

## **The 10 Key Components of Adult Drug Courts**

- (1) Drug Courts integrate alcohol and other drug treatment services with justice system case processing.
- (2) Using a non-adversarial approach, prosecution and defense counsel promote public safety while protecting participants' due process rights.
- (3) Eligible participants are identified early and promptly placed in the drug court program.
- (4) Drug Courts provide access to a continuum of alcohol, drug and other related treatment and rehabilitation services.
- (5) Abstinence is monitored by frequent alcohol and other drug testing.
- (6) A coordinated strategy governs drug court responses to participants' compliance.
- (7) Ongoing judicial interaction with each drug court participant is essential.
- (8) Monitoring and evaluation measure the achievement of program goals and gauge effectiveness.
- (9) Continuing interdisciplinary education promotes effective drug court planning, implementation, and operations.
- (10) Forging partnerships among drug courts, public agencies, and community-based organizations generates local support and enhances drug court effectiveness.