

**Deschutes County
Adult Treatment Court
Semi-Annual Progress Report
21-23 Biennium
Q5 and Q6**

1. What is working well?
 - a. Deschutes County Adult Treatment Court (ATC) has continued its coordination and communication with partners and clients as we continue the ramp down of our Court. We have continued to have some major changes including a PO shift as well as a change to our UA provider. We have made these changes in a way that minimize negative impacts to clients wherever possible.
 - b. The Court and team continue to work well with each other and embrace flexibility based on partners' availability and needs. The goal still remains that all clients currently in ATC are given every opportunity to be successful.
 - c. During these past 6 months our original ATC PO left the department and we have been fortunate enough to have another PO step in and take on this role to help finish the current clients out. We have also worked well with our new ATC treatment provider and they have been very responsive to the Court, team, and client needs.
 - d. Deschutes County also hosted CJC in November. Part of this included a discussion about ATC with the Judge, Court staff, and some of the Court team. We appreciated the opportunity to provide some feedback and explain our ATC close out process.

2. What is challenging?
 - a. Biggest challenge is managing a Court that is winding down and ensuring that clients still in ATC are afforded the same opportunities and services. Also Deschutes County Adult Treatment Court has been held in high regard in our community and thus the current process to shut the court down has impacted our community and the many supporters.

3. The Specialty Court Grant Program funds are one-time funding that cannot be rolled over into future grant periods. At the end of the grant period any unspent funds are returned to Oregon's General Fund. What is the court's biggest risk to spending all of the grant dollars awarded?
 - a. The biggest challenges has been that we are unable to bill the grant for case management. The amount of time that is required by our providers that they cannot bill OHP for or the grant make it difficult. For future grant applications we would recommend opening up case management for grant billing for time provided by the providers.

- b. We may be at higher risk of under-expending at this time because we are unable to accept new clients.
 - c. We are working on some modifications to help with our spending, but will also coordinate with CJC for any anticipated unspent funds.
- 4. What is the court doing to address any risks to spending all of the grant dollars awarded?
 - a. We will continue to watch expenses closely and request adjustments to ensure funds are spent out as outlined based on our application and modifications.
 - b. The court continues to identify barriers to success and prioritize subsidies such as sober housing, transportation, and access to reliable communications.
 - c. Because our ATC is closing out our pool of participants is shrinking and the need for certain services is also less than if we had a fully operation court.
- 5. What is the court doing to address any barriers to maintaining monthly participant numbers at or near capacity? Capacity means the number of participants the program can serve at one time, regardless of phase awarded?
 - a. At this time we are not accepting new participants. We have been in communication with CJC regarding this situation.
- 6. If the court did not meet Oregon Specialty Court Standards, what is the court doing to improve? Please identify the standard and what work is being done to move towards meeting the standard?
 - a. At this time Deschutes County Adult Treatment Court has not had an evaluation completed on their adherence to specialty court standards.
 - b. Our current ATC treatment provider would really like to host University of Cincinnati to provide their SUD curriculum training for all staff. While we understand ATC is closing out, this could be a great resource for our community in that they will continue to provide services for clients that would have been in ATC. It could also prepare them as a provider in the future if the ATC returns.
- 7. What does the court need technical assistance or support with from CJC?
 - a. As we continue to navigate the next few months in terms of our ATC transition we may reach out to CJC for additional assistance.