



The Evidence Based Correctional Program Checklist for Drug Courts (CPC-DC) is a variation of UC's CPC tool developed for assessing correctional intervention programs. The CPC-DC tool evaluates agencies in two basic areas that cover four domains: **capacity** and **content**. There are a number of advantages to using this process to assess correctional programs. Tool criteria come from empirically derived principles of effective programs, and indicators included in the CPC-DC correlate with reductions in recidivism. Additionally, the process identifies measures of integrity and quality, providing insight into the "black box" of an agency and its programs (something an outcome study alone does not provide). Results that identify both the strengths and weaknesses of an agency are obtainable relatively quickly, providing an agency a better understanding of practices consistent with research on effective interventions, as well as those areas that need improvement. Further, the evaluation results include recommendations for agency improvement, allows for benchmarking through comparisons with other agencies assessed using the same criteria. Since program integrity and quality can change over time, it also allows an agency to reassess its progress. The University of Cincinnati (UC) serves as the sole owner and proprietor of the copyright in the CPC and its corresponding manual and training program.

OVERVIEW

Components of the assessment include four domains:
Development, Coordination, Staff and Support (Capacity)
Quality Assurance (Capacity)
Assessment Practices (Content)
Treatment (Content)

END USER

The end user session is three days of training for a maximum of 8 trainees, and is outlined below:
Day 1: Review of CPC and overview of the CPC-DC
Day 2: Conduct site visit
Day 3: CPC-DC Scoring, Concluding remarks

Our goal is to provide a high fidelity program. While the assessment is free to use, end user training is required. Please note that participation in the CPC-DC is limited to individuals previously certified on the base CPC tool.

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