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CLAYTON COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

Submitted by Lakisha Dixon, Clayton County Veterans Treatment Court Coordinator



On Friday, February 26, Ms. Sheryel Jimmerson, a participant of the Clayton County Veterans Treatment Court, completed her community service project. The Community Service Project is a graduation requirement of the program. Ms. Jimmerson set out to let the elderly friends, family, and neighbors at Governor's Glen Assisted Living Community in Clayton County know that they are loved and not forgotten. She created personal care gift bags for the residence of Governor's Glen that included toiletries and hygiene items such as bodywash, deodorant, lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, body spray, hair accessories, and emery boards. These items were donated by her sponsor and her place of worship, Ambassadors for Christ. Members of the VTC Team were in attendance to assist to include presiding Judge Robert L. Mack, Jr. Due to Covid-19, Ms. Jimmerson was not able to greet and physically distribute the items to the residents herself but thanks the director for allowing her to visit the facility and give back to her community. Ms. Jimmerson is scheduled to be the second graduate of the Clayton County Veterans Treatment Court in upcoming months.

Upcoming Graduations:

*April 8 - Henry County Drug Court

*April 22 – Henry County Veterans Treatment Court



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MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please send submissions for the May 2021 newsletter to Debbie Mott (Debbie.Mott@GeorgiaCourts.gov) by Wednesday, April 28. If you plan to include a photo where participants can be identified, please be sure to send a signed photo consent with your submission.

GEORGIA ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS JOB POSTINGS

Please see the Career Opportunities tab (under About Us) on the CACJ website for information about these job postings:

- *Coordinator – Enotah Judicial Circuit (South) Drug Court
- *Laboratory Technician – Hall County
- *Counselor – Hall County Drug Court
- *Case Manager – Rockdale County Juvenile Drug Court

- *Contract Counselors – Forsyth County
- *Clinical Case Manager – Forsyth County
- *Coordinator – Southwestern Judicial Circuit Drug Court
- *Case Manager – Clayton County Veterans Treatment Court



Webinar: Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Pandemic Responses - One Year Later

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7 | 2:00 P.M. ET

NADCP's Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Project and the National Center for Juvenile and Family Court Judges invites you to "Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Pandemic Responses," a two-part webinar series revisiting juvenile drug treatment court efforts one year after COVID-19 restrictions began. Webinar participants will have the opportunity to participate in a facilitated discussion with a panel of juvenile drug treatment court experts. Both events in the series will last one hour.

Session Description

This webinar series will engage juvenile drug treatment court team members in sharing and discussing alternative practices and responses developed to address challenges presented by COVID-19 restrictions. The two webinars are a follow-up to the webinars NCJFCJ and NADCP conducted in 2020.

The webinar series will focus on helping juvenile drug treatment court teams learn from each other on how they successfully adapted their processes and maintained community linkages while ensuring community safety and supporting positive youth behavior change.

This is a two-part learning series:

[Part one](#) – How courts have evolved due to COVID-19 (3/31/2021)

[Part two](#) – How courts are supporting youth during COVID-19 (4/7/2021)

[Register for Part Two](#)



Early Diversion Virtual Learning Community Part 2: Addressing the Critical Need for Housing and Strategies to Overcome Barriers to Improve Housing Access

APRIL 22, 2021, 2:00-3:00 P.M. ET; DISCUSSION GROUP 3:00-4:00 P.M. ET

Housing is a critical need for individuals experiencing homelessness who are in crisis and at risk for justice involvement. Services alone cannot address the overwhelming disruption homelessness contributes to well-being and health. Barriers to accessing housing include criminalization of homelessness, lack of partnership development, funding issues, and myths and realities related to securing housing. Presenters will address comprehensive strategies to improve housing access, which is key to early diversion.

Presenters

- **Julia Orlando, Ed.M., M.A., CRC, DRCC**, Director of Bergen County Housing, Health and Human Services Center, New Jersey
- **Letitia N. Robinson, M.S.W., M.P.A.**, Assistant State Director of the Office of Supportive Housing, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

[Register for Webinar and Discussion Group Now](#)

Medication-Assisted Treatment in Drug Courts Virtual Learning Community: Addressing the Concerns of Court Staff about MAT

APRIL 20, 2021, 1:00-2:00 P.M. ET; DISCUSSION GROUP 2:00-3:00 P.M. ET

Despite the documented efficacy of medication-assisted treatment (MAT) and its designation as the “gold-standard” in the treatment of opioid use disorders, resistance among court officials and treatment providers has resulted in underutilization of this treatment option in some jurisdictions. This webinar will identify barriers to MAT acceptance by prosecution, defense, judges, case managers, treatment providers, and other members of the treatment court team and will outline several approaches for addressing these common concerns about MAT. A site-specific strategy for providing training to drug court staff will be discussed. **Watch the webinar teaser and access registration for Part 1 below.**

[Register for Webinar and Discussion Group Now](#)

Competence to Stand Trial Community of Practice National Webinar Series: Risk Assessment and Management in the Context of Competency Restoration

April 16, 2021, 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET

REGISTER FOR WEBINAR

Competence to Stand Trial Community of Practice National Webinar Series: COVID-19 in the San Luis Obispo County, California, Criminal Justice System—The Balance Between Managing Mental Health and Contagious Disease in Jail Patients with Serious Mental Illness

May 13, 2021, 1:30-3:00 p.m. ET

REGISTER FOR WEBINAR



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**Virtual Briefings: Patrol Essentials for Treatment
Court Law Enforcement Operationalized - Justice Related
Responses**

**Training Date – See date options based on region/time zone
Time Zone – based on hosting region/time zone**

NOTE: The weekly lunch and learn sessions will be held at the same time each week for four

consecutive weeks. YOU MUST COMPLETE THE TRAINING SERIES IN THE CONSECUTIVE SERIES OF DATES.

Training series	Day of the week/Dates	Time Zone
Training series 1	Monday - April 26, May 3, 10, 17	PST
Training series 2	Thursday – May 6, 13, 20, 27	CST
Training series 3	Tuesday – June 1, 8, 15, 22	EST
Training series 4	Thursday – June 3, 10, 17, 24	PST
Training series 5	Wednesday – July 7, 14, 21, 28	CST
Training series 6	Monday – July 12, 19, 26, and August 2	EST
Training series 7	Wednesday - September 1, 8, 15, 22	PST
Training series 8	Friday – September 10, 17, 24, and Oct 1	CST
Training series 9	Monday – October 4, 11, 18, 25	EST
Training series 10	Thursday – October 7, 14, 21, 28	PST



2021 Annual Training Conference



September 26 - 29, 2021

Accountability Court Teams Paving New Roads to
Recovery and Continuing to Shine Bright !



The 6th Annual Training Conference will be held at the
Classic Center in Athens, Georgia.

Details for conference registration will be available in Spring 2021. Please continue to monitor the
CACJ website at www.cacj.georgia.gov for the most up to date information.