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Developing and testing improved methods of studying the effects of legal pressure and drug treatment were central objectives of the research described in this report. Shifting the focus from simple comparisons of voluntary and coerced clients, this study examined the relationship between legal pressure and drug treatment retention by assessing perceptions of legal pressure held by two groups of legally-mandated treatment clients: participants of the Drug Treatment Alternative to Prison (DTAP) program and a matched group of probationers, parolees, TASC and other court-mandated clients attending the same treatment programs used by DTAP.

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