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The Innovative Specialty Courts Committee exchanges ideas, discusses issues and recommends policies related to the operation and administration of Ohio courts with specialty dockets (mental health courts, drug courts, re-entry courts, etc.). The Innovative Specialty Courts Committee is working to identify additional resources available to these courts and to develop a procedural framework in order to facilitate the continued operation of these dockets.

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Welcome to the Twelfth Edition of the Innovative Specialty Courts Newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide articles, training opportunities and resources and to foster collaboration among our community of specialized docket judges.



Motivation and its Role in Specialized Docket Eligibility Criteria

By: Ashley Kerr, Policy Analyst

Identifying appropriate legal and clinical eligibility criteria is an essential consideration for reaching individuals who are high risk and high need. It may seem like common sense to consider "motivation" or "attitude" as an eligibility criteria, but those high risk, high need individuals are rarely motivated to change when they enter a docket. Let's explore motivation and determine how it fits in an individual's overall recovery.

When addressing motivation and behavior change, many professionals refer to the Transtheoretical Model of Behavior Change or Stages of Change Model as a framework. It provides six stages individuals pass through when modifying a behavior. True "motivation" may not occur until the middle stages.



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1. Precontemplation: During this stage, individuals may lack awareness of or underestimate the necessity for change. They might exhibit resistance or have limited awareness of the issue.
2. Contemplation: Individuals acknowledge the need for change but remain uncertain about taking action. They may assess the advantages and disadvantages of making a change.
3. Preparation: Individuals are prepared to initiate behavior change within the next 30 days. They may plan specific steps towards change and gather necessary resources.
4. Action: This stage involves the actual implementation of the planned changes. Individuals actively modify their behavior, environment, or both, and they intend on continuing this behavior into the future (defined as the next six months).
5. Maintenance: Individuals enter the maintenance stage once successful changes have been implemented and maintained for six months. The goal of this stage is to sustain new behaviors and prevent relapse.
6. Termination: At this stage, individuals have no desire to return to their previous behavior patterns and have little to no risk of relapse.[i]

The evidence-based practice of motivational interviewing (MI) recognizes these stages are fluid. MI is grounded in empathy, active listening, and a non-confrontational approach that allows individuals to explore and articulate their own reasons for change.[ii] It should be noted motivation can fluctuate if faced with interpersonal, familial, vocational, and/or environmental stressors.[iii] Specialized docket candidates may initially appear unmotivated, resistant, or in denial of the severity of their substance use. As participants begin to recognize the need for change, they may lack confidence or self-esteem to initiate it.

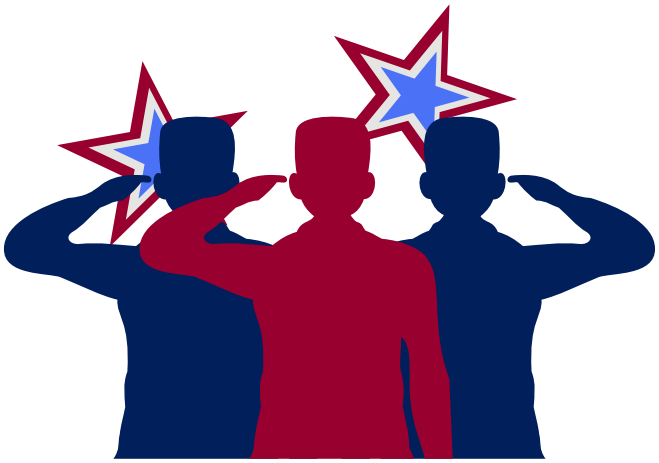
Regardless of their current stage, MI allows the team to build rapport, express empathy, identify barriers, and raise awareness of the discrepancy between the individual's current behavior and their goals or values.[iv] Other strategies to leverage the Stages of Change model include individualized care plans, establishing open lines of communication, and adjusting interventions as needed.[v] All Rise Best Practice Standards 2nd Edition acknowledges, "intrinsic motivation for change and an optimistic attitude about recovery are not significant predictors of success at the time of entry into drug court; however, they become important by the end of the program to ensure that treatment gains are maintained after graduation."[vi]

Considering these points, certified specialized dockets should only use objective eligibility criteria and avoid the use of subjective criteria such as "motivation" or "perceived motivation" or "attitude" to exclude candidates from the program. Treatment team members should utilize evidence-based practices such as MI to elicit motivation and further develop participants' recovery capital.

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A LIFELINE FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS

STARK COUNTY HONOR COURT

For over 13 years, the Stark County Honor Court has stood as a testament to the power of specialized care and tailored justice for veterans and active-duty military personnel. Founded by Judge Taryn Heath, the program addresses the distinct needs of veterans who find themselves entangled with the criminal justice system. By focusing on treatment, accountability, and community reintegration, the court provides participants with opportunities to rebuild their lives. Recognized as a national model by Justice for Vets, Honor Court has inspired the creation of similar programs across Ohio, underscoring its impact on justice reform for veterans. This program isn't just about addressing legal issues; it's about restoring lives, dignity, and honor.

A Justice System with a Heart

Stark County Honor Court operates as a specialized docket court, addressing the complex circumstances veterans often face. Many participants enter the program carrying the weight of PTSD, traumatic brain injuries (TBI), mental health challenges, and substance addiction. For some, food insecurity, homelessness, and barriers to physical wellness further compound their struggles.

Rather than focusing solely on punitive measures, Honor Court embraces a holistic approach. It prioritizes treatment and connection to critical services, including VA resources and local community programs. The program extends beyond immediate needs, encouraging participants to pursue education, financial literacy, employment, and pro-social activities.

The result? Veterans who once faced the grim possibility of long-term incarceration are now reclaiming their futures. Participants reunite with their families, further their education, secure employment, and find a renewed sense of purpose.



A LIFELINE FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS
STARK COUNTY HONOR COURT (cont.)

Breaking the Cycle

One of Honor Court's most notable achievements is its success in reducing recidivism. Based on 13 years of data collection, the program has achieved an impressive 8% felony recidivism rate. This accomplishment is not just a number–it reflects the lives changed, the families reunited, and the futures rebuilt through the program.

Veteran's treatment courts, such as Stark County's Honor Court, save lives and reduce taxpayer costs. By addressing the underlying issues that lead veterans to the justice system, these programs empower participants to break free from the cycle of incarceration and return to their communities as contributing members.

A Team Effort

The Honor Court's success stems from its multidisciplinary team and dedicated volunteer mentors. Together, they provide the structure, guidance, and resources veterans need to navigate the challenges they face. Volunteer veteran mentors are the heart of the program, offering a unique peer-to-peer connection that is critical to participants' success.

The bond between a mentor and mentee often provides the support and understanding that only a fellow veteran can offer. Mentors assist participants in identifying and addressing their needs while offering encouragement during moments of doubt or hardship.

The Honor Court team also takes pride in fostering a culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion. By creating a safe and welcoming environment, the program ensures that all veterans, regardless of their background, feel supported as they work toward recovery and reintegration.



A LIFELINE FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS
STARK COUNTY HONOR COURT (cont.)

The Need for Mentors

Currently, Honor Court serves 37 active justice-involved veterans, with an additional 14 waiting to join the program. Despite its impact, the program faces a critical challenge: a shortage of mentors. With only 11 active mentors, the need for additional support is urgent.

Honor Court strives to maintain a 2:1 mentor-to-participant ratio, recognizing the profound impact of individualized attention and guidance. As the number of justice-involved veterans continues to grow, so does the need for community veterans willing to step forward and serve as mentors.

How You Can Help

Veterans in the community can play a pivotal role in the success of Honor Court by volunteering as mentors. This role involves more than just providing guidance–it's about offering hope, encouragement, and understanding during some of the most challenging moments in a participant's life. Mentorship is the cornerstone of Honor Court's success. It creates a lifeline for justice-involved veterans who may feel isolated or hopeless, reminding them that they are not alone in their journey.

If you're a veteran and interested in becoming a mentor, or if you'd like to support the program in other ways, you can contact Honor Court Director Michele Hammers at mmhammer@starkcountyohio.gov.

Restoring Lives and Dignity

Stark County Honor Court is more than a program–it's a lifeline. By addressing the unique challenges faced by justice-involved veterans, it empowers participants to rebuild their lives, reunite with their families, and reclaim their sense of honor and dignity. Through collaboration, dedication, and compassion, the Honor Court team and its mentors have created a program that not only transforms lives but also serves as a model for communities nationwide. For veterans who have given so much in service to their country, Honor Court stands as a testament to the power of second chances and the enduring strength of community support.



OPPORTUNITY PORT - STATEWIDE RECORD SEALING AND EXPUNGEMENT APPLICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

by: Ohio State University Drug Enforcement Policy Center

The effects of having a criminal record can persist long after a formal sentence is completed and can even be felt when cases are dismissed. The issue of collateral consequences is pervasive, as nearly one-third of adults in the United States have a criminal record, and nearly half of all children have a parent with a criminal record. These effects are felt not only by the individuals, but also impact Ohio's labor market and the health of communities around us. In response, the General Assembly has adopted broad record relief laws to mitigate the consequences a criminal record can have on personal and professional endeavors, such as securing housing, employment, business loan or volunteering.

In the last decade, Ohio's record sealing and expungement statutes have undergone many modifications. Most recently, the Ohio General Assembly changed record sealing and expungement statutes in two important ways. First, Senate Bill 288 and House Bill 33 (which went into effect in April and October 2023 respectively) eliminated the requirement for the courts to assess an applicant's entire criminal record to determine whether the applicant was an "eligible offender"; instead, in most instances courts are now required to consider each case on an individual basis. Second, Senate Bill 288 greatly expanded eligibility for the expungement of criminal records, which was previously limited to criminal records for victims of human trafficking and certain convictions relating to firearms. While the changes expanded available record relief provisions, determining eligibility remains complicated, and the varied administration of these statutes across jurisdictions adds another layer of complexity.

Over the last three years, the Drug Enforcement and Policy Center (DEPC) at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, has been on a mission to improve access to record relief through its service engagement project, Opportunity Port. Opportunity Port is an online portal that connects Ohioans in all 88 counties with legal help to determine their eligibility for sealing and expungement and assists them with completing their applications. The program is user-friendly, and the entire process, from registration to the appointment with an attorney, can be completed using a smartphone. To register, a user provides their information through the website (opportunityport.org) and is then assigned to an attorney. The attorney reviews the user's criminal record and discusses the user's eligibility for record relief during a phone appointment. If the user does not have any cases eligible for sealing or expungement, the attorney explains what other record relief remedies may be available, such as a Certificate of Qualification for Employment, Certificate of Qualification for Housing, or a pardon. If the user has eligible cases, the attorney prepares their record sealing/expungement applications for all pertinent courts. The user is then expected to file the applications pro se and represent themselves at any resulting court hearings.

Since launching, Opportunity Port has assisted 1,422 users and prepared 1,930 applications for filing at 66 of the 88 Ohio Common Pleas Courts and 125 of the 164 Ohio Municipal and County Courts.

Opportunity Port's statewide presence has enabled DEPC to observe the administration of record relief laws across Ohio courts. While there are numerous advantages to a non-unified court system, one drawback is the potential that residents in different jurisdictions will be subjected to different interpretations of the law, resulting in disparate treatment across courts, and thus inconsistent access to a needed remedy. As it pertains to sealing and expungement laws, these differences have manifested in three primary ways: some courts charge higher fees than what is authorized (Section 2953.32 (D)(3)), some courts do not have updated applications for sealing and expungement, and some courts do not provide applications at all. High filing fees and lack of access to up-to-date forms can directly impact one's ability to

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apply for record sealing or expungement. To ensure more consistent administration of Ohio's sealing and expungement laws, and to increase the uptake of sealing and expungement applications, we thus recommend the following:

1.) Update individual court fee schedules. Section 2953.32 (D)(3) allows for multiple cases to be filed on one application and limits the total filing fee (including local fee) to $100 for sealing and expungement of convictions. Additionally, many court fee schedules do not differentiate between fees for sealing and expungement of convictions versus sealing and expungement of dismissals, not guilty findings, and no bills. However, Section 2953.33 (B)(1) does not authorize filing fees for sealing and expungement of dismissals, not guilty findings, and no bills.

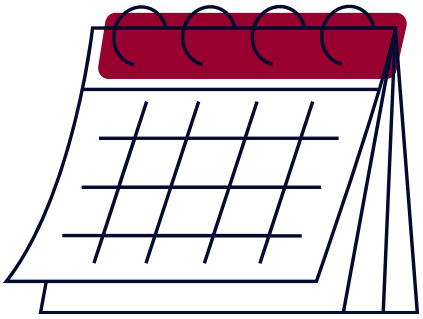
2.) Update individual court forms. Many courts' current forms do not list expungement as a possible remedy. Local forms should reflect the availability of sealing of the record of conviction; sealing of the record of dismissals, not guilty findings, and no bills; as well as expungement of the record of convictions and expungement of dismissals, not guilty findings, and no bills.

3.) Accept a generic form. The Ohio Supreme Court has not updated its rules of Superintendence to reflect Senate Bill 288 and House Bill 33. Therefore, there is no standard form for expungement of convictions or of dismissals, not guilty findings, and no bills. In instances where jurisdictions do not have updated local forms or do not provide local forms, Opportunity Port's attorneys have created a generic form for their clients to file. The generic form is modeled after the Franklin County Municipal Court's local form for sealing and expungement and has been authorized by judges across many Ohio jurisdictions as a legitimate application for the sealing or expungement of official records. It is our hope that jurisdictions will continue to accept the generic form, and that jurisdictions with their own local forms will consider being flexible in the types of forms they accept, including the generic form prepared by Opportunity Port's attorneys.

These recommendations do not require significant financial investment, can be implemented quickly, and will go far to improve the sealing and expungement ecosystem. Though the overarching theme of these recommendations may be 'standardization,' it is not our intent to challenge jurisdictional autonomy. Rather, we believe alignment and flexibility across courts will lend itself to more efficiency in the processing and adjudication of sealing and expungement matters. Navigating revised code is one hurdle; figuring out the filing practices for clients with cases in multiple jurisdictions is another. Consistency in filing practices will lend itself to increased participation of legal service providers, like Opportunity Port, in the preparation of sealing and expungement applications. The easier it is for qualified legal professionals to assist applicants with sealing and expungement matters, the likelier courts will receive quality applications.



SAVE THE DATE



All Rise Treatment Court Institute 2025 Practitioner Training

at the Sheraton Oklahoma City Downtown | 1 N Broadway Street, Oklahoma City, OK

Registration is open.

- Judges | Aug. 19-22, 2025
- Defense Attorneys | Sept. 23-26, 2025

National Judicial College 2025 Courses

Registration is open.

- Drugs in America Today: What Every Judge Needs to Know | June 16-19, 2025 | Sioux Falls, SD
- Impaired Driving Case Essentials | July 21-23, 2025 | Phoenix, AZ (Funds are available through NHTSA to pay for travel costs)

All Rise RISE25 Conference

2025 RISE will be held in Orlando, Florida, May 28 - May 31, 2025.

The 2025 National Alliance on Mental Illness Conference (NAMICon 2025)

NAMICon will be held virtually, June 11 - 13, 2025.

The 2025 Ohio Specialized Docket Conference | October 28, 2025

at the Ohio State University | The Ohio Union at 1739 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio

VETERAN MENTORS ARE THE "SECRET SAUCE" TO A SUCCESSFUL VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

by: Hon. Taryn L. Heath, Stark County Court of Common Pleas, and Michele Hammers, Stark County Honor Court Director

The Stark County Honor Court Mentor Program stands as a beacon of hope for veterans entangled in the legal system, offering them a pathway to recovery and reintegration through compassionate mentorship. The program's mission is simple yet profound: to reduce recidivism and support veterans in addressing service-connected behavioral health issues and substance use disorders. At the heart of this mission lies the volunteer veteran mentors, who are regarded as the "secret sauce" to the program's success.

These mentors play an essential role in guiding participants through the often intimidating maze of the court system while encouraging engagement in vital treatment services, both through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) community-based programs. Their mentorship is integral to restoring honor, dignity, and lives, while embodying the values enshrined in the Military Code of Conduct.

The Power of Mentorship

Mentoring is no small task. It requires patience, empathy, and a deep understanding of the struggles veterans face after leaving active duty. The journey to recovery and redemption is never easy, and many participants in Honor Court have fallen into despair after experiencing the trauma of service and facing legal consequences. Mentoring can be emotionally taxing and, at times, overwhelming. However, the rewards are undeniable when a mentor witnesses their mentee graduate from the program, overcome significant hurdles, or successfully navigate a particularly difficult task.

At its core, the relationship between a mentor and mentee is built on shared experiences. Veterans who have served in combat or endured the rigors of military life often find solace in the bond they share with another veteran who understands their unique struggles. This bond fosters trust, mutual respect, and a sense of camaraderie that is vital to the success of the program.

The Role of the Mentor

Mentors in the Honor Court do more than just offer advice or act as a sounding board. They serve as coaches, guides, role models, and advocates, providing unwavering support as the mentee navigates the challenges of the program. They are the steady presence that participants need to stay on track, reminding them that they are not alone in their journey.

For many veterans entering the program, the court system is a source of mistrust. Having faced felony convictions and struggled with their own battles, these participants often find it difficult to believe that the system is genuinely interested in helping them succeed. Many have been let down by systems that promised support but delivered little. This is where the mentor's role is pivotal.

The process of building trust is gradual. A mentor must earn the veteran's trust over time, which is done through consistency, respect, and compassion. Trust is not given lightly, especially by someone who has been through the hardships of military service and the subsequent challenges of reintegration into civilian life. But with patience and commitment, trust is built. Regular communication, being present in times of need, and simply being there to listen are all powerful ways a mentor can earn the trust of their mentee.



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Listening: A Mentor's Most Important Skill

One of the most important tools a mentor brings to the table is the ability to listen. Mentors should resist the urge to lecture or impose their own beliefs or values on their mentees. Instead, they should foster an open, non-judgmental space where the veteran feels heard and understood. By listening actively and empathetically, mentors can help mentees explore their own thoughts and solutions to problems, rather than directing them toward a one-size-fits-all answer.

A mentor's goal is not to fix the mentee's problems but to help them develop the skills they need to solve their own challenges. This approach fosters independence, self-reliance, and the confidence to take ownership of their own recovery.



Setting Healthy Boundaries

A key element in the success of veterans going through the Honor Court program is the establishment of healthy boundaries. Many veterans enter the program with deeply ingrained habits and toxic relationships that hinder their recovery. As part of their mentoring process, veteran mentors help participants evaluate their relationships with people, places, and things that may be contributing to destructive behaviors.

The concept of "People, Places, and Things" is a crucial part of the Honor Court's approach. Veterans are encouraged to assess the people they associate with, the environments they frequent, and the behaviors or habits they have developed that may be sabotaging their progress. Mentors assist their mentees in setting boundaries to distance themselves from these negative influences, enabling them to create a healthier, more supportive environment for their recovery.

By setting these boundaries, mentees can build relationships with people who have their best interests in mind—those who respect them, support them, and encourage positive growth. Mentors provide guidance on how to maintain these boundaries while also helping their mentees navigate the complex dynamics of their personal lives.

Training and Professional Development

To ensure that mentors are fully equipped with the tools and knowledge they need to provide effective support, Honor Court offers comprehensive training and ongoing professional development. In order to join the program, mentors must submit a copy of their DD214, hold an Honorable Discharge Status, and undergo a thorough background check. Once accepted, each mentor undergoes extensive, specialized training covering essential topics such as trauma-informed care, addiction recovery, and best practices for peer support.

Organizations like ALLRISE, PsychArmor, and Justice for Vets play a crucial role by offering both in-person and online courses, helping mentors stay current with the latest techniques and standards in veteran mentoring. These training programs ensure that mentors are not only prepared to handle the challenges they may face, but are also equipped to meet the complex needs of the veterans they support.
The value of ongoing development cannot be overstated. Our annual training sessions provide mentors with opportunities to refresh and expand their knowledge, enabling them to deliver the highest level

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of support to the veterans in their care. Additionally, many of our past participants often express a strong desire to return as mentors after graduating from the program. After one year, graduates can apply to rejoin as mentors, bringing their personal experience and insight into the role. This continuity creates a valuable dynamic, as former participants often understand the challenges facing new veterans—having experienced similar setbacks themselves. This shared experience greatly enhances the mentoring process and contributes to the overall success of the program.

How to Get Involved

If you are interested in learning more about establishing a successful mentor program in your own community or becoming a mentor, several resources are available. ALLRISE, Justice for Vets, and the Stark County Honor Court offer guidance and support to those who wish to make a difference in the lives of veterans. You can reach out directly to the Stark County Honor Court by contacting the Program Director, Michele Hammers, at mmhammer@starkcountyohio.gov for additional information.

Conclusion

The Stark County Honor Court Mentor Program proves that the path to recovery and redemption for veterans is not just about legal compliance or court appearances; it's about human connection, trust, and mentorship. Veterans who serve as mentors provide the crucial support that can turn a life around, helping their fellow veterans regain their honor, dignity, and a sense of purpose.

Veteran mentors are the "secret sauce" that makes the Honor Court's approach work. Through their dedication, empathy, and willingness to listen and guide, they help participants rebuild their lives and emerge stronger and more resilient than before. If you are a veteran, or someone who wants to help, consider joining this vital program and making a lasting impact on the lives of those who have given so much for our country.

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VIRTUAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, LINKS, & RESOURCES



ALL RISE E-LEARNING CENTER

https://allrise.org/trainings/e-learning/

SAMHSA'S PRACTIONER TRAINING

SAMHSA's practioner training offers tools, training, and technical assistance to practitioners in the fields of mental health and substance use disorders.
https://www.samhsa.gov/resource-search/tta

THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO SPECIALIZED DOCKETS EDUCATION ROUNDTABLES

https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/docs/JCS/specDockets/events/Roundtables.pdf

- Probation Officers - Wednesday, July 9, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
- Coordinators - Thursday, Sept. 11, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
- Veterans - Tuesday, June 24, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
- New Judges - Friday, May 16, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
- Judges - Thursday, Sept. 18, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
- Mental Health - Friday, Aug. 29, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
- Drug and Human Trafficking - Tuesday, June 17, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
- Specialized Docket Managers - Tuesday, Sept. 23, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
- Veterans Mentor Roundtables - Thursday, Aug. 7, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 15, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- Coordinator Support Meetings - Friday, May 9, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 22, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 7, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

JUSTICE TO HEALING PODCAST: DESIGNING AN ALUMNI GROUP

https://www.buzzsprout.com/1351483/episodes/16754656

CDC REPORTS NEARLY 24% DECLINE IN U.S. DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS

https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2025/2025-cdc-reports-decline-in-us-drug-overdose-deaths.html

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

ODMHAS – SD Subsidy Project Funding
Link: Specialized Dockets | Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (ohio.gov)
Note: Cover payroll costs for specialized docket staff members or for clinical services provided by OhioMHAS certified addiction and/or mental health providers, medication assisted treatment (MAT) medications, urinalysis and recovery supports. Must be in the process of certification or certified by SCO.

ATP (Addiction Treatment Program) Funds
Link: Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (ohio.gov)
Note: Contact your local ADAMH board for what is available to your court program participants.

SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)
Link: Grants and Grantees | SAMHSA
Note: Search grants by state and type to see past funded awards. Deadlines vary.

NDRC (National Drug Court Resource Center)
Link: Grant Solicitations - National Drug Court Resource Center (ndcrc.org)
Note: Lists solicitations from various sources.

Grants.gov
Link: Home | GRANTS.GOV
Note: Search for local/private funding, state and national funding opportunities. Deadlines vary.

State Justice Institute
Link: State Justice Institute (sji.gov)
Note: Application deadlines are: November 1; February 1; May 1; and August 1, and correspond with the federal fiscal year quarters.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation
Link: Grant Information & FAQs - The Annie E. Casey Foundation (aecf.org)
Note: Funding opportunities for juvenile justice. Rolling deadlines.

Grant and Funding Webinars:
Funding Webinars | Bureau of Justice Assistance (ojp.gov)
Training Events, Videos, and Reference Materials for Applicants and Grantees | SAMHSA
Grant Writing Basics – Grants.gov Community Blog (wordpress.com)

