



Johnson County Adult Drug and Alcohol Court SYNC REVIEW

- **JC-A-2009-004:**
 - **“When the client was ready to focus on recovery, drug court was right there with the client and ready to hit the ground running.”**

Summary

- Services of Johnson County Adult Drug and Alcohol Court (JCADAC) were considered high-quality and effective by all persons interviewed in the SYNC review process.
- Services of JCADAC were arranged based on the client’s and the client’s families expressed and identified needs.
- This program is strength based and is motivated by appropriate incentives.
- JCADAC accepts referrals from municipal court, circuit court and in some instances district court.
- JCADAC meetings are clearly strength based and directed toward encouraging recovery and sobriety. Staff works to ensure adequate representation of client concerns.
- There is no waiting list and the client felt that the services offered were helpful.
- The client was required to receive intensive outpatient treatment (IOP) services through drug court and this was the entry point for mental health services.



Access to Services:

- Services are quick and efficient; they are reported to sometimes even be offered before the client is officially accepted into drug court.
- Upon completion of JCADAC, the client receives a full year of cost free mental health counseling services.
- There appears to be a good referral system in place for clientele who could benefit from this JCADAC. Referrals typically come from Buffalo Municipal Court although some also come from Johnson County Circuit Court and District Court.
- Usually within one week of appearing in court, assessments are completed.

Quality of Services Including Recovery Support:

- The process of drug-court, and the time it takes depends on the client's needs and willingness to participate. There are also IOP services offered after treatment as well.
- The client identified his community, his family and religious affiliation as support structures. All treatment team members were aware of his involvement with drug court and were very supportive to his recovery.
- The treatment provider and coordinators incorporated the client's religion into the program which had a positive impact on the client's recovery.

Coordination:

- The community was very collaborative in the client's treatment. They all took personal interest in the client and communicated well amongst each other.
- The treatment plan was an integrated plan among all team members with meaningful input from the client.
- This community as a whole embraces the wrap-around concept and uses this to the fullest extent possible in their treatment.
- The client's employer was very flexible with the scheduling requirements of drug court.
- The client's family was a huge strength in this situation and they were involved in his program even though it was an adult case.



Access to Services:

- Payment is a requirement of drug-court and this was not always easy for the client; however it has not prevented the client to getting services up to this point.
- There appears to be a shortage of mental health services in the area.

Quality of Services Including Recovery Support:

- No concerns were identified.

Coordination:

- No concerns were identified.



Systemic:

- It was common agreement that having only one mental health provider in the area could cause significant barriers, specifically around more severe mental health or substance abuse cases. This, however, was not a concern in this specific case.
- An identified unmet service need is the lack of aftercare, however there is a provision for one year of treatment following graduation from the program.
- It was felt by most people interviewed that the community did not have an adequate understanding of addiction and the recovery process.