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Iowa Jail-Based Substance Abuse Treatment Project Wins Outstanding Criminal Justice Program Award

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Due to its tremendous success in re-arrest, abstinence, and employment rates among offenders following the implementation of new programming, the National Criminal Justice Association is pleased to honor the four-county Jail—Based Substance Abuse Treatment Project (J-BT Project) with its Outstanding Criminal Justice Program Award. The award is given out annually at the National Forum on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This year's conference will take place Aug. 9-11 in Bellevue, Washington.

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The J-BT Project, developed in 2002, is specially designed to treat problems associated with both substance abuse and criminal thinking. Non-violent offenders reside in therapeutic treatment environments, where they are treated from the time of entry, through to outpatient and continuing care. The program is based on cognitive behavioral therapy, and includes strategies such as motivational interviewing, an introduction to 12-step programs, relapse prevention, empowerment based practices, group therapy, family counseling, and other programming considered necessary to meet the individual needs of the participant. The Project operates on federal grants, corporate donations, and the local government.

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“Treatment does work,” said the Director of the Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy, Gary Kendall. “I am very pleased with the success of this excellent Iowa Program.”

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In the seven years since implementation, four counties have started offering jail-based treatment. The Project has served 2,0006 patients, and of those who successfully completed treatment and interviewed a year later, 78.5 percent were clean, 91.9 percent had not been arrested, and 68.2 percent were employed full-time.

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- Address an important criminal justice issue;
- Demonstrate effectiveness based on program goals;
- Are a good example of use of federal funds to initiate the program that is subsequently supported through state and local funds or self-sustaining; and
- Can be easily replicated in other jurisdictions.

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