



2026 OREGON TREATMENT COURT CONFERENCE

Preliminary Agenda - Judges & Coordinators Only

September 23rd

8:00 AM

Registration

8:30 AM

Joint General Session

10:00 AM

Break

10:15AM

Concurrent Session 1

11:30 AM

Working Lunch

12:30 PM

Concurrent Session 2

2:00 PM

Concurrent Session 3

3:15 PM

Break

3:30 PM

Concurrent Session 4

5:00 PM

End



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Preliminary Agenda - Judge Track

Judge Session 1

Session Title: Confidentiality & Ethics within Treatment Courts

Presenter(s): Judge Peggy Davis & Helen Harberts M.A., J.D

Description: Treatment Courts often face confusion around roles, legal boundaries, and constitutional limits. Ethical rules, confidentiality laws, and professional responsibilities can create boundary issues that risk civil rights violations or constitutional errors. This session will highlight these challenges in a fast-paced format, with time for questions and problem-solving.

Judge Session 2

Session Title: Taste of Motivational Interviewing

Presenter(s): Margaret Soukup, MFT

Description: This course is designed to introduce treatment court judges to foundational concepts and skills of motivational interviewing (MI) through the Taste of MI grounding exercise, review of three communication styles, supporting theories, exploration of reflections & affirmations and how a therapeutic court team can strategically think about how to use this specific skill in court proceedings.

Judge Session 3

Session Title: Motivational Interviewing from the Bench

Presenter(s): Margaret Soukup, MFT & Judge Peggy Davis

Description: Building on from the previous session's focus, this session focuses on applying motivational interviewing from the bench. It emphasizes asking purposeful questions, active listening, and understanding each participant's barriers and goals. With input from the full team during staffing, judges can craft MI-consistent messages that support participant-driven motivation. When participants identify their own reasons for change, their recovery is more sustainable.

Judge Session 4

Session Title: The Power of Words: Strength-Based Language from the Bench

Presenter(s): Sheila McCarthy, MSW.

Description: Judges and court teams shape participant motivation and engagement through the language they use. Strength-based, non-stigmatizing communication improves interactions, supports behavior change, and reduces stigma. Because recovery language evolves, it should remain a continual focus for every treatment court team.



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Preliminary Agenda - Coordinator Track

Coordinator Session 1

Session Title: From Data Entry to Outcomes: How Accurate Tracking Supports Treatment Court Success in Oregon

Presenter(s): Dr. Paige Frye-Holcomb & Dr. Shannon Carey

Description: This session will explore how effective data tracking supports successful Treatment Court operations, improves participant outcomes, and strengthens statewide evaluation efforts. Dr. Shannon Carey of NPC Research will lead the session with an overview of why accurate, consistent data entry is essential for measuring program performance, identifying trends, and guiding resource allocation within Treatment Courts.

Coordinator Session 2

Session Title: Chucking the Checklist: What the Team Needs to Know About Building Phases That Ignite and Sustain Recovery

Presenter(s): Judge Diane Bull & Helen Harberts M.A., J.D

Description: Are your treatment court phases paving the way to recovery—or setting up roadblocks? Research has shown that expecting participants to achieve distal goals too quickly can lead to frustration and disengagement. This session, rooted in the Adult Treatment Court Best Practice Standards, will equip you with the tools to craft a phase structure that not only initiates but supports lasting recovery.

Coordinator Session 3

Session Title: Beyond the Checklist: Practical Strategies for Building Goal Driven Phases

Presenter(s): Judge Diane Bull & Helen Harberts M.A., J.D

Description: In this follow-up session, coordinators move from understanding phase design principles to actively applying them. Through collaborative exercises and real case examples, Coordinators will leave with practical tools for building flexible, recovery-aligned phases that maintain program integrity and support participant success.

Coordinator Session 4

Session Title: Coordination in Practice: Building Committees and Strong Partnerships

Presenter(s): Jim Eberspacher & Julie Seitz, LGSW, MSW, LADC - IDS

Description: Strong treatment courts are built on strong relationships. Behind every effective program is a network of engaged partners working together toward shared goals – judges, coordinators, treatment providers, probation, law enforcement, recovery support professionals, community organizations, and other stakeholders. This session explores the critical role treatment court coordinators play in building and sustaining collaborative partnerships that strengthen program operations, participant outcomes, and long-term community support.