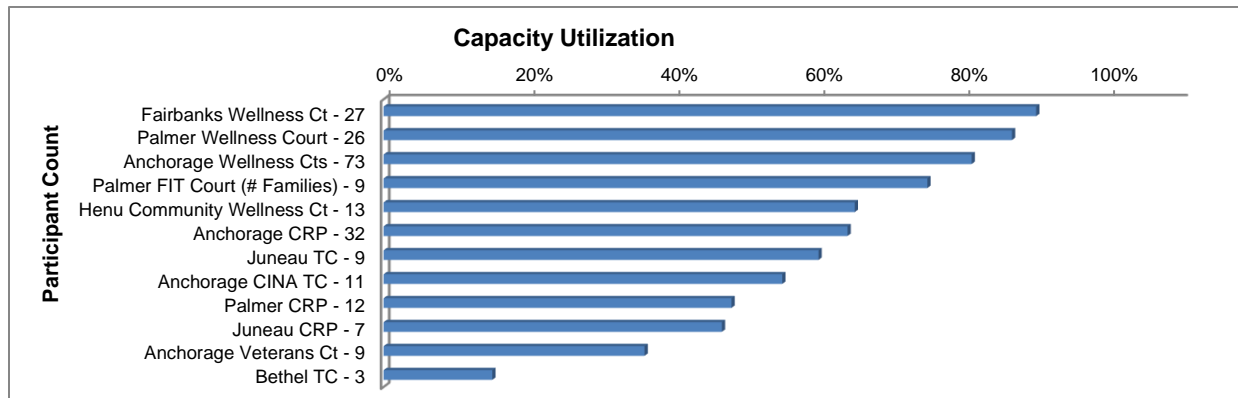


Therapeutic Courts Overview

Capacity Utilization:

The following table reflects current participant numbers and utilization of each court's capacity by percentage. Each therapeutic court has a more specific section below. Alaska Therapeutic Courts are currently at 66% of their overall capacity with four courts operating at 75% or higher.



Graduations:

During October, 9 participants successfully graduated from therapeutic court programs statewide.

COVID-19: Therapeutic Court Operations

Most of Alaska's therapeutic courts are now accepting referrals and moving them forward in the admission process. Some courts are staggering the number of admissions so as not to overload probation officers and treatment providers; it may take a while to clear the backlog of interested applicants.

Award of BJA Grant

The Therapeutic Court Office received notice in October that BJA had awarded the Alaska Court System approximately \$750,000 over three years to work on a comprehensive statewide training and QA plan, and external evaluations for all the drug/DUI courts in the state. A QA/Training Coordinator position is funded through the grant along with the multiple external evaluations and training resources.

Staff Recruitment

The Therapeutic Court Office is currently recruiting for a Deputy Program Coordinator and a Court Case Manager/Criminal Justice Technician who will work with the Therapeutic Court Office and directly with participants for UA testing.

Legislative Task Force

The Legislative Task Force met this month and the following information was shared/discussed: 1) The Alaska Justice Information Center provided an overview of the Results First Report; 2) Challenges therapeutic courts currently face; 3) Current Screening & Referral procedures and Member discussion for improvements.

October Individual Court Reports

Below is a summary of the activities for therapeutic courts statewide and related projects.

Anchorage Coordinated Resources Project (ACRP) – Kate Sumey, Project Coordinator

Anchorage Coordinated Resources Project - Capacity 50 November 2019 - October 2020													% Annual Discharges
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul*	Aug	Sep	Oct	
# Beginning of Month	47	58	53	52	48	47	43	34	24	24	23	21	
# Referrals	26	41	40	28	14	0	27	52	35	51	46	52	
# Initial Opt-Ins	16	7	4	5	2	0	0	3	4	6	11	5	
# Returns to Regular Court	0	2	1	3	1	0	1	1	1	0	4	0	
# Admissions									4	3	0	5	
# Formal Opt-Ins/Rule 11s	1	7	3	3	5	0	2	5	3	1	3	2	
# Opt-Outs After Admission	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	9%
# Terminations	1	4	1	1	2	3	3	0	1	1	0	0	29%
# Graduations	3	5	1	5	0	1	5	5	3	3	1	4	62%
# End of Month	58	53	52	48	47	43	34	31	24	23	21	22	
# Pending Admissions									5	8	15	10	
# Total Participants & Pending Admissions	58	53	52	48	47	43	34	31	29	31	36	32	
% Capacity Utilization	77%	71%	69%	64%	63%	57%	45%	41%	58%	62%	72%	64%	
% Average Quarterly Utilization		74%			65%			48%			64%		
% Average 12 Month Utilization												62%	

*In July 2020, capacity was reduced to 50 from 75

Administrative:

ACRP hearings are held telephonically on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and pre-court meetings are held telephonically beforehand. ACRP continues to accept new referrals and admit new participants.

The updated ACRP Policy and Procedure manual was shared with ACRP stakeholders for input and approval of changes. The ACRP PC has been working with the Juneau and Palmer mental health court PCs, the statewide ASAP supervisor and the statewide therapeutic courts Program Coordinator to develop consistency in policies for mental health courts statewide. The updates will be reviewed at the November ACRP stakeholder meeting. The eligibility determination process has evolved over the past two years and requesting and reviewing clinical records is once again the responsibility of the ACRP PC.

Eleven participants received assistance with housing funds provided by the AMHTA in October; they are living at Daniel House, New Hope House, Bent Prop Inn, Treasure Angels and New Life Development. Participants continue to be delayed in moving into transitional housing because of COVID testing requirements and the length of time it takes to get the results. ACRP participants consistently have difficulty obtaining permanent housing, even when they have been approved for low income vouchers through AHFC or the Section 8 program. Criminal history, poor rental history as well as open criminal cases present significant barriers. There is also a shortage of affordable housing in Anchorage per the Housing and Homelessness Town Hall series of meetings hosted by several agencies during September and October.

Treatment:

Seven participants are on medication assisted treatment (MAT) this month.

Challenges/Opportunities:

The team is challenged by telephonic hearings because of several factors. In-custody defendants are not transported to court and there are not enough phones in institutions to allow defendants to discuss ACRP with their attorney or to telephonically observe the court process. Sound quality also continues to be an issue and the ACRP office is working with the technology support team to mitigate this to the extent possible.

An unanticipated barrier occurred in October when an individual was remanded to custody to quarantine for two weeks, be given a new substance use assessment, and then move to a residential treatment facility. As only sentenced inmates are prioritized for substance use assessments in DOC, (therapeutic court participants are unsentenced until graduating or leaving the program), ACRP requested special consideration for therapeutic court participants. DOC accommodated this request, although the quarantine period stretched longer than two weeks. Individuals out of custody in need of residential treatment are still unable to access the needed level of care since there are no alternatives to prison for quarantining. The Division of Behavioral Health does not yet have a resolution for this issue.

Collaborations:

The PC attended the monthly Anchorage Regional Behavioral Health Coalition Meeting. She also attended a planning meeting for the 2021 Reducing Recidivism Conference. The PC worked with NAMI (the National Alliance on Mental Illness) to develop resources for family members when an individual with a mental health disorder is arrested. The PC met with Glacier Transportation to discuss using their private services for individuals who demonstrate challenging behaviors during transport. Trained staff work with these individuals to ensure they do not miss essential behavioral and medical appointments.

Training:

The PC attended 'Trauma-Informed Care for the Frontlines' presented virtually by Tom McRoberts and Wendi Shackelford of the Alaska Training Cooperative. She also attended the 'Intersection of Domestic Violence and Mental Health', hosted virtually by AWAIC and Alaska Behavioral Health. The ECHO training series on working with individuals with mental health and developmental disabilities continued in October and the PC attended two sessions discussing trauma-informed practices and self-care. A virtual training for therapeutic court team members on etiquette with the deaf or hard of hearing was also held in October.

Anchorage CINA Therapeutic Court (CTC) – Rachel Varela, Project Coordinator

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Staffing:

Starrah Pype (OCS Specialist) has resigned. Talia Robinson (OCS Supervisor) will be filling in until a new OCS Specialist is assigned to the team.

Administrative:

The Project Coordinator created an MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) policy and a Natural Disaster/Pandemic policy that will be presented to the CTC team. She is also working on updating the participant handbooks. The team has been discussing the importance of the court sobriety date relative to phase changes. Participants are currently opting out of the court after they complete treatment and do not finish the final phase of the program. The Project Coordinator has reached out to other family drug courts and Children Family Futures to gain feedback and information on phase checklists and length of programs.

In October, there were 27 CINA petitions filed that included 35 CINA cases. Of these petitions, 21 (78%) contained allegations of substance abuse by parents (Subsection 10). None contained both Subsection 7 (sexual abuse of a minor) and Subsection 10 (substance abuse) allegations. 33 parents were identified as eligible for CTC and 13 parents (40%) were referred. Of the 13 parents referred to observe the court telephonically, 7 (54%) called in.

Treatment:

The Project Coordinator continues to participate in a weekly telephonic check-in with the OCS Specialist, Akeela Treatment Counselor, and Akeela's Child Development Specialist, where participant case management needs and compliance are discussed. This month two treatment assessments were completed but neither individual was eligible for the program due to not being recommended for IOP (Intensive Outpatient Treatment). There are currently two participants on MAT (Suboxone).

Visitors:

An OCS Intern observed premeet virtually this month.

Anchorage Veterans Court (AVC) – Desiree Sang, Project Coordinator

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This month AVC team members met to review eligibility disqualifiers, court capacity, Rule 11 agreements entered prior to assessments, recruitment of mentors, phase change components and team trainings. The PC also attended the monthly DUI/Drug and Veterans Court meeting which discussed discharges and interventions, goals and objectives not met in FY20, Incentives and Sanctions grids, and the timeline for collecting data for Equity and Inclusion reports.

Anchorage Municipal Wellness Court - Capacity 30 November 2019 - October 2020													% Annual Discharges
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
# Beginning of Month	10	11	11	10	11	15	14	11	14	12	12	13	
# Referrals	11	3	11	12	6	0	1	2	6	3	3	2	
# Initial Opt-Ins	3	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	
# Returns to Regular Court	0	0	1	2	1	0	2	0	2	1	1	1	
# Admissions									0	1	1	1	
# Formal Opt-Ins/Rule 11s	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	
# Opt-Outs After Admission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
# Terminations	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	27%
# Graduations	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	1	2	0	0	0	73%
# End of Month	11	11	10	11	15	14	11	10	12	12	13	14	
# Pending Admissions	5	8	9	7	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	
# Total Participants & Pending Admissions	16	19	19	18	17	16	12	11	14	14	15	16	
% Capacity Utilization	53%	63%	63%	60%	57%	53%	40%	37%	47%	47%	50%	53%	
% Average Quarterly Utilization		58%			60%			43%			48%		
% Average 12 Month Utilization												52%	
Treatment capacity												20	
Akeela treatment utilization at end of Oct												6	
CITC treatment utilization at end of Oct												0	
VA treatment utilization at end of Oct												0	

Anchorage Felony Drug Court - Capacity 20 November 2019 - October 2020													% Annual Discharges
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
# Beginning of Month	22	24	24	26	26	28	26	25	21	20	19	19	
# Referrals	5	10	8	0	5	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	
# Initial Opt-Ins	2	1	4	3	2	0	4	1	1	1	1	1	
# Returns to Regular Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	
# Admissions									3	0	1	1	
# Formal Opt-Ins/Rule 11s	3	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	
# Opt-Outs After Admission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
# Terminations	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	46%
# Graduations	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	54%
# End of Month	24	24	26	26	28	26	25	24	20	19	19	19	
# Pending Admissions	2	3	3	2	3	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	
# Total Participants & Pending Admissions	26	27	29	28	31	28	26	25	22	20	20	20	
% Capacity Utilization	130%	135%	145%	140%	155%	140%	130%	125%	110%	100%	100%	100%	
% Average Quarterly Utilization		133%			147%			132%			103%		
% Average 12 Month Utilization												126%	

Treatment capacity

13

Treatment utilization at end of Oct

8

Anchorage Felony DUI Court - Capacity 40 November 2019 - October 2020													% Annual Discharges
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
# Beginning of Month	31	32	35	33	33	31	29	27	28	28	29	30	
# Referrals	1	3	5	5	4	0	1	0	9	2	5	4	
# Initial Opt-Ins	2	1	3	0	2	0	0	3	6	4	3	0	
# Returns to Regular Court	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	1	0	
# Admissions									2	5	2	3	
# Formal Opt-Ins/Rule 11s	1	3	0	2	1	1	0	0	5	0	4	0	
# Opt-Outs After Admission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
# Terminations	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	33%
# Graduations	0	0	1	1	2	3	1	0	1	3	1	1	67%
# End of Month	32	35	33	33	31	29	27	26	28	29	30	32	
# Pending Admissions	3	3	4	3	3	2	3	2	2	6	2	5	
# Total Participants & Pending Admissions	35	38	37	36	34	31	30	28	30	35	32	37	
% Capacity Utilization	88%	95%	93%	90%	85%	78%	75%	70%	75%	88%	80%	93%	
% Average Quarterly Utilization		91%			89%			74%			81%		
% Average 12 Month Utilization												84%	

Treatment capacity

27

Treatment utilization at end of Oct

14

Administrative:

The Felony Wellness Court team held an administrative meeting in October to discuss staffing and referrals, and it was decided to allow referrals back onto the calendar. The team also discussed the increase of evidentiary hearings over the past few months and decided to hold special premeets where there could be longer team discussions rather than jumping immediately to evidentiary hearings. The team wants to create a committee including judges and attorneys to create a policy for these hearings.

Also discussed at the administrative meeting were the disqualification/discharge criteria of positive, missed, dilute, tampered or falsified UA tests. Instead of discharge immediately after 6 UA issues, the team proposed implementing a behavior contract, which if violated, will result in the participant's discharge. The state attorney is going to discuss this with her office and follow up with the team.

The Municipal court continues to accept new applications and calendar two new cases per PO each month. A team administrative meeting is scheduled for November to discuss current court processes. Prior to attending court in person participants are given COVID screens telephonically by their Probation Officer.

Referral count this month: Municipal: 2; Felony Drug: 1; Felony DUI: 4. The Municipal Court has 2 outstanding Rule 11s, and the Felony Courts have a total of 6. This month's Felony DUI graduate had LSIR entry/exit scores of 40/17.

Treatment:

The Project Coordinator and the Statewide Therapeutic Courts Program Coordinator are working with CITC to schedule another meeting regarding providing treatment services. The monthly meeting discussing participant compliance and referrals continues between treatment and POs.

There are currently 60 Akeela treatment slots allocated to Anchorage Wellness Court. As shown in the tables above, a total of 28 Akeela slots were being utilized in October. 17 AWC participants received medication-assisted treatment (MAT) in October.

Training:

This month the Project Coordinator and Therapeutic Courts Statewide Program Coordinator met with Jenae MacNaughton, Clinical Director at CITC, to discuss a training in December.

Bethel Therapeutic Court (BTC)

Bethel Therapeutic Court - Capacity 20 November 2019 - October 2020													% Annual Discharges
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
# Beginning of Month	9	5	6	8	8	7	7	4	4	4	3	3	
# Referrals	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
# Initial Opt-Ins	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
# Returns to Regular Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
# Admissions									0	0	0	0	
# Formal Opt-Ins/Rule 11s	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
# Opt-Outs After Admission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	13%
# Terminations	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	25%
# Graduations	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	63%
# End of Month	5	6	8	8	8	7	4	4	4	3	3	3	
# Pending Admissions	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
# Total Participants & Pending Admissions	7	8	8	8	8	7	4	4	4	3	3	3	
% Capacity Utilization	35%	40%	40%	40%	40%	35%	20%	20%	20%	15%	15%	15%	
% Average Quarterly Utilization		38%			40%			25%			17%		
% Average 12 Month Utilization												28%	

Administrative:

The Bethel Therapeutic Court is not accepting referrals at this time. Stacy Schamber, ASAP Therapeutic Court Program Coordinator, and Hing-Jee Tan, Probation Officer, continue to work with the BTC team to help participants complete their programs. YKHC and the Tundra Center continue to provide services for current participants.

Fairbanks Wellness Court (FWC) – Amy Bollaert, Project Coordinator

Fairbanks Wellness Court - Capacity 30 November 2019 - October 2020													% Annual Discharges
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
# Beginning of Month	22	24	24	24	27	28	28	28	27	27	24	24	
# Referrals	6	6	9	3	3	0	0	2	2	2	2	1	
# Initial Opt-Ins	6	6	9	3	3	0	0	2	2	2	2	1	
# Returns to Regular Court	0	4	4	7	2	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	
# Admissions									1	0	1	0	
# Formal Opt-Ins/Rule 11s	2	2	2	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	
# Opt-Outs After Admission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	9%
# Terminations	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	36%
# Graduations	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	55%
# End of Month	24	24	24	27	28	28	28	27	27	24	24	24	
# Pending Admissions	3	2	3	3	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	3	
# Total Participants & Pending Admissions	27	26	27	30	29	29	28	28	28	26	25	27	
% Capacity Utilization	90%	87%	90%	100%	97%	97%	93%	93%	93%	87%	83%	90%	
% Average Quarterly Utilization		88%			96%			94%			88%		
% Average 12 Month Utilization												92%	

Staffing:

Pacific Rim Counseling (PRC) is still recruiting for a full-time counselor and an administrative position.

Administrative:

The FWC team held a quarterly meeting this month. The agenda included policy revisions, discussion on how FWC will continue to make program allowances for the effects of COVID-19, and a review of ASAP policies responding to COVID-19.

Treatment:

PRC continues to use virtual online services for all assessments, individual sessions and groups. Five participants are currently receiving medication assisted treatment.

Challenges/Opportunities:

FWC received one application for DUI court this month. The application is in the assessment process with the PO and treatment. There are three outstanding Rule 11s at this time.

Training:

Judge Bennett participated in virtual trainings about High Conflict People and Settlement Conferences, both hosted by the Alaska Court System. Judge Bennett and Judge Peterson participated in the virtual Judicial Conference.

Collaborations/Outreach:

The Project Coordinator participated in Community Connections Workgroup meetings this month to begin the collaboration and

planning of a Thanks-giveaway lunch for the community in need. She also participated in a JobX meeting where a collaborative group shares opportunities for upcoming employment events, job openings, trainings, or apprenticeship opportunities.

Alumni/Participant Activities:

Phase 3 and 5 participants are actively involved in their community outreach projects. These vary from being trained in peer support services, volunteering at the Breadline, co-facilitating treatment groups, chairing recovery meetings, involvement with community recovery events, attending formal opt-in's to provide advice and a friendly welcome, and assisting in a food drive for the holidays.

Henu Community Wellness Court (HCWC) – Shera Burg, Project Coordinator

Henu' Community Wellness Court - Capacity 20 November 2019 - October 2020													% Annual Discharges
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
# Beginning of Month	12	12	12	13	11	9	8	8	8	7	8	9	
# Referrals	1	4	2	5	2	3	3	4	2	2	0	3	
# Initial Opt-Ins	0	2	0	3	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	1	
# Returns to Regular Court	0	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	
# Admissions									0	1	1	1	
# Formal Opt-Ins/Rule 11s	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	
# Opt-Outs After Admission	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11%
# Terminations	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	44%
# Graduations	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	44%
# End of Month	12	12	13	11	9	8	8	8	7	8	9	9	
# Pending Admissions	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	4	4	3	
# Total Participants & Pending Admissions	12	12	13	11	9	8	10	10	11	12	13	12	
% Capacity Utilization	60%	60%	65%	55%	45%	40%	50%	50%	55%	60%	65%	60%	
% Average Quarterly Utilization		60%			55%			47%			60%		
% Average 12 Month Utilization												55%	

Staffing:

The tribal back-up judge for Henu Court, Virginia Wolf, is now a Kenaitze Tribal Council member and has resigned from the court. Judge Dale Segura is the new Henu Court back-up judge for Kenaitze.

Administrative:

The Henu Community Wellness Court held four pre-meets and four court hearings this month, all telephonic or via Zoom.

One new participant was admitted this month and there are three more that meet admission requirements waiting for Rule 11s. Once the admission waitlist is reduced, the PC will resume case flagging for potential Henu referrals.

The Kenaitze treatment team is conducting some participant meetings via video for those with internet and over the telephone with all participants on a regular basis. UAs are being conducted in-person with the Kenaitze PO and are taking place on a regular schedule.

Treatment:

Three participants are actively attending treatment groups, and six are receiving mental health services. Five participants are currently receiving MAT.

Challenges/Opportunities:

Treatment groups and court hearings are still virtual due to COVID-19. The Henu team continues to communicate and address any participant issue individually. There is a wait list for new participants to join Henu and this is encouraging for the court.

Training:

Judge Huf and PC Burg attended virtual training for deaf and hard of hearing etiquette and mental health issues. DOC PO Jodi Stuart provided the Henu court team with virtual trauma-informed care training for criminal justice professionals. This training was based on the GAINS Model from SAMHSA.

Collaborations/Outreach:

Henu partnered with the Department of Corrections for a team training on being trauma-informed.

Participant/Alumni Activities:

Virtual AKTCA peer support groups are available to participants and alumni on a regular basis, and participants and alumni are strongly encouraged to attend.

Juneau Coordinated Resources Project (JCRP) - Michelle Delkettie, Project Coordinator

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Administrative:

JCRP received one referral this month. There was no court the last week of October due to the judicial conference. The MDT team had its second quarter administrative meeting in October and team members met in person and via teleconference. The team reviewed JCRP policies on: Program Goals & Objectives, Eligibility Criteria, Referrals, and JCRP waitlist. The team discussed recovery capital, reviewed the ARC & BARC recovery capital surveys, and decided to implement both of the surveys. The ARC survey will be given to participants quarterly and the Judge will keep a copy of the BARC survey to use on the bench as a guide to question participants about their program. The team also adjusted the pre-meet agenda and the ASAP PO gave team members an explanation of the weekly log and what information participants need to document on it.

Treatment:

Six participants are currently utilizing treatment services, which are provided via Zoom or telephonically, and five participants are engaged in MRT (Moral Reconciliation Therapy), which is available in person or virtually. One participant is on MAT.

Challenges/Opportunities:

Haven House is not taking new applications right now due to the ownership transitioning to Tlingit & Haida. Rainforest Recovery Center (a residential treatment facility) reopened this month. Some participants are having a difficult time engaging in MRT via Zoom or telephone so JAMHI has begun to let them attend MRT in person.

Collaborations/Outreach:

The PC and PO attended the weekly meeting with LCCC & CRC staff. The CRC staff had concerns about a mutual client and wanted to discuss supervision responsibilities (which PO is responsible for what), and to also talk about referrals to the JCRP Court.

Training:

The PC attended two webinars this month: 'Core Correctional Practices' and 'Deaf Etiquette & Mental Health Issues'. The ASAP PO trained the team on the L-SIR assessment process. The JCRP team participated in a mock MRT training hosted by JAMHI Clinical Director, Rachel Gearhart. Team members were given a step in MRT to complete and then present to other attendees who had to provide feedback. The team also attended an ASAM training hosted by GHS treatment provider, Faith Rogers.

Juneau Therapeutic Court (JTC) - Michelle Delkettie, Project Coordinator

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Administrative:

There was no court the last week of October due to the judicial conference. The MDT team had its second quarter administrative meeting in October and team members met both in person and via teleconference. The team reviewed JTC policies on: Program Goals & Objectives, Eligibility Criteria, Referrals, and CRP Waitlist. The team discussed recovery capital, reviewed the ARC & BARC recovery capital surveys, and decided to implement both of the surveys. The ARC survey will be given to participants quarterly and the Judge will keep a copy of the BARC survey to use on the bench as a guide to question participants about their program. The team also adjusted the pre-meet agenda and the ASAP PO gave team members an explanation of the weekly log and what information participants need to document on it. LSIR entry/exit scores for this month's graduate were 44/25. Three applicants were referred to the court in October.

JTC continues to have pre-meets via the Zoom platform and weekly court status hearings telephonically and in person.

Treatment:

The PO, PC, and GHS treatment provider continue to have treatment meetings via Zoom. The Statewide Therapeutic Courts Program Coordinator and the PC met with GHS staff to discuss treatment services that are currently provided as well as what should be provided under the contract. Currently, seven participants are attending treatment services and four participants are receiving Medicated Assisted Treatment.

Challenges/Opportunities:

Haven House is not taking new applications right now due to the ownership transitioning to Tlingit & Haida. Rainforest Recovery Center (a residential treatment facility) reopened this month. Getting new JTC participants adjusted to program requirements during the COVID pandemic has been difficult. They are slow to become compliant with requirements and have difficulty using GHS Zoom etiquette.

Training:

The PC attended two webinars this month: 'Core Correctional Practices' and 'Deaf Etiquette & Mental Health Issues'. The ASAP PO trained the team on the L-SIR assessment process. The JTC team participated in a mock MRT training hosted by JAMHI Clinical Director, Rachel Gearhart. Team members were given a step in MRT to complete and then present to other attendees, who had to provide feedback. The team also attended an ASAM training hosted by GHS treatment provider, Faith Rogers.

Collaborations/Outreach:

The PC and PO attended the weekly meeting with LCCC & CRC staff. The CRC staff wanted to discuss supervision responsibilities (which PO is responsible for what), and to also talk about referrals to JTC.

Alumni/Participant Activities:

Participants continue to attend Alumni groups via Zoom and teleconference. The meetings are being facilitated through the Anchorage Alumni group and one JTC graduate has been co-facilitating groups.

Palmer Coordinated Resources Project (PCRP) – Kristin Hull, Project Coordinator

Palmer Coordinated Resources Project - Capacity 25 November 2019 - October 2020													% Annual Discharges
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
# Beginning of Month	23	24	23	21	18	17	11	12	10	12	10	9	
# Referrals	7	12	7	7	4	2	1	4	9	12	6	5	
# Initial Opt-Ins	3	2	2	1	1	0	1	4	1	0	3	1	
# Returns to Regular Court	0	1	1	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	
# Admissions									4	0	0	2	
# Formal Opt-Ins/Rule 11s	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	
# Opt-Outs After Admission	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	25%
# Terminations	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	30%
# Graduations	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	45%
# End of Month	24	23	21	18	17	11	12	14	12	10	9	11	
# Pending Admissions									1	0	3	1	
# Total Participants & Pending Admissions	24	23	21	18	17	11	12	14	13	10	12	12	
% Capacity Utilization	96%	92%	84%	72%	68%	44%	48%	56%	48%	40%	36%	44%	
% Average Quarterly Utilization		94%			75%			49%			41%		
% Average 12 Month Utilization												61%	

Administrative:

PCRP continues to hold weekly telephonic pre-meets and court hearings.

Treatment:

Weekly treatment meetings are being held with True North Recovery to discuss current participants who are living in sober housing and receiving substance abuse treatment.

Challenges/Opportunities:

There are two participants living in sober housing at True North Recovery, and one participant is staying at a hotel.

Palmer Families with Infant and Toddlers (PFIT) Court – Jessica Clarkson, Project Coordinator

Palmer Families with Infants & Toddlers Court - Capacity 12 Families November 2019 - October 2020													% Outcomes
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
# Total CINA Petitions with I/T	10	27	8	3	5	8	6	10	5	8	8	4	
# Eligible Petitions	2	4	5	2	2	1	1	6	1	1	2	0	
# Parent Initial Opt-Ins	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
# Parent Opt-Outs/Neutral Discharges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	
Adult Outcomes													
# Graduations	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100%
# Rights Terminated/Relinquished	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Child Outcomes													
# Case Closures with Parent	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29%
# Adoptions/Guardianships	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	71%
Child Placement in Program													
# Children on Trial Home Visit	2	2	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
# Children in Relative Placement	16	16	16	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	12	
# Children in Non-Relative Placement	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	
# Total Children Served	20	19	18	17	17	17	17	17	16	16	16	15	
# Adult Participants (Parents)	20	20	17	17	17	17	17	17	15	15	15	17	
# Families Served	12	12	11	10	10	10	10	10	9	9	9	9	
# Total Participants (Parents & Children)	40	39	35	34	34	34	34	34	31	31	31	32	
% Capacity Utilization (Families Served)	100%	100%	92%	83%	83%	83%	83%	83%	75%	75%	75%	75%	
% Average Quarterly Utilization		100%			86%			83%			75%		
% Average Annual Utilization												84%	

Administrative:

The Palmer FIT Court reviews all new CINA petitions with at least one child younger than 36 months to determine if the family meets eligibility criteria. In October, there were 18 CINA petitions filed in Palmer. Of these petitions, 4 involved a child 36 months or younger but were screened out primarily due to domestic violence or children being born into families with an open child welfare case older than one year. The FIT Court continues to accept new families into the program.

October began with a burst of activity: opting in the first family since the beginning of the pandemic and completing a long-awaited adoption. The entire FIT Court team was thrilled to welcome another family into the fold. The adoption had been delayed due to the pandemic restrictions and processing paperwork. The adoption hearing was held via Zoom and was a wonderful and well-attended celebration of achieving permanency.

Challenges/Opportunities:

At this time, the FIT Court does not have enough resources to support families with significant domestic violence. The FIT Court is seeking support and additional education in hopes of being able to provide services to such families in the future.

Collaborations/Outreach/Presentations:

In collaboration with R.O.C.K. Mat-Su and the Butler Institute of Denver, the FIT Court hosted a three-part series of webinars around best practices developed by the Family Contact Improvement Partnership. The Partnership is working to optimize family contact visits between children and parents, as quality family contact visits are a key indicator of potential for family reunification. The three part series explored the research of family time, the best practice curriculum and methods developed, and how professionals can become champions to support family time.

The FIT Court, in coordination with the Division of Public Health's Section of Women's, Children's and Family Health, will be hosting a webinar with Dr. Ira Chasnoff in December. Interested parties can access information about the webinar, *Screening and Brief Intervention for the Pregnant Woman at Risk of Substance Use and Misuse*, at the following link: [Register here today!](#) Dr. Chasnoff will present an evidence-based trauma-informed approach to screening pregnant women for substance use, providing brief interventions in the prenatal setting, and conducting referral of women for an appropriate level of treatment.

The PC continues to be an active member of R.O.C.K. Mat-Su, Mat-Su Opioid Task Force Coalition, and a member of the SCAN meetings. The PC is also part of the Family Contact Improvement Partnership, Plans of Safe Care Steering Committee, and Alaska CPP Steering Committee. When possible, these groups are continuing to meet via teleconference or Zoom.

Palmer Wellness Court (PWC) – Kristin Hull, Project Coordinator

Palmer Wellness Court - Capacity 30 November 2019 - October 2020													% Annual Discharges
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
# Beginning of Month	23	22	21	19	19	19	17	17	19	20	22	23	
# Referrals	9	2	3	6	1	1	4	7	2	4	3	10	
# Initial Opt-Ins	1	2	3	2	2	0	1	2	2	1	3	2	
# Returns to Regular Court	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
# Admissions									1	2	3	1	
# Formal Opt-Ins/Rule 11s	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	4	0	3	
# Opt-Outs After Admission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
# Terminations	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	19%
# Graduations	2	1	3	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	81%
# End of Month	22	21	19	19	19	17	17	17	20	22	23	24	
# Pending Admissions	3	4	5	4	4	3	1	3	2	1	1	2	
# Total Participants & Pending Admissions	25	25	24	23	23	20	18	20	22	23	24	26	
% Capacity Utilization	83%	83%	80%	77%	77%	67%	60%	67%	73%	77%	80%	87%	
% Average Quarterly Utilization		83%			78%			64%			77%		
% Average 12 Month Utilization												76%	

Staffing:

Felony DOC PO Steve Imoe is transferring to DOC PED at the end of the moth. The court is grateful for his commitment and the time he gave to PWC. DOC PO Courtney Rogers will be his replacement on the PWC team.

Administrative:

PWC continues to hold weekly pre-meets telephonically and court hearings via Zoom. The Project Coordinator participated in the statewide coordinators' meeting.

Treatment:

Weekly treatment meetings are held with Set Free Alaska and True North Recovery to discuss current participants and review substance abuse summaries of new referrals. Twelve participants are receiving Vivitrol this month and one participant is on Suboxone.

Challenges/Opportunities:

Four participants are living in sober/transitional housing at True North Recovery and My House. In October one participant tested positive for COVID-19 and self-quarantined. Four other participants were exposed to the virus and also self-quarantined.