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Legal Literacy Activity Form

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Legal Literacy Activity Title: Specialty Criminal Courts: Drug Treatment Courts

Date Developed: November 14, 2019

Learner Name:

Date Started:

Date Completed:

Legal Literacy Activity Description: The learner will read about the Calgary Drug Treatment Court through a review of its website. As they navigate the site, the learner will identify key information about the program. They will also offer their opinion on whether this specialty court would be an option they would consider if faced with criminal charges.

Materials Required:

Pen and paper

Access to a computer and the internet

Instructor preparation: Read over the learner instructions with the learner and check for understanding.

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Legal Literacy Activities:

Task # 1: Drug treatment courts operate in many parts of Canada as an alternative to traditional criminal courts. This activity introduces you to the unique features of drug treatment courts. Using an internet search engine (for example, Google), type and click “calgarydrugtreatmentcourt.org” in the search box. Please locate and click the “About us” tab, then locate, click and read the “Vision, Mission and Values” link.

Task# 2: In your own words, describe what the Calgary Drug Treatment Court hopes to offer in their community.

Task # 3: On the same website, locate , click and read the “CDTC Program Overview” link under the “Programs and Services” tab.

Task# 4: Please prepare written answers to the following questions relating to the Task # 2 readings.

1. Do you know anyone who has been involved with a drug treatment court? If so, were they successful in completing the program? If you do not know anyone who has been involved with a drug treatment court, please go to question 2.

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Answers for Legal Literacy Activities:

The learner will undertake the following activities. Answers to the questions are provided where applicable.

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This is the excerpt from the website, but the learner’s responses will vary.

Our Vision

Our vision is to build safe communities free from the impact of drug-related crime.

Our Mission

It is our mission to succeed by providing a justice alternative for drug addicted offenders that integrates justice, health services and treatment to restore the lives of addicts and empower them to be productive members of the community.

Our Values

We proudly embody our core values in the work we do with our employees, our participants, our treatment and rehabilitative partners and our community. We are visionary, collaborative, accountable and empowering.

We are Visionary

We leverage best practices from other drug treatment and problem solving courts and build on continuous learning to consistently improve.

We are Collaborative

We work cohesively with our partners to provide a continuum of services to increase effectiveness and efficiency.

We are Accountable

We are an evidence based program that measures our effectiveness through an evaluation process.

We are Empowering

We create an environment, a system, an approach, that enables individuals to function to their highest capacity.

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2. If you found yourself facing drug charges (and are ready to take responsibility), would you take the drug treatment court option? Please explain why or why not including 2 reasons for your position.

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These Legal Literacy Activities: were successfully completed ___ need to be tried again ___

Learner Comments

Instructor (print and signature)

Learner Signature