The Justice Programs Office (JPO), a center at American University’s School of Public Affairs, is one of the leading federal training and technical assistance providers in the country. Through the Juvenile Drug Treatment Courts Training and Technical Assistance (JDTC TTA) Initiative, JPO works directly with courts that offer holistic treatment and case planning as an alternative to probation or prison for justice-involved youth with substance use disorders. We help treatment court professionals apply evidence-based practices in their programs, and together, we improve outcomes for the youth they serve.

The JDTC TTA team trains and assists courts on how to implement the *Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines*. These guidelines, released in December 2016 by the US Department of Justice’s Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, outline research-based program components and policies that have demonstrated increase in youth recovery rates and reduce recidivism.
Components of our TTA:

**Bringing Research into Practice**
Research is translated into operational, practical solutions for courts in TTA through guided implementation planning.

**Individualized Plans of Action**
TTA plans are tailored to the unique strengths and needs of each participating court. Strengths and needs are determined through a self-assessment, interviews with court staff, and court observations.

**Long-Term Support**
TTA extends beyond one visit, our staff work with courts for at least six months to promote sustainable, long-term success.

JPO recognizes the essential role quality research and policy play in improving our justice system and making that policy a reality. JDTC TTA helps apply it in practice.

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