

Lorain County Domestic Relations Court

Juvenile Drug Court

History and Approach of the Lorain County Juvenile Drug Court

- Established in 1999, with first court sessions in February 2000
- Bringing together representatives from local agencies and disciplines in a shared vision of facilitating clean and sober parenting and collaborating to positively impact the lives of both participants and children.
- The Lorain County Prosecutors Office and the Lorain County Bar Association are supportive of all of our Specialized Dockets in their non-adversarial and holistic approach.
- Approved for final certification (June 2014) through the Ohio Supreme Court-Specialized Dockets Section (Commission on Specialized Dockets).

Juvenile Drug Court Program

Mission Statement:

Recognizing that significant substance abuse affects families on many different tragic levels, the Lorain County Domestic Relations Court is committed to providing immediate intervention in the lives of children and parents. The Court will provide intensive, long-term structure and services that will allow the participants to perform well at school or in the workforce, develop positive community and family relationships, to become personally, emotionally, and financially self-sufficient, and to lead clean, sober, crime-free lives.

Goals/Objectives:

- Goal: Increase abstinence among participants.
Objective: 75% of the participants will remain abstinent throughout the program, verified by urine/saliva drug screens.
- Goal: Reduce recidivism among participants.
Objective: 90% of the participants will not engage in further criminal behavior.
- Goal: Increase the number of participants who successfully complete treatment and the program.
Objective: 75% of the participants will complete treatment and graduate from Drug Court.

Juvenile Drug Court Treatment Team

- Jennifer Kerns, our Program Coordinator,
- Jim Rosecrans, our Drug and Alcohol assessor
- Sara Massey, our treatment clinician from Nord Center
- Whitney Oliver, our Parent Group educator from the Nord Center
- Dawn Lucey, the Probation Officer assigned to the juvenile's case
- Bryan Wootten, the Community Control Officer Assistant
- Staff Magistrates, Adam Bryda and Benjamin Davey

Best Practices

- Relationship with Counselor (clients who reported having a positive therapeutic bond with the clinician were more likely to remain engaged in treatment)
- Relationship with Judge (clients report remaining engaged with held accountable by a Judge/Magistrate that was critical as well as encouraging and compassionate)
- Drug Testing (random, frequent drug testing throughout the program increases client success)

Sample Magistrate's Order

**COURT OF COMMON PLEAS – JUVENILE DIVISION
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO**

DOR: _____

CASE NO: _____

JUVENILE RULE 40

DETENTION ARRAIGNMENT PRE-TRIAL TRIAL
 FDO DISPOSITION OTHER _____

FF: _____

IN THE MATTER OF:

MAGISTRATE ORDER

Alleged Delinquent Child.

The within complaint and allegations herein were read and explained to the juvenile. The juvenile was advised of his/her constitutional and procedural rights. The consequences of the pleas of admissions and denial of the offense(s) were explained per Juvenile Rules 2,3,4,29,34. Upon the evidence, the Magistrate finds and orders as follows:

The right to counsel was waived by Juvenile Parents/Guardians
 Juvenile represented by Attorney _____ Court-appointed counsel costs are billed as costs to parent(s)/guardian(s)
 Legal counsel was requested. G.A.L. required.

JUVENILE IS CHARGED WITH:

Ct. I _____ () Admit () Deny
 Ct. II _____ () Admit () Deny
 Ct. III _____ () Admit () Deny
 Ct. IV _____ () Admit () Deny
 Ct. V _____ () Admit () Deny

AMENDED /MERGED CT. _____ () Admit () Deny

() JUVENILE HEREBY ADJUDICATED A DELINQUENT CHILD

THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY ORDERED: COSTS: () \$59.00 () \$84.00 () \$10.00 per month program fee

FINES: CT. I _____ CT. II _____ CT. III _____ CT. IV _____ CT. V _____
Fine(s)/Costs to be paid by _____ () Fine(s)/Costs suspended-family found indigent

() Case continued for pre-trial / trial / disposition / further disposition / review on _____ at _____

() Juvenile placed / continued on **Community Control: General/Sex Offender/Specialized Services /CIP/Status / Monitored Time /until _____**

() **In –Home Detention / Elec. Mon:** Placed / Released () **DETENTION HOME REMANDED / RELEASED**

() Summons / Warrant / Warning letter to issue () Letter of apology due in Court _____

() _____ Hours Community Service non-profit / Merit To: _____ Verify by: _____

() O.D.L. Suspended / Restricted until _____ () Restitution through Payback Program () in proportion

() Work / School privileges; direct routes, no Passengers; must carry restricted O.D.L. and Work/ School schedules.

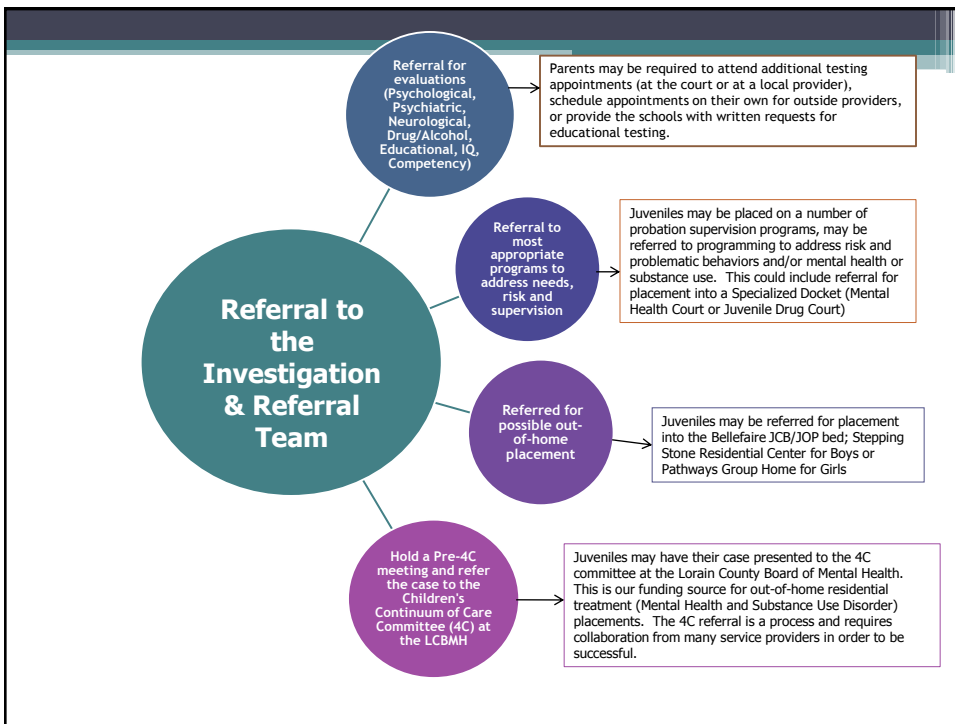
() Counseling: _____ () Alcohol/Drug evaluation and/or treatment by: _____

() Referred to I&R () MH Court Ref. () Drug Court Ref. () Sex Offender Evaluation

() Placed / cont. on Temp. Orders / In –Home Reporting () Anger Management / Merit complete by: _____

() The attached exhibits labeled _____ () Eduvention Program-complete by: _____

are incorp. herein and all parties are ordered to comply. () Record Sealed / Record Expunged



LORAIN COUNTY DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT JUVENILE DIVISION

Adolescent D/A Assessment Summary

Client Name: _____ **Age:** _____
Date of Birth: _____ **School:** _____
Date Assessed: _____ **Referred By:** _____
Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Based on the client's self-report and that of his parent/guardian, the following information appears to be true.

- **CHEMICAL USE HISTORY**
- **FAMILY ISSUES**
- **LEGAL ISSUES**
- **BEHAVIORAL ISSUES**
- **EMOTIONAL**
- **MEDICAL**
- **EMPLOYMENT/FINANCIAL**
- **EDUCATION**
- **SOCIAL**
- **HOUSING**
- **VICTIMIZATION ISSUES**
- **GOALS**
- **LIFE STRESSORS**

CLINICAL SUMMARY:

Substance Use Disorder Criteria

- _____ 1) Substance is often taken in larger amounts or over a longer period than was intended.
 _____ 2) There is a persistent desire or unsuccessful efforts to cut down or control substance use.
 _____ 3) A great deal of time is spent in activities necessary to obtain, use or recover from substance effects.
 _____ 4) Craving, or a strong desire or urge to use substance.
 _____ 5) Recurrent substance use resulting in a failure to fulfill major role obligations at work, school or home.
 _____ 6) Continued substance use despite having persistent or recurrent social or interpersonal problems caused or exacerbated by the effects of the substance.
 _____ 7) Important social, occupational or recreational activities are given up or reduced because of substance use.
 _____ 8) Recurrent substance use in situations in which it is physically hazardous.
 _____ 9) Substance use is continued despite knowledge of having a persistent or recurrent physical or psychological problem that is likely to have been caused or exacerbated by substance.
 _____ 10) Tolerance, as defined by either of the following:
 a) A need for markedly increased amounts of substance to achieve intoxication or desired effect.
 b) Markedly diminished effect with continued use of the same amount of substance.
 _____ 11) Withdrawal, as manifested by either of the following:
 a) The characteristic withdrawal syndrome for substance.
 b) Substance is taken to relieve or avoid withdrawal symptoms.

Mild: presence of 2-3 symptoms

Moderate: presence of 4-5 symptoms

Severe: presence of 6 or more symptoms

James W. Rosecrans, MS, LMHC, LICDC-CS

Program Rules

- 1) I will contact my Community Control Officer (CCO), as determined.
- 2) I will follow my designated curfew hours:
 •Sunday through Thursday: _____ Friday/Saturday: _____
- 3) I will attend school daily and/or comply with my educational program. I will not be tardy to school or individual classes. **My parents, working in conjunction with the Court, are only permitted to excuse an absence once processed and/or authorized by the CCO.** I will advise my CCO by 8:00 am if I am requesting to be absent from or tardy to school. Absences of more than two (2) days will require a medical excuse.
- 4) I will obey all Federal, State, and Local laws.
- 5) I will not possess, use, purchase, or have under my control any illegal substance, alcoholic beverage, or other controlled substance, including instrument, device, or other object used to administer drugs or prepare them for administration, unless it is lawfully prescribed for me by a licensed physician. **All medications and alcohol in the home will be locked up and not accessible to the participant.**
- 6) I understand that if I am treated by a physician, Emergency Room personnel or another licensed medical professional, I will advise them that I am in a Substance Abuse Treatment program and will request non-narcotic medications be prescribed for me. I understand that I am not permitted to take medications, which may cause positive drug screens, unless my treating physician does not have an alternate medication to prescribe (which must be documented by the treating professional and provided to the Drug Court team).

Rules (continued)

- 7) I will not purchase, possess, own, use, or have under my control any firearms, BB guns, pellet guns, deadly weapons, ammunition, knives, or other dangerous ordinance, including any toy look-alike weapon.
- 8) I will obey all rules, regulations, and orders of my parents. Your parent/guardian must know where you are, with whom, and what you are doing at all times.
- 9) I understand that while in the Juvenile Drug Court program, my Community Control Officer, while engaged within the scope of his or her supervisory duties or responsibilities, may conduct a search, with or without a warrant, of my person, my place of residence, and any motor vehicle, item of tangible or intangible personal property, or other real property in which I have any right, title, interest to use, occupy, or possess, if the Community Control Officer has reasonable grounds to believe that I am not abiding by the law or otherwise not complying with the conditions of the Juvenile Drug Court program. Ohio Revised Code Section 2151.355(L).
- 10) I will appear at all required Drug Court hearings, hereby waiving the right to be summoned to appear.
- 11) I will be drug/alcohol tested on a random basis. Any tampered specimen, missed drug/alcohol test or inability to provide a specimen will be considered as a positive or "dirty" test result. A positive test may result in further sanctions or treatment recommendations. 12) I will complete any specified community service hours.
- 13) I will attend and participate in my recommended drug/alcohol treatment plan with The Nord Center, and will attend any scheduled individual, group and family sessions. I am not permitted to miss, reschedule, or change any therapeutic appointments without notifying my CCO and without permission to do so.
- 14) I will agree to cooperate with any referrals and recommendations to meet with other community, social or mental health agencies that may provide services to me as a part of my case plan.
- 15) I shall have no contact with anyone currently on Community Control supervision, Parole supervision or having any open delinquent or criminal involvement. This does not include immediate family members residing in the home or parents living outside of the home that have Court ordered visitation; unless otherwise directed by the Court.
- 16) I understand that this consent will expire upon completion and/or termination from the Juvenile Drug Court program.
THIS PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE/SHE HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THIS AGREEMENT, FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY RELINQUISHES THE RIGHTS DISCUSSED HEREIN AND AGREES TO ABIDE BY ALL THE RULES AND CONDITIONS OF JUVENILE DRUG COURT.

Program Phases / Levels

Juvenile Drug Court - 5 Levels

- Level I- 28 days (4 weeks)
 - Youth is placed on house arrest during Phase I
- Level II: Approximately a 45 day phase
 - Free time is earned
 - 4 hours per day for first 2 weeks
 - 8 hours per day the following 2 weeks
 - Youth should be released from house arrest at the conclusion of Level II
- Level III: Approximately a 45 day phase
 - Youth are required to identify a positive activity
- Level IV: Approximately an 8 week phase
 - Youth will complete treatment during this phase
- Level V: Approximately 12 weeks
 - Probation will provide minimal supervision
 - Treatment has been completed, but is still accessible to youth if needed

Welcoming a new family into the program!

For Juveniles:

1. Compliance with your treatment program (with Ms. Massey from the Nord Center)
2. You must attend school daily and on time and/or comply with their daily requirements for online schooling and report any problems or concerns to the school officials and probation
3. You will comply with Random drug testing and are expected to provide consistent negative drug screens
4. You understand that you are NOT permitted to miss treatment components (Substance Use groups, individual sessions with the Nord Center, individual mental health counseling sessions, and any other directives from the probation case plan) without prior authorization from Mrs. Lucey or Mr. Wootten

For Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

1. Participation in your child's treatment, engagement in treatment sessions and ensure that they are medication compliant, if prescribed medication.
2. You'll have open communication with Mrs. Lucey and Mr. Wootten about your child's progress, their schooling and any concerns you may have.
3. You'll make sure your child is attending school regularly, completing their assignments and reporting any concerns to both the school officials and the PO, Mrs. Lucey.
4. That as the parent, you'll support your child by complying with any recommendations put upon yourself to address your own parenting needs, substance abuse concerns and/or your own mental health. This will assist with your entire family getting healthy through this process.
5. You'll attend a twice-a-month Parent Education group to gain skills and insight into coping skills, effective parenting techniques and how to use effective implementation of those skills.

Individual & Family Treatment

Education:

Bio-psycho-social impact of drugs (marijuana, cocaine, heroin, acid, spice, prescription drugs (Xanax, Percocet, OxyContin, etc.), hallucinogenic drugs, etc.

Cycle of addiction/Cycle of recovery

Brain development

Developmental milestones and ways to meet developmental needs in a healthy manner.

"Developmentally normal," vs. what is impacted by AOD use.

Early Recovery:

Motivational Interviewing:

Pros and Cons of Sobriety

Pros and Cons of Drug Court Program

Recognizing negative impact of past AOD use and risky behaviors

Goals:

Long term/Short term goals

Goal planning

Scheduling and Time management skills

Overcoming barriers to goals

Relapse Prevention Topics

Influences on Use/Recovery:

Family Role

Peer Role/Importance of positive peers

Risk/Protection factors

Triggers: internal/external

Coping Behaviors

Health Vs Unhealthy Coping Skills

Coping with Stress

Coping with Hurdles in Recovery

Healthy Vs Unhealthy Thinking

Individual & Family Treatment

Relapse Prevention Topics (continued)

Managing Thoughts about Using

Challenging Thinking errors

Affirmations

Processing through old thinking patterns/criminal thinking

Values:

Values Clarification

Moral Reasoning

Respect

Value Based decision making

Emotions:

Feeling Identification—naming, body signs, triggers, pleasant vs unpleasant emotions

Anger management

Shame/Guilt

Communicating emotions effectively

Interpersonal Skills:

Healthy Communication—assertive vs passive vs aggressive

Healthy Vs Unhealthy Relationships

DBT interpersonal skills

Self Care:

Balance

Physical Health

Access to positive pleasurable activities

Life Skills:

Independent Living (job seeking, money management, household skills, etc.)

Decision making

Empathy

Dealing with Failure

Parent Education topics

Creating a Collaborative Learning Environment

Objectives of group, Effective Speaking Skills

Dynamic of the Addicted family

Identify intergenerational patterns, Roles/rules of addicted family members

Family System

Learning Circular Causality, Developing/ maintaining healthy boundaries, Radical Acceptance

Family Life Cycle Tasks

Explore how substance abuse affected life cycle tasks , Identify family life cycle stage
Develop ways to accomplish task

Connecting With Your Child

Validating your child

Parenting Through Family Challenges

Maintaining Hierarchy, Rules and Roles, Your Values and a Plan for Difficult time

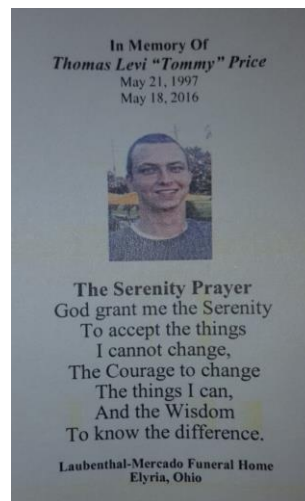
Child Guidance

Rules, Rewards, and Consequences, Effective Consequences



*What We've Learned
Throughout The Years...*

In Memory Of:



Referrals:

LORAIN COUNTY JUVENILE DRUG COURT Weekly Progress Report

WEEK OF: 10/4/18-10/11/18
NAME: John Doe

START DATE: 5/21/18
PHASE (DATE): Phase 2/Week 4
NEXT COURT APPEARANCE:

AGE/DOB: 2/21/02
PARENT(S): Bob and Sally Doe

CASE(S): 18JD52424
DATE OF ADJUDICATION: 5/1/18
CHARGE(S): Breaking & Entering (F5), Falsification (M1) and Poss. Of Marijuana (MM)
CASE PLAN DUE DATE: 11/21/18
RESTITUTION: \$935

COMMENTS: We would ask the John's week not count, as he was disruptive in school, disruptive in treatment and failed to complete his school assignments as directed.

DRUG TESTING:
Test Date / Results: 10/5/18 (neg); 10/9/18 (neg) and 10/11/18 (results pending)
Missed Tests: 7/3/18
Last Positive Tests: 5/21/18 (pos. for THC and cocaine); 7/3/18 (missed test; marked as positive)
Comments:

TREATMENT PROGRESS:
Provider: Nord Center
Treatment Provider: Sara Massey
Missed Sessions: None
Comments: Sara reports that juvenile is not always engaged in the sessions; he goofos off and gets the others distracted.

LORAIN COUNTY JUVENILE DRUG COURT
Weekly Progress Report

SCHOOL PROGRESS:

School / Grade: Lorain High School / 10th grade

Suspensions: None this year

Comments: Juvenile has failed to turn in required assignments; missed a test in English this week; failing Algebra II

HOME ISSUES: Mom reports that juvenile has been keeping his room clean; being respectful to his siblings. Mom would like to see if he can get approved to go to Homecoming.

EMPLOYER/ACTIVITY:

Comments: John would like to go with Mr. Wootten to start looking for jobs within walking distance of his house.

SANCTIONS: John was placed on HOLD at the DH on 6/15/18 when he violated his house arrest and left without permission.

REWARDS: Received a \$20 gift card to Panera Bread when he advanced to Phase 2.

FREE TIME: John is eligible for his 4 hours of free time. Mother restricted permissions when he failed to complete his assignments for school.

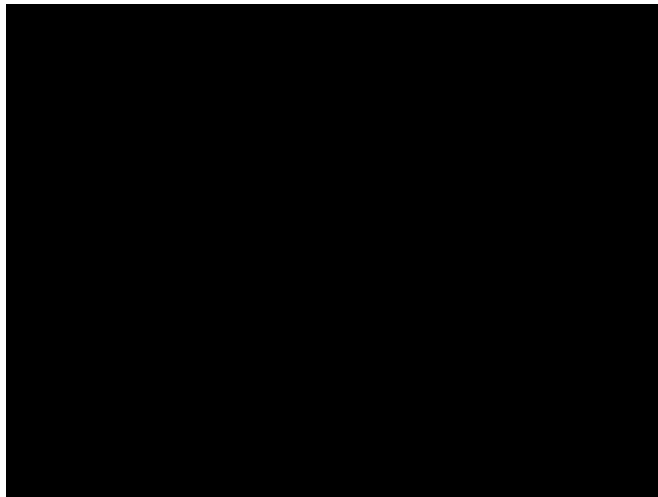
MISCELLANEOUS:

POSITIVE NOTES: John is eager to work. He's completing his community service hours to pay off his restitution.

ISSUES: The team would like to address John on his non-compliance and attitude in treatment.

Date of report: 10/10/18

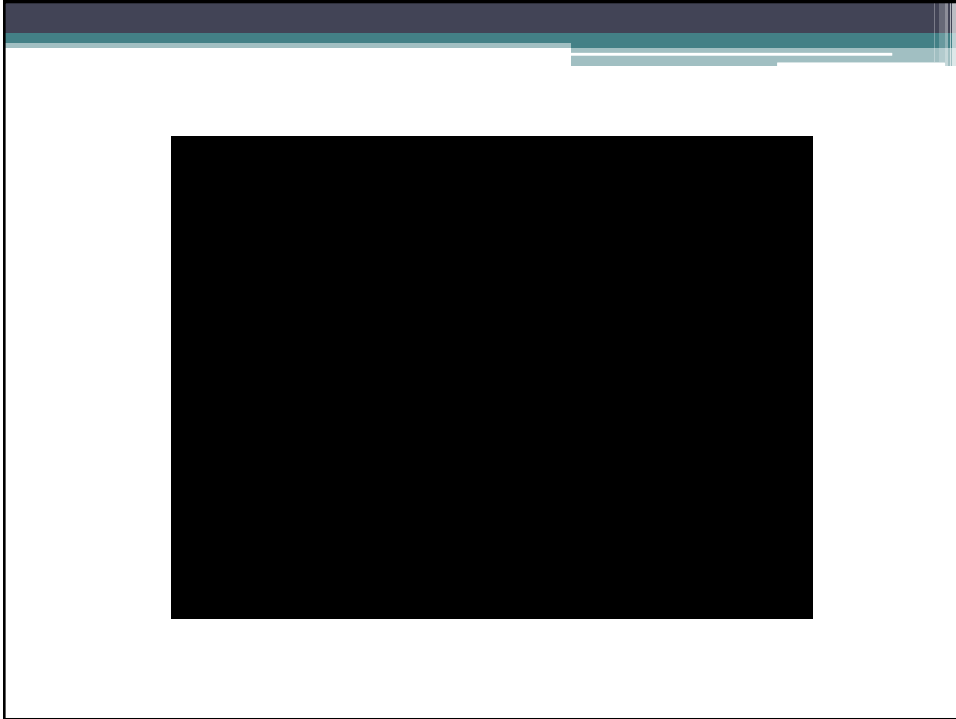
Prepared by: Dawn Lucey



Services Utilized by the Courts

- Nord Center treatment services (Individual, group and family substance abuse sessions for youth) and the Parent Education Group for parents
- Referrals to residential treatment at New Directions for youth under age 18
- Sober Support meetings (AA, HA, NA); AlAnon for parents
- Mental Health Assessment and referrals for Psychiatric services, if warranted
- GED classes; Employment training through Ohio Means Jobs
- Referrals to Opportunities for Ohioans w/ Disabilities (formerly known as BVR)
- Ohio Department of Job & Family Services (for benefits, child care, medical, etc)
- Family support/peer mentoring groups
- Early Intervention programs (Head Start, Help me Grow, etc)
- Parent Mentors/Educational Advocates for schooling
- Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority/ Section 8 voucher programs
- Family Stability (assistance with rent, utilities, furniture, car repairs)





Statistics of Drug Courts

- FACT: Unless substance abusing/addicted offenders are regularly supervised by a judge and held accountable, 70% drop out of treatment prematurely.
- Drug Courts *ARE NOT* just Diversion for those that can “afford” it. In Lorain County, 24.9% of our county population is minority and underserved. In the last 3 years, 25% of those served by the Juvenile Drug Court are minorities.

Summary statistics

- The Juvenile Drug Court has graduated 81 youth since inception (an average of 5.1 juveniles per year)



- Juvenile Drug Court has an 8% recidivism rate (92% success rate) post graduation.

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