

**TABLE 16.2****Basic Features of Drug Treatment Courts**

- Prompt identification of clients and their immediate placement in treatment
- Nonadversarial court proceedings enacted by a team of judges, attorneys, and treatment providers and designed to protect community safety as well as defendants' and offenders' due-process rights
- Regular contact between clients and judges in judicial status hearings or other types of court sessions
- Intensive supervision practices that include close monitoring and frequent, random drug testing of clients
- Treatment interventions that are delivered on a continuum of care, evidence based, comprehensive, and integrated for individuals with co-occurring psychiatric disorders
- Contingencies of rewards and punishments that encourage compliance with treatment and other conditions of program participation
- Ongoing evaluations to monitor program implementation and measure the accomplishment of program objectives and goals
- Close working relationships with a wide range of community service providers and public agencies
- Interdisciplinary educational opportunities to help program staff stay current with the latest advances in offender drug treatment and case management strategies

Source: Lurigio, A. J. (2008). The first 20 years of drug treatment courts: A brief description of their history and impact. *Federal Probation*, 72, 15.