Attachment D: Recommended Specialty Topics for Trainings

- Changes in diagnostic criteria for substance use disorders (e.g., DSM-IV criteria)
- New substance use disorder treatment approaches specific to adolescents and their families
- Family dynamics and family therapy
- Adolescent growth and development
- Sexual and physical abuse
- Gender issues, including gender and sexual identities (e.g., gay, lesbian, transgender)
- Mental health problems (particularly depression, anxiety disorders, and conduct disorders)
- Awareness of different cultural and ethnic values
- Recreational and pro-social activities
- Psychopharmacology
- Group dynamics and group therapy
- Suicidal behavior
- Grief and loss
- Referral and community resources
- Management of oppositional and violent behaviors
- Cognitive impairments (learning disabilities, cognitive disorders, and organic mental disorders)
- Legal matters (custody and juvenile justice concerns, child abuse and neglect reporting requirements, and duty-to-warn issues)
- Service planning and documentation
- HIV/AIDS
- Other health matters (STDs, tuberculosis, hepatitis, nutrition)
- Gangs
- Drug dealing