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Dear Fellow Drug Court Practitioners and Interested Persons:

We invite you to join or renew your membership with the Florida Association of Drug Court Professionals (FADCP). We ask that you reach out to your drug court team members and encourage them to become FADCP members. Through your support, the FADCP can make a difference.

We would like to thank long-time, founding FADCP Board members Gisele Pollack and Toby Olson for their many years of dedicated efforts to advance drug courts statewide. Their expertise and input on the many initiatives that the FADCP Board has spearheaded over the years has had a huge impact on problem-solving courts at the local, state and national levels. We wish both of them continued success in the future.

Over the past three years, the FADCP Board made administrative changes to streamline membership which we will continue to follow. FADCP membership certificates will be e-mailed to recipients to lessen the administrative burden of mailing 200 certificates annually. We thank Jennifer Bassett our Membership Chair who is responsible for processing memberships and updating our website at www.fadcp.org. **Please make sure your accounting systems reflect the correct mailing address and contact information for submission of membership forms (see attached) and checks.** It is imperative that your local accounting systems have the correct information.

FADCP is collaborating with the Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA) to develop the training agenda for the Adult Drug Court Conference scheduled for November 18-20 in Naples. The focus of the conference will be understanding and implementing Best Practice Standards. We have an exciting program agenda planned. Annual training and education for all problem-solving court team members is a state and national best practice which is essential for operating effectively. We will continue to work hard to ensure that problem-solving courts receive training and provide information to our membership on training opportunities and resources. The FADCP works with the OSCA to advocate for important legislation that supports operations and helps to adequately fund programs. The FADCP and OSCA have made strides in addressing judicial educational needs related to substance abuse and exploring initiatives to showcase Florida's problem-solving courts at the state and national level.

Attached is the 2019-2020 FADCP membership application (organizational and individual). The FADCP Tax ID # is **65-1140643** and is located at the top of the form. The FADCP complies with all public records criteria in Section 119.01 (3), Florida Statutes. Section 397.334, Florida Statutes defines the FADCP, "whose duty is to solicit recommendations from members on issues relating to the expansion, operation, and institutionalization of treatment-based drug court programs." The FADCP welcomes your input as we continue our work to support problem-solving courts in Florida.

We have made great progress recently with funding but more work is to be done educating our legislators and elected officials that problem-solving courts are genuine criminal justice reform which uses evidence-based practices and standards to address and break the cycle of addiction, ultimately saving money and lives.

We look forward to seeing you at the November statewide conference in Naples! Your membership supports our statewide association - - the voice of Florida's problem-solving courts. Please join!

With Best Regards,

Jeri B. Cohen
FADCP Chair

