of care, and advocate effectively across systems.

Session Objectives:

1. **Break Down Michigan's Public Health System.** Discuss the public health system's role in supporting treatment court participants through coordinated care and recovery services.
2. **Tools for Identification of Participant Needs.** Use social determinants of health, clinical expertise, and level-of-care frameworks to guide referrals and service navigation.
3. **Strengthen Advocacy and Relationship-Building Strategies.** Learn how to foster systemic change through collaboration across courts, care providers, and community partners.

Breakout Description: The Treatment Court Ignition Interlock Process

This session equips team members with the knowledge and tools to guide participants through the ignition interlock process and toward successful driver's license restoration. From initial eligibility and education to managing violations and navigating post-graduation requirements, attendees will gain a practical understanding of how to support participants efficiently and effectively throughout their recovery and reentry journey.

Session Objectives:

1. **Clarify the Ignition Interlock Process.** From eligibility and installation to maintenance and participant education during a treatment court program.
2. **Identify Common Ignition Interlock Violations.** Develop an understanding of violation consequences both during treatment court participation and post-graduation.
3. **Guidance for Post-Graduation Driver's License Restoration.** Learn how to prepare participants and responds to violations that may impact their progress.

Breakout Description: Strong Teams, Successful Programs

This session will explore the essential roles and responsibilities of multidisciplinary treatment court team members and how effective collaboration drives participant success. Learn strategies for building cohesive teams, strengthening communication, and implementing program monitoring and evaluation tools to support continuous improvement.

Session Objectives:

1. **Define the Roles and Responsibilities of Multidisciplinary Treatment Court Team Members.** Techniques to foster clarity, accountability, and shared purpose.
2. **The Leadership Role of the Coordinator.** How to guide team dynamics, facilitate communication, and create space for questions and reflection on team effectiveness.
3. **Refine Program Monitoring and Evaluation Tools.** Learn to promote continuous improvement and measure the effectiveness of team-based practices.

Breakout Description: Incentives, Sanctions, & Service Adjustments

Coordinators and Case Managers play a crucial role in shaping participant outcomes through ethical decision-making and behaviorally informed responses. This session offers a Michigan-specific lens on applying incentives, sanctions, and therapeutic adjustments to services in ways that align with best practices and uphold program integrity. Through interactive discussion, attendees will explore how to balance accountability with compassion, tailor responses to individual needs, and assist in guiding teams to deliver justice that heals.

Session Objectives:

1. **Apply Ethical Principles to Behavioral Responses.** Examine how ethical frameworks guide the use of incentives, sanctions, and service adjustments in treatment court settings.
2. **Integrate Best Practices in Michigan Courtrooms.** Explore evidence-based strategies for tailoring responses to participant behavior while maintaining consistency and fairness.
3. **Guide Therapeutic Justice with Impact.** Learn practical approaches for assisting in guiding multidisciplinary teams to deliver individualized, therapeutic adjustments that support recovery and reduce recidivism.

2:15 - 2:30pm

Break

2:30 - 4:00pm

SESSION IV (1.5)

Room C

Adapting the New All Rise Best Practice Standards for Michigan's Treatment Courts

Description: The July 2025 edition of the All Rise Best Practice Standards introduces nine revised pillars that reflect the latest research and field insights. This session allows attendees to explore how these standards, ranging from target population and judicial roles to recovery management and program evaluation, can be effectively implemented at the local level. Through a listening session and interactive brainstorming, attendees will identify practical strategies, share challenges, and collaborate on solutions to bring these standards from research to reality.

Session Objectives:

1. **Review the 9 Updated All Rise Best Practice Standards** and examine their relevance to Michigan's treatment court operations and participant outcomes.
2. **Identify Implementation Opportunities and Challenges** specific to Michigan's treatment court landscape through collaborative discussion and peer exchange.
3. **Generate Actionable Ideas and Strategies for Aligning Local Practices with National Standards**, emphasizing continuous improvement and cross-team coordination.

Thursday, November 6

7:45 - 8:30am

Breakfast

Room B

8:30 - 9:15am

Breaking Barriers, Building Hope:

Room C

The Coordinators' & Case Managers' Role in Ending Stigma

Judge Linda Davis (retired)

Executive Director

Face Addiction Now

Description: Language shapes perception, and in treatment courts, it can either reinforce stigma or promote healing. This session empowers attendees to be the change in creating a culture of acceptance, by modeling behavior that prioritizes dignity and person-first values. Through real-world examples, group discussion, and hands-on reflection, attendees will explore how words matter in the courtroom and beyond. Attendees will leave with practical strategies to engage their full team in adopting person-centered language and fostering a shared commitment to fairness, respect, and recovery.

Session Objectives:

1. **Recognize the Power of Language.** Understand how everyday language choices can perpetuate or dismantle stigma, and why words matter in building trust and accountability.
2. **Model and Lead Culture Change.** Explore how treatment court team members can model behavior that fosters a culture of acceptance and encourages team-wide adoption of person-centered practices.
3. **Reinforce Person-First Language.** Learn and apply three actionable strategies to engage your full team in using person-first language and reinforcing a shared commitment to healing-centered justice.

9:15 - 10:30am

Building a Culture of Wellbeing – Part I

Room C

Shenandoah Chefalo
Founder & Lead Strategist
Chefalo Consulting

10:30 - 10:45am

Break

10:45 - 12:00pm

Building a Culture of Wellbeing – Part II

Room C

Shenandoah Chefalo

Parts I & II Description: Treatment court teams operate under intense pressure, often navigating chronic stress and secondary trauma that can erode team cohesion and effectiveness. This interactive session explores how coordinators and case managers can assist in leading the charge in building a culture of wellbeing through trauma-informed systems change and organizational resilience. Through hands-on activities and facilitated group discussions, attendees will examine the building blocks of culture change and learn how to lead from the inside out. Attendees will leave with practical strategies, including three things to do right now, to begin shifting team dynamics, strengthening wellbeing, and modeling the change they want to see.

Session Objectives:

1. **Explore the Building Blocks of Culture Change.** Engage in group dialogue to identify the key elements of organizational culture and how trauma-informed systems support resilience.
2. **Lead with Courage and Compassion.** Participate in hands-on exercises that demonstrate how modeling person-first values and managing teams under chronic stress can transform court culture.
3. **Apply Practical Strategies Immediately.** Walk away with three evidence-informed actions that can be implemented today to begin cultivating a healthier, more resilient court culture.

12:00 - 12:15pm

Closing Remarks

Room C

Judge Thomas Boyd
SCAO Administrator