

## National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice Releases Recommendations for Juvenile Drug Courts

The National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice (NCMHJJ) is pleased to announce the availability of a new publication entitled "Evidence-Based Practice Recommendations for Juvenile Drug Courts." This guide was written by the NCMHJJ in collaboration with the Louisiana Supreme Court Drug Office as part of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change initiative. For more information about Models for Change, visit [www.modelsforchange.net](http://www.modelsforchange.net). Since 2007, the Louisiana Supreme Court Drug Court Office has partnered with Models for Change in an effort to encourage the state's juvenile drug courts to incorporate evidence-based practices into their programs.

This publication was developed to support that effort and to provide guidance to juvenile drug courts in Louisiana and across the nation seeking to adopt evidence-based practice approaches. The recommendations are organized around three primary areas: improving screening and assessment in juvenile drug courts; treating youth with substance use disorders in juvenile drug court; and measuring outcomes in juvenile drug court.

This publication is available online and can be accessed via the NCMHJJ website at <http://ncmhjj.com/pdfs/publications/FinalRecommendations.pdf>. For further information, please contact the National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice toll-free at 1-866-962-6455 or by email at [ncmhjj@prainc.com](mailto:ncmhjj@prainc.com).

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