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OJJDP RELEASES RESEARCH-BASED GUIDELINES FOR JUVENILE DRUG TREATMENT COURTS

WASHINGTON – The Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) today released the research-based *Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines* to support judges, professional court staff, and families in responding to the needs of youth with substance use disorders.

The guidelines were developed by OJJDP in partnership with a research team, experts in the field, and other federal agencies over 18 months and synthesize research applicable to juvenile drug treatment courts. They provide juvenile courts with evidence-based, treatment-oriented recommendations that emphasize family engagement and address participating youths' substance use and their often co-occurring mental health disorders.

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