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We would like to offer a diversionary course for misdemeanor non violent offenders!

PROGRAM

Justice for Life Institute is an Outpatient/Prevention Program located in South Florida. . We are the sole psycho-educational provider (psycho-education) for Broward's Misdemeanor Drug Court Program (MDCP), which was recently featured on CNN. We we would love to replicate our services for your citizens who have non violent misdemeanor charges.

JFL's goal is to break the vicious cycle of criminal behavior, confront faulty thinking, and impart practical life skills so the misdemeanor offender can be accountable to himself, family and community. Our national and reputable expertise speaks for itself. We address drug abuse, drug dealing, and all traits to stop antisocial behaviors against our noble community.

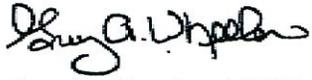
JFL motivates adults/offenders with evidenced-based strategies. What separates "*Justice For Life*" from other outpatient/prevention programs is that we focus on "habilitation" skills, rather than solely upon rehabilitation. Rehabilitation assumes that the adults/offender was responsible, capable, and stable before an incident and/or an arrest; whereas, habilitation dictates that the adults/offender must first gain the *missed* stability in their lives. We believe we must incorporate coping strategies and community reinforcement techniques, in order to build a solid foundation for adults/offenders. JFL recognizes that many adults/offender offenders were *emotionally* arrested before they were *physically* arrested.

JFL uses unique (relationship) modalities that utilize a person-in-the environment concept that promotes stages of personal development. JFL treats and/or confronts adults/offenders with an interpretation/understanding of their culture. We address the offender's irrational thinking from a strength-based perspective.

JFL additionally addresses some of the following issues in order to promote healthy adults/offender lifestyles: criminogenic mindset, total accountability, relapse, prevention from drugs, crime, authority issues, anger resolution, identity issues, assertive skills, stress, family issues, marijuana, alcohol and club drugs, arrested development, abandonment issues, rejection, conflict resolution, and other illegal behaviors such as loitering, minor battery, theft, drug paraphernalia, disorderly conduct, and HIV/AIDS education for prostitution cases.

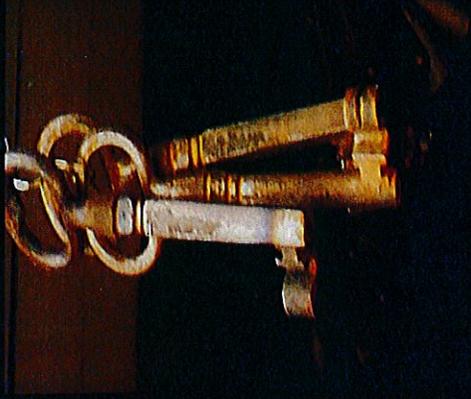
JFL understands, through science, that prevention, intervention and/or treatment can change adults/offenders who have been labeled as "judicial deficits" into "social assets".

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact us directly at (954) 797-1617 or e-mail us at guy@justiceforlife.org.



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Please look at the attached presentation which addresses how this concept can be implemented in your area.



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**“BEYOND THE ADDICTION IS
THE CONVICTION” ©**

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President/CEO**

MISSION POSSIBLE

**OUR MISSION IS TO SIGNIFICANTLY
REDUCE THE RECIDIVISM RATE OF
MISDEMEANOR OFFENDERS BY PROVIDING
CULTURALLY PROFICIENT INTERVENTION
SERVICES IN NORTH MIAMI.**

WHAT DO WE KNOW?

**80% of criminal offenses are
substance abuse involved**

**70% of juvenile delinquency cases
are substance abuse involved**

**80-90% of dependency cases are
substance abuse involved**

GOAL

- CREATE MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE WITHIN NORTH MIAMI
- DESIGN A PRE-ARREST DIVERSION (PAD) PROGRAM THAT CAN BE ADMINISTERED BY THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI;
- MAINTAIN IN-HOUSE PROCESS FOR NON-VIOLENT MISDEMEANORS;
- CITIZENS CAN MAINTAIN A CLEAN RECORD AND AVOID THE LIFETIME STIGMA OF A CRIMINAL RECORD;
- ADDRESS ALL MISDEMEANORS WITH A CLINICAL INTERVENTION;
- REDUCE FUTURE CRIMES, ESPECIALLY FELONY OFFENSES.

PRE ARREST DIVERSION

The implementation of a pre-arrest diversion program based on an intensive intervention and diversion model while still ensuring public safety and hold offenders accountable for their actions would serve as a vital tool in the City of North Miami.

The North Miami Pre-Arrest Diversion Program ("PAD") would provide an alternative to first time misdemeanor offenders'. The PAD program seeks to prevent a criminal record (PAD participants will not be entered into the criminal database unless they fail to complete the program) by providing services, assistance and tools needed to eliminate criminal behavior and reduce the obstacles that come about when an individual has a criminal record. The Program will be adjusted on an on-going basis as needed to ensure the successful implementation of the program.

The PAD program will be eligible to persons CITED within the City of North Miami that are primarily between the ages of 18-35, with discretion to officers to include adults beyond the age of 35. Only first time offenders who have committed eligible misdemeanors that are non-domestic related cases or violations of City of North Miami ordinances are eligible for the program. Certain offenses such as weapons offenses, sex offenses, traffic offenses, domestic related offenses, and other offenses will not be eligible for the program.

PRE ARREST DIVERSION

SELECTION:

Once it is determined that an offender qualifies for the program and wants to participate in the program, they will execute certain documents, including a speedy trial waiver and release agreement. If the offender wishes to enter into the PAD program, the offender will contact the City Coordinator. All costs of the services will be borne by the offender.

If the PAD participant fails, to complete the program in which he/she is enrolled, the service provider will contact the City Coordinator, who will notify the State Attorney's for prosecution.

PRE ARREST DIVERSION

ESTIMATES:

Conceptually, PAD will have a direct impact on first time offenders primarily between the ages of 18-35; however, if an analysis of persons arrested 18-25 years of age in a year provides a forecast of the benefits to implementing a community policing effort such as PAD. Let's project 1,000 arrests of persons 18-25 years of age for misdemeanor crimes. And of those crimes, there were 400 arrests for misdemeanor cannabis possession; then, of the 1000 arrests last year were eligible for the PAD, 400 would have entered the program. If this program existed one year ago with an administrative fee of \$250.00 as an assessment upon each person eligible, the total amount of revenue achieved would have been \$100,000.00.

BENEFITS

- PUBLIC SAFETY (REDUCTION IN RECIDIVISM)
- NO COST TO CITY (CITIZENS PAY CITATION FEES TO THE CITY AS OPPOSED TO THE COURTS)
- MISDEMEANOR DISMISSAL; CHARGES NOT FILED
- REDUCE THE NUMBER OF FELONIES BY ADDRESSING THE ISSUES EARLY AND UPFRONT
- COST EFFICIENT SERVICE TO YOUR CITIZENS
- MINOR ADMINISTRATIVE COST

TREATMENT BENEFITS

- CULTURALLY PROFICIENT TREATMENT
- HABILITATION RATHER THAN REHABILITATION
- CLIENTS ARE EDUCATED ON HOW THEIR CRIME DESTROYS PERSONAL FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND FUTURE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES (CAPTURE THEIR ATTENTION DURING THE CRISIS)
- EVIDENCE-BASED CURRICULUM (MORAL RECONCILIATION THERAPY)
- PROMISED PRACTICE CURRICULUM
- EXPERIENCED PROVIDER WITH INTERNATIONAL & NATIONAL REPUTATION
- EXTENSIVE DIVERSIONARY EXPERIENCE
- SINGLE SOURCE PROVIDER (CONSISTENT PROGRAMMING FOR RESPONSIVE DATA)

Non Violent Misdemeanors Offenses

Select Offenses

- Marijuana offenses (less than 20 grams)
- Drug Paraphernalia
- Possession of alcohol by persons under 21
- Shoplifting/Petty theft
- Disorderly Conduct
- Dumping (trash)
- House Party
- Trespassing
- Loitering
- Criminal Mischief (Less than \$1,000)

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SUMMARY

Guy is a national expert in the area of treatment, consulting, and training with a strong focus on substance abuse, mental health, and criminal behavior for both Juveniles and Adults.. . As a Certified Cultural Competence Trainer , he has travel the country and abroad addressing trauma, domestic violence, drug court, spirituality, the criminal mind , and how to work with black male students, and many more. He recently developed a black curriculum on how to engage young black males in the criminal justice system. The promise practice curriculum will be tested by the government to be used as an evidence based curriculum.

Guy has three training videos that are sold around the country. His popular "Absent Father" video/topic was so powerful, the White House invited him to dialog and participate in the Fatherhood Initiative Program. He was recently featured on CNN for his work in the field.

Mr. Wheeler presently maintains a clinical practice that works with the Misdemeanor drug court of Broward County Florida His drug court practice work dates back to 1990 when he initiated the second drug court in the country while also overseeing a jail treatment program. The highlight of Guy's career was having the first day treatment program in Florida for crack cocaine addicts.

Guy is a faculty member for the National Drug Court Institute, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and the International People of Color Conference. He operates in the capacity of a trainer and/or grant evaluator for Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Juvenile Justice Prevention, and other local, state and national departments. He also serves as the National Vice President of the Thurgood Marshall Action Committee (TMAC).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

President/CEO

2002 - Present

Guy A. Wheeler Group/Justice For Life Institute, Plantation, Florida

Maintains a clinical private practice for Juveniles & Adults which treat a wide range of diagnoses. JFL provides training, lectures, evaluations, and research for jails, social service providers, treatment programs, churches, and schools across the nation and abroad. Currently, JFL provide assessments and clinical services for Broward's Misdemeanor Drug Court.

Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) - Department of Detention & Community Control, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Assistant Director (equivalent to a Major)

1999 - 2002

A high ranking director position that provided administrative and managerial direction for both an outpatient and in-custody programs that provided substance abuse treatment, education and prevention services for one of the largest accredited Sheriff's Department in the country.

He was responsible for the management of all program services and operations for public comprehensive treatment center in which the duties required directing four (4) separate programs. In charge of the strategic oversight and day-to-day leadership for all aspects of the programs which, included: managing annual departmental budgets, supervising staff, interfacing with judges, advisors, county officials, advisory boards and other Human Services components. Monitored and ensured the quality of the treatment provided by all clinical staff and assisted in training staff to utilize evidence based techniques.

Guy's (Broward) Drug Court was a model treatment program that offered unique and innovative evidenced based curriculums. This program had specialized tracks that helped to reduce recidivism rates for women, pregnant females, co-occurring clients, Hispanics and African-American (first in the country). These programs were monitored, supervised and evaluated to ensure desired outcomes were being achieved.

Broward Addiction Recovery Center (BARC), Fort Lauderdale, Florida

1986 - 1999

***Drug Court** – Designed and implemented this innovative treatment program to work with felony offenders who were court ordered to substance abuse treatment. This holistic program offered intensive day/night counseling and vocational/educational involvement.*

Alternative Treatment Against Crack Cocaine (ATTAC) – Suggested this concept to the county and city officials to have a jail treatment program. He became the driving force in developing and implementing this ninety (90) day- twenty seven (27) bed format.

Intervention - Supervised a unit that provided assessment for in-custody clients that sought treatment.

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Non-Residential Day Treatment Program (NRD) –Having a natural propensity for ingenuity and creativity, he started Florida’s first day treatment program in 1987, targeting mostly Crack Cocaine addicts and drug-related offenders. To connect this program with the Sectarian society, Guy was instrumental in motivating the ecumenical community to provide adjunct support services for addicts. There was a robust response from the ecumenical community and collectively they started a program called “Churches in Action”.

Criminal Justice Coordinator/Special Assistant to Director

Served as the Liaison for BARC and between the Criminal Justice System (local, state, and federal).

Supervisor/Therapist

A counseling and administrative position that provided individual and/or family counseling services to substance abuse clients in Broward County. Performed required paperwork tasks and maintain assigned client files according to program policies. Provided community education and speaking engagements when necessary.

Notable Accomplishments

- Organized food and shelter with community outreach agencies
- Successfully orchestrated and implemented NRD program and interfaced with local community churches to form “Churches in Action”.
- Planned and carried out a massive anti-drug march throughout Broward County with over 10,000 persons participating.

Substance Abuse Therapist II – Outreach Counselor

Provided counseling to high-risk individuals and groups within the inner city. Educated inner city individuals to the knowledge of local alcohol and drug treatment programs available. Facilitated motivational lectures and seminars at schools and community based programs.

The Starting Place, Hollywood, Florida - Juvenile Counselor 1981-1986

Provided psycho-education and process groups to juveniles and their family in an entry level position as a program counselor; quickly advanced to the level of administrative assistant within three years.

EDUCATION

Jacksonville Theological Seminary (Accredited) D. Div.
Barry University Masters in Social Work
Indiana University B.A. in Forensic Studies

CERTIFICATION

Certified Criminal Justice and Addiction Professional (CCJAP)
Certified Addiction Professional (CAP)
Certified Cultural Competence Trainer
Certified HIV/AIDS Trainer (2004)
Moral Recognition Therapy (MRT) Certified
Certified in Domestic Violence

BOARDS, MEMBERSHIP & AFFILIATIONS

NADCP ♦ NCFS ♦ SAMSHA ♦ Florida Drug Court Professionals
International People of Color ♦ Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) ♦ National Drug Court Institute
Office of Juvenile Justice and Prevention (OJJP)
National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)

HONORS & AWARDS

(Recipient of more than 100 honors and awards – partial listing)

Liberty Bell Award 2010
Therapist of the Year for 2007 – 2008
Council on the Status of Black Men & Boys – Senator Bill McCollum 2008
Jim Jan Moran – African American Achievement Award 1996