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ALTERNATIVE JUSTICE MODELS
FOR PEOPLE WITH ADDICTIONS
IN MEXICO

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The cover features a vertical sidebar on the left with the following elements from top to bottom: the Mexican coat of arms with the text 'ESTADOS UNIDOS MEXICANOS'; the text 'GOBIERNO FEDERAL'; the text 'SALUD'; the logo of the 'Comisión Nacional contra las Adicciones' (CONADIC) with the text 'CONADIC' below it. The main title 'Alternative Justice Models for people with addictions in Mexico' is centered in a large, orange font. The bottom left corner shows the date 'November 2011'. The right side of the cover is decorated with a graphic of overlapping, curved shapes in shades of green and teal.

Current Situation in Mexico

- q Complex problem on drug use and abuse: Supply, Demand and Context.
- q Offer: Wide coverage and availability, low price, structured networks (drug dealing). Frontal attack.
- q Demand: Transforming “country- of- way” to consumer. Increased exposure to the opportunity to use and modification of consumption patterns in recent years (early onset, growing consumer trend in adolescent female population, poly-consumer) National Addiction Survey (2002, 2008, 2011), local and sectorial surveys .
- q Strenght Federal capacities in addressing addictions issues (National Commission against Drugs and National Center)



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Sanitary context: actions in demand reduction

- National Information Strategy for a New Life (Prevention campaign. 17 million people reached)
- National Network for people with addictions (323 New Life Centers, 113 Youth Integration Centers, 270 accredited residential treatment centers)
- Reference to health services by the Law Enforcement authority.
- Care for participants in the Therapeutic Justice Program (Nuevo León)



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Drug – Crime indicators in Mexico

- 60% of crimes committed by drug users
- Relative prison overcrowding 30% (45,511 prisoners)
- 94.8% of prisoners use drugs
- Theft is the most frequent crime committed by drug users
- 42% of residents have not been sentenced
- The average time for sentencing is 5 years
- 54 % of young offenders reported using drugs



Data based on information from the National Public Security System 2010 and the National Survey on Insecurity ICESI 2010.



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Background of the Project in Mexico

- q Opportunity to identify the topic of treatment alternatives to incarceration in the First Forum of Cities of Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean EU - LAC Drug Treatment City Partnerships, CICAD-OAS, April 2008.



- q Linking Instrument between Justice System and Health System, and team training with the National Council Against Addictions. Regular meetings to assess the benefits of its possible implementation in Mexico (July-October 2008).
- q Technical Feasibility Assessment legal in the states of Mexico (October 2008):
 - ü Oral Trials (such as procedural requirement for the implementation of the program)
 - ü Legal mechanism which allows a stay of proceedings
 - ü Provision of treatment



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International Links

CICAD:

- EU - LAC Drug Treatment City Partnerships, CICAD-OAS:
 - ü Mexico's participation in the group of "Treatment Alternatives to incarceration" Visiting Drug Courts in Santiago, Chile and Ghent, Belgium. (March and June 2009).
- Presentation of Mexico's progress in the 45th and 46th Ordinary Sessions CICAD, in Santiago, Chile and Washington DC.
- Dissemination of the experience of Mexico
 - ü Washington, DC (July 2011)
 - ü Buenos Aires, Argentina (October 2011)
 - ü Costa Rica, CR (November-December 2011)



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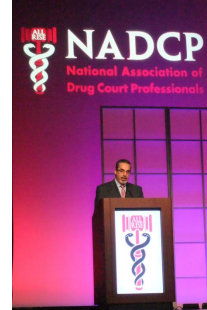
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UNITED STATES :

- Visits to Drug Courts and continuous contact with experts
- Team Training for Addiction Treatment Court in Monterrey (2009) and visits to several drug courts in the U.S. (2009-2010)
- Mexico's participation in the Annual Conferences of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) in
 - ü Anaheim, California (June 2009)
 - ü Boston, Massachusetts (June 2010)
 - ü Washington, D.C. (July 2011)
- Training Course Monterrey, N.L., DOS, Office of National Drug Control Policy ONDCP NADCP (August 2009).



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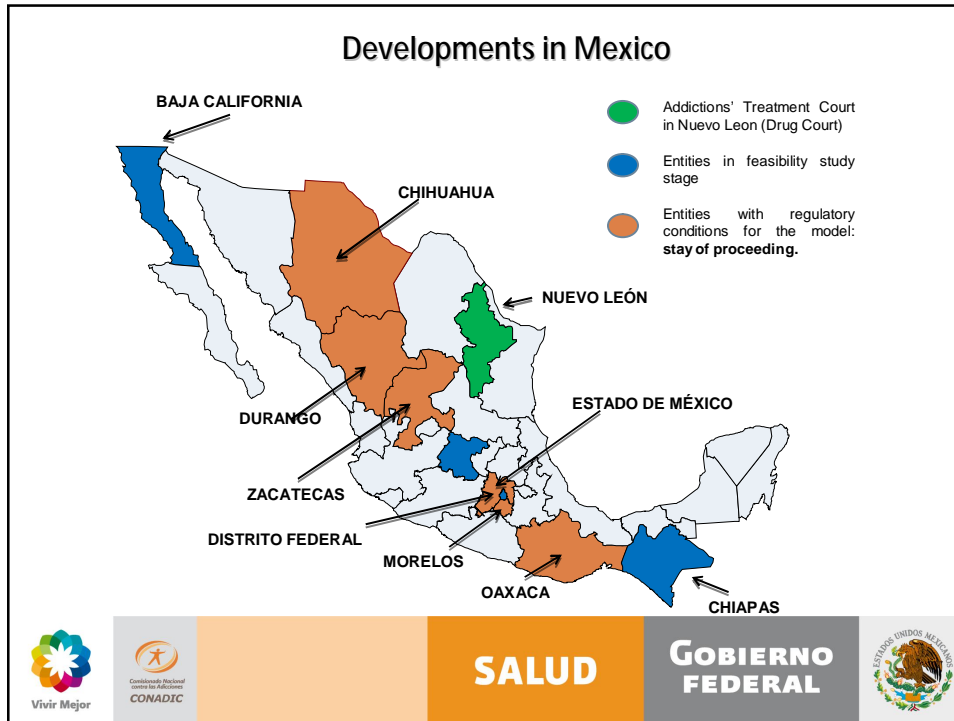
Developments in Mexico



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Addictions' Treatment Court in Nuevo Leon (Drug Court)

Project leader: Superior Court of Justice of the state

Participating agencies: Supreme Court, Attorney General, Secretary of Health, Institute of Public Defense, Secretary of Public Security.

Infrastructure operation: 1 Court preparation trial and 1 Treatment Center of the Secretary of Health.

Beginning: September, 2009. Guadalupe, Nuevo Leon.
Official opening: August 31st, 2010.

- ∅ On June 21, 2011 the Addictions' Treatment Court Program decreed the absolute freedom of four people who have completed their treatment
- ∅ Currently 52 participants
- ∅ Authority will be provided 5 courts over the course of this year



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