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Data Elements Reports

Drug Court Judges Committee Of the Arkansas Judicial Council

State Drug Court Data Elements Report

A.C.A. 16-98-306 (d) requires the Division of Drug Court Programs in AOC to develop operational definitions for the terms: recidivism, retention, relapses, restarts, sanctions imposed, and incentives given.

?Recidivism? is defined as **any conviction for a felony or DWI that results in incarceration in an ADC or DCC facility within three years after graduation.** Data to be collected every 6 months.

Retention is defined as **time in program**, i.e. the number of days between admission and exit. Means of exiting the program are: graduation, termination, transfer, voluntary withdrawal or death.

Relapse is defined as a **positive drug screen**, with the following to be included but recorded separately as positives: a) no show; b) not producing a sample in a reasonable period of time; c) tampered; d) refusal; and e) admitting to use.

Restarts is defined as **going back to an earlier phase in the program**. A restart is a form of sanction (see below).

Sanctions imposed is defined as a **punitive response to program violations or noncompliance**.

Incentives given is defined as a **positive reinforcement in the form of a tangible reward or a reduction in program requirements in response to program achievements**.

The above definitions were reviewed and adopted by the committee in their meeting on September 12, 2008. The report was presented to and received a favorable review by the Arkansas Drug Court Advisory Committee on Friday, September 19, 2008. In addition, the report was presented to the Judicial Council during the Fall Judicial College/Council Meeting in October 15-17, 2008, in Jonesboro.

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