

## **NORTHEAST NEBRASKA DRUG COURT**

### **Assessment and Treatment**

#### **Policy:**

Assessing offenders in a reliable and valid manner is a prerequisite for the effective management of drug court participants. Timely, relevant measures of offender risk and need is essential for the implementation of the principles of best practice in problem solving court programs. The Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (LS/CMI) aids in determination of participants' risk/needs levels allowing appropriate supervision and service interventions to be provided. The Northeast Nebraska Drug Court staff will assess participants upon admission into the program and at set intervals to ascertain their needs are being identified and met, thus reducing risk of recidivism.

Substance abuse evaluations and treatment for Drug Court participants shall comply with the minimum standards established by the Standardized Model for Delivery of Substance Abuse Treatment as promulgated by the Nebraska Supreme Court Office of Probation Administration.

#### **Procedure:**

Drug Court participants will be assessed and scored using the LS/CMI instrument within 2 weeks of admission to the program. Participants will be reassessed using the LS/CMI every six months until graduation or termination from the drug court program. Data collected will be entered into the Nebraska Probation Management Information System (NPMIS) by the officer completing the assessment.

Drug Court participants will complete a substance abuse evaluation within 2 weeks of admission. Substance abuse evaluation completed prior to admission will be accepted, provided they were completed within the last 6 months, and follow the Standardized Model. Participants are required to follow treatment recommendations stated in the evaluations.