



**FY2010 RECOMMENDATION/FY10-D47 DIFFERENTIAL INTERVENTION APPROACHES FOR DEFENDANTS**

**Status:** Implementation Complete

**Actions/Updates**

**2012 ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION**

This was taken into consideration during the work of the Structure Working Group of the Drug Policy Task Force.

**Description**

Design differential intervention approaches for defendants.

**Agencies Responsible**

**Discussion**

*Criminal activity, addiction, and illegal drug use can intersect in significantly different ways. Decision makers, including those representing the criminal defense and prosecution, must distinguish among the variety of circumstances surrounding drug offenses. Differential approaches must be designed for defendants who are:*

- a) illegal drug users but not addicted or involved in other criminal activity,*
- b) addicted and engaged in drug activity but not otherwise engaged in other criminal activity,*
- c) addicted and engaged in nonviolent crime to support their addiction,*
- d) addicted and engaged in violent crime, and*
- e) engaged in drug trafficking or manufacturing for profit but not addicted to illegal drugs.*