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### **Using the Key Components for Drug Courts as an Assessment Tool: An Australian Case Study** – *Lorana Bartels, Karen Gelb and Sophie Yates*

In this article, we use the 10 Key Components for Drug Courts (Components), to evaluate the performance of Australia's newest adult drug court, the Australian Capital Territory Drug and Alcohol Sentencing List (DASL). We track DASL's performance over the first 18 months of operation, finding that the program adhered quite well to the Components and slightly improved its performance over time, with room for development in several areas. We conclude by reflecting on the value of evaluating drug courts using multi-perspective quantitative and qualitative data that measure adherence to the Components. This method of evaluation can help practitioners and policymakers identify where practice may diverge from the Components and thus undermine success, as well as helping to recognise innovative and contextually appropriate ways of implementing the Components. In order to promote continuous improvement in drug court practice, we suggest that drug courts regularly assess their performance against the Components, in addition to more traditional outcome-based measures. .... 145

### **Threats, Domestic and Family Violence and Workplace Safety in the Courts** – *Charlotte Hock and Heather Douglas*

Threats to judicial officers and court staff may be common and serious. They may often involve violations of court orders and may be associated with domestic and family violence. While substantial research has been conducted on threats made by perpetrators against their current or former intimate partners and on workplace threats experienced by those working in domestic and family violence support services, the issue of workplace violence directed at judicial officers and other court-based staff is limited, especially in the Australian context. This article examines existing knowledge about workplace threats and violence to judicial officers and other court staff and considers appropriate reporting protocols and responses to this type of behaviour. .... 163

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