



The Council of Accountability Court
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Government present the

2023 Coordinator Certification
Program Graduates

Cynthia Akande

Barrow County Drug Court

I enjoyed the Coordinator Certification Program. I appreciated the structure and organization of the program. I am excited to use the knowledge I learned through the courses. My favorite course was the Team and Group Dynamics Course, in which I met numerous people and learned about other program's procedures.



Rebecca Almand

Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit
Accountability Courts

Through the coordinator certification program, I was able to obtain valuable tools to help me succeed as a program coordinator. The communication course was essential in learning how to understand different personalities, navigate through difficult decisions, and communicate in a healthy but efficient way. Thanks, CACJ!!



Breanna Bain

Enotah Judicial Circuit

During the certification courses, I learned a lot of things I didn't know specifically about like funding resources and practices. I added to my knowledge of teamwork, leadership, and communication. I plan to implement these skills daily as I interact with participants and other team members involved with accountability courts. My favorite course was Team and Group Dynamics, as it was an interactive course that helped me find new perspective when working within a team.



Amy Bergstrom

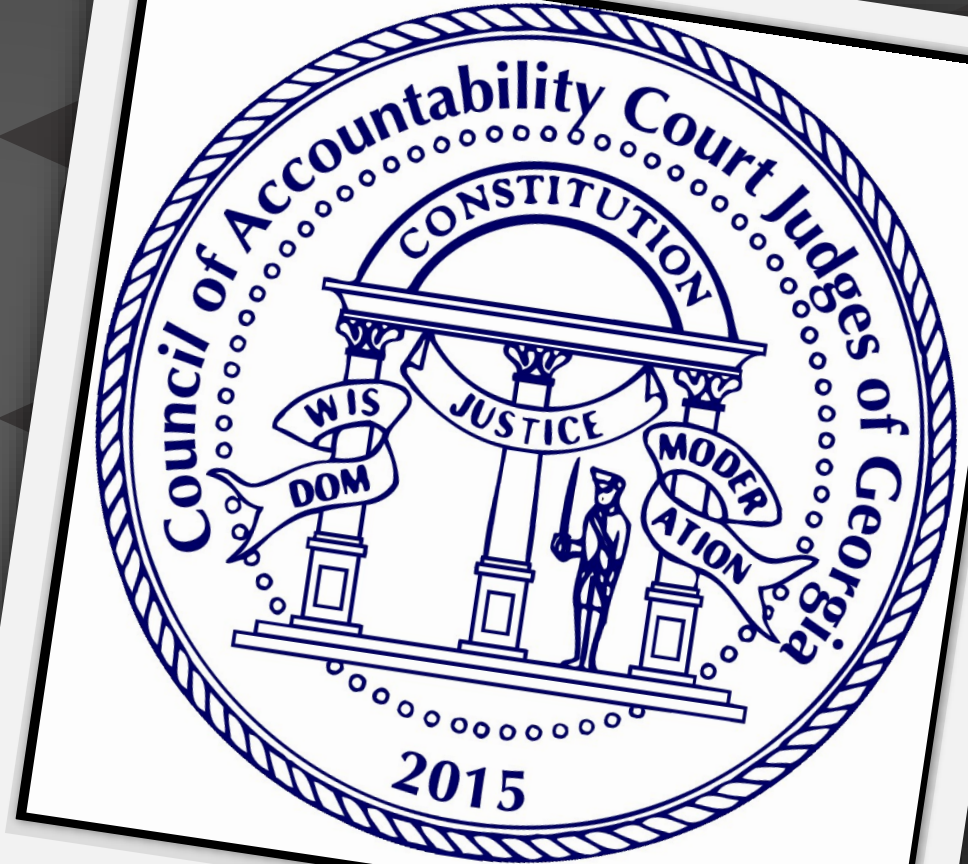
Rome Judicial Circuit
Mental Health Court

As a coordinator, the position requires you to be able to multi-task and wear many hats. The classes brought a great deal of attention into the importance of remaining a positive advocate for your program...Perhaps the most enjoyable classes offered were those attended virtually since it made you engage and get outside of your comfort zone.



Joshua Bess

Douglas County DUI/Drug Court



Michelle Boatright

Paulding County Mental Health
Accountability Court

My favorite course was the in-person one on conflict resolution. I have used this information in so many ways!



Adrienne Bowen

Clayton County Mental Health Court

The coordinator's certification courses were reminders, new info, and a concise, meaningful way to provide insight and knowledge to a diverse group with one mission: provide the best service to our judges, team members, participants, and the communities we serve.



Mark Bowers

Dublin Circuit Felony Drug Court

I enjoyed all the classes. I thought they were all well organized and presented enthusiastically. I was also able to get to know other coordinators around the State.



Stephanie Branom

Dawson County Treatment Court

The certification program helped to provide additional resources and training that is often overlooked. After attending the trainings, I feel more prepared for the challenges that I may face.



George Butler

Muscogee County Family Drug Court
and Juvenile Drug Court

I would say the most beneficial aspect is connecting with coordinators in other counties and being able to build a support network and share ideas. Another positive aspect was that it provided the opportunity to review and practice skills, such as effective communication and delegation, that are essential to being the coordinator of a successful treatment court program.



Lakitta Daniels

Macon-Bibb Judicial Circuit
Drug Court

From start to finish, my experience with the Coordinator Certification Program has been such an eye opener as it relates to the task and duties that I need to perform as a coordinator and how I can also evolve better as a person. Each course that I have taken has allowed me to implement anywhere from small to major changes within my program dealing with my co-workers, treatment providers, and, most importantly, my participants.



Jamie Dapremont

Douglas County CHANCE Court

I am incredibly grateful for the Coordinator Certification Program. I gained so much insight from the course instructors, but more than that, from the other coordinators that I was in class with. My favorite courses were the Conflict Management and Grant Administration courses. I've had the opportunity to implement some great strategies from these courses and improve practices in my court. Thank you to CACJ for making this opportunity for advanced learning available to us!



Hscola Dempsey

DeKalb County Juvenile Court
Rebound Drug Court Program

The Coordinator Certification Program enhanced my leadership and administrative skills. The program has helped strengthen my communication personally and professionally. I will utilize the skills and knowledge into my daily interactions and operations.



Tamara Epps

Macon Judicial Circuit
Family Treatment Court

The most valuable resources I obtained from the certification process were the connections made with other coordinators and the wealth of information they have been willing to share. Mr. Eric Robinson was probably the most enjoyable part of the certification process. He taught several of the classes and kept the material informative, interesting, and relevant.



Nikita Franklin

Fulton County Accountability Court

During my experience with the Coordinator Certification program, I absolutely enjoyed the Effective Communication course. With this course, I have been able to enhance my communication skills with the staff and participants. I feel that I am now a better advocate for the program and participants, which will lead to reaching the goals of Fulton County Veterans Court.



Chiquita Gaskin

Clayton Judicial Circuit DUI Court

The coordinator training set the foundation to aid me into becoming a better leader.



Christa Grayson

Fayette County State Court
Accountability Court

The Coordinator Certification Program provided a foundational understanding of the tools needed to effectively and efficiently manage an accountability court. Eric Roberson spoke about the power of the collective, I apply that to every aspect of being a coordinator.



Sacha Greene

Council of Accountability Court
Judges

I thoroughly enjoyed the Coordinator Certification Program and appreciated the positive interactions with each facilitator. I also liked meeting different coordinators from across the state and learning what some of their challenges and strengths are in their programs. Overall, the program taught me how to communicate better with others that have different work styles than mine and other ways to improve team dynamics.



Danny Hawkins

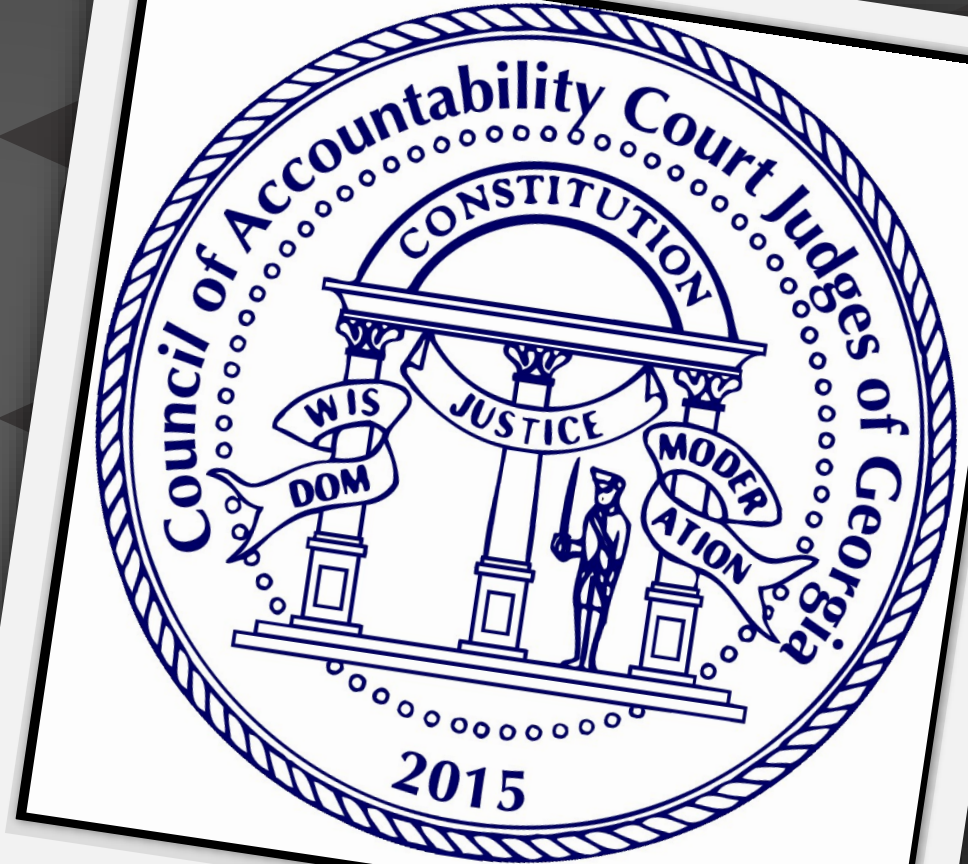
North Enotah Felony Drug Court

My favorite parts of the Coordinator Certification Program were the instructors, Dave Lakly and Eric Robinson, who were able to engage the audience and keep the courses interesting. The classes were also a great way to network and meet other coordinators from around the state. The financial management courses will be the most helpful to me as my prior work experience has been mainly in the "for profit" sector.



Donna Ingram

Tifton Judicial Circuit
Accountability Courts



Brittney Jenkins

Carroll County Mental Health Court

I thoroughly enjoyed the content of the Coordinator Certification program. I learned to coordinate and lead our team more effectively and provide resolutions to conflicts if they were to arise. My favorite course was definitely Conflict Resolution.



Jasmine Johnson

Troup County Mental Health Court
and DUI/Drug Court

This journey to certification begins with me learning many things about myself. These things have allowed me to improve how I work with my teams. It has also given me insight on how to best lead my teams through my communication and support.



Rhoda Kimble-Wheeler

Columbia Judicial Circuit
Accountability Court

The completion of the CACJ Coordinator Certification program has provided me with deeper insight to the many facets of being a coordinator. During the course of the trainings, it was obvious CACJ collaborated with a number of coordinators, who provided feedback of what coordinators truly need to know as we step into a visionary role of leading multi-disciplinary teams to address the needs of Georgia communities.



Kalvin Kirksey

Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit
Veterans Treatment Court

During the certification program, I was able to connect with other coordinators and implement some of the ideas/strategies that have been used in other programs...The Conflict Management course helped me to sharpen those skills in order to create an environment conducive to being productive. I have already implemented a few techniques from the course. The most important to me was a team satisfaction assessment to identify areas that need improvement.



Geoffrey Martin

Lowndes County
Juvenile Accountability Court

The coordinator certification program provides a toolbox full of all the essential competencies of an accountability court coordinator.



Christia Martinez

Western Judicial Circuit
Veterans Treatment Court

I especially enjoyed meeting and networking with team members from other programs. My favorite class was Team and Group Dynamics.



Mechelle McMullen

Macon Judicial Circuit
Accountability Court

My favorite class was Communication. The example of stating we are going on a trip into space is the best way to sum up all the personalities on a team/group trying to accomplish the task. I try to implement what I have learned from all the courses, especially during treatment team meetings.



Cheryl Moon Pittman

Barrow County Family Treatment Court

I have learned a lot during this Certification Program, but I believe the course that I will implement the most would be Communication. The most important skill to having a positive relationship is to communicate with people in a way that enhances feelings of trust, openness, and support.



Lisa Nash

Tallapoosa Circuit Drug Court

I found the Coordinator Certification Program informative and insightful. I learned about financial management on a county level and how our accountability courts have the ability to positively impact several agencies. I also learned personality and leadership styles, as well as conflict management. My favorite part of the program was learning ways to strengthen our team while working to achieve a common goal and ultimately changing the lives of others.



Cam Parks

Floyd County Drug Court

The Coordinator training has certainly been a lifesaver to me. Receiving hands-on training is priceless, and I appreciated every minute of it! For me, it was not only empowering but transformative, as well.



April Riedlinger

Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit
Accountability Courts

The Coordinator Certification program enhanced my ability to lead and communicate with my staff. The courses led by Eric Robinson, whether in person or via Zoom, were very beneficial. Not only did he make you look at situations in many different ways, but he encouraged us to form relationships with our fellow coordinators which have proven to be invaluable.



April Robinson

Newton County
Juvenile Behavioral Health Court

The Coordinator Certification training has allowed me to effectively and efficiently carry out my duties as the coordinator. The training gave me a better insight of the grant reporting process. I really appreciated the in-person training courses.



Stephanie Shook

Cherokee Judicial Circuit
Mental Health Court

The Coordinator Certification program was vital in educating me and providing guidance with key issues and topics that I have encountered as a new coordinator...The Grant Administration and Financial Concepts courses helped my understanding of the importance of accurate record keeping and reporting. I also enjoyed the Team and Group Dynamics course.



Tiffany Shuff

Chatham County Drug Court

As a new Coordinator, the Coordinator Certification Program helped to strengthen the foundation for my new role...The courses offered were helpful in clarifying things I already knew, as well as informative for new concepts and ideas. My favorite course was the Communication Class. I attended the in-person version of the course and loved the interaction with the instructor and my peers.



Sarah Sistrunk

Fulton County Accountability Court

The Coordinator Certification Program allowed me an opportunity to learn more about the administrative side of programming. The courses allowed me to meet other accountability court professionals and take advantage of networking. In addition, I sharpened and polished my advocacy and team communication skills, so I can be the best manager for my team!



Sandra Strozier

DeKalb County INSPIRE
Family Treatment Court

I have learned the importance of collaboration, communication, and honesty when working with participants and within our teams. I have enjoyed this journey where I had to explore my inconsistencies.



Kayla Tomes

Paulding Judicial Circuit
Drug Court

My favorite class in the Coordinator Certification Program was Team and Group Dynamics. I liked this class because it was the only in-person class, and I finally got to meet some fellow classmates. This class and Conflict Management go hand in hand. With different activities and obstacles, I learned how to work efficiently with my team to get the task done the best way. Also, conflict is not always a bad thing!



Emma Walton

Cobb County Family Treatment Court

The Accountability Court Coordinator Certification Program taught me the value of strategically advocating for our program at large and program participant needs, reinforced the importance of delegation, communication, and collaboration, and educated me on finite financial grant management techniques to ensure fiscal success. I took particular interest in the Team and Group Dynamics course, as I gained new insight into innovative concepts to best collaborate.



Jennifer Warren

Newton County
Family Treatment Court

The Accountability Court Coordinator Certification Program gave me more of an in-depth perception on how to be a hands-on coordinator. My enrollment in the certification program has really allowed me to take my previous experience, combined with the tools that were taught throughout the classes, to be a proactive coordinator who can effectively identify the needs of my participants and put individualized services in place to best serve our program.



Patricia Waye

Atlantic Judicial Circuit
Veterans Treatment Court

Thank you for the valuable training sessions. The knowledge and experiences shared by other participants helped me to gain a better understanding of my new role as a court coordinator. A special thank you to Mr. Eric Robinson who made the training more lively, interactive, and impactful.



Tonya Wilson

Jefferson County Drug Court

This course was very helpful to me to strengthen my skill set and gain the knowledge that I need in order to be a Drug Court Coordinator. I learned a lot from each course, but my favorite course was Conflict Management because I gained guidance on how to work with others in the best way possible.



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Graduates