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New Publication on Drug Abuse Treatment for Criminal Justice Populations Unveiled During 31st Annual Training Institute

Attendees of the American Probation and Parole Association's (APPA) 31st Annual Training Institute held last week in Chicago each received a copy of a new publication from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) entitled, *Principles of Drug Abuse Treatment for Criminal Justice Populations – A Research-Based Guide*.

Conference attendees were the first in the nation to receive this 32 page booklet with a list of principles and frequently asked questions as well as resources for those involved in supervising offenders with substance abuse problems.

Dr. Tim Condon, NIDA Deputy Director, presented the publication and a packet of information to APPA's Board of Directors during its meeting on Sunday, July 23 and Dr. Nora Volkow, NIDA Director, gave a brief presentation to all attendees at the Plenary Session on Monday, July 24. In addition, APPA's President-Elect, Gary Hinzman, Dr. Volkow, the Mayor of Chicago Richard M. Daley and former drug involved offenders were present at a press conference held at the 1st District Headquarters Building in downtown Chicago on Monday to introduce this landmark publication to the nation.

NIDA's release states, "It is estimated that 70 percent of people in state prisons and local jails have used drugs regularly, compared to approximately 9 percent in the general population, yet only one-fifth ever receive treatment. Communities have feared treatment for drug abusing offenders would be too expensive; however, this report shows that not only does appropriate treatment reduce crime, it also saves money and lives. Research shows that for every dollar spent on addiction treatment programs, there is a \$4 to \$7 reduction in the cost of drug-related crimes."

"*Principles of Drug Abuse Treatment for Criminal Justice Populations - A Research-Based Guide* concisely presents information that every practitioner in the corrections field should understand and embrace. If our goal is one of positive offender change for long-term public safety, then these principles should serve as a necessary guideline for our field", says Carl Wicklund, APPA Executive Director.

Copies of the booklet are available free of charge from the NIDA website at this link: http://www.drugabuse.gov/PDF/PODAT_CJ/PODAT_CJ.pdf or can be requested from NIDA by calling (800) 729-6686.

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