



# COUNCIL OF ACCOUNTABILITY COURT JUDGES OF GEORGIA

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## COUNCIL OF ACCOUNTABILITY COURT JUDGES NEWS

### COUNCIL OF ACCOUNTABILITY COURT JUDGES HOSTS NEW ACCOUNTABILITY COURT JUDGES ORIENTATION

The Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ) hosted a training for 17 new accountability court judges and senior judges. The two day event, facilitated by current and past Executive Committee members, Dr. Kevin Baldwin, Ms. Angela Norris, and CACJ Staff, served as an introductory course to the CACJ and accountability court model.

Agenda topics included an overview of the CACJ Operations, the 10 key components, evidence based treatment, accountability court grant funding management, and screening and assesment for accountability court participants.

The FY20 New Judges Orientation Class attendees are pictured.



### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DRUG COURT PROFESSIONALS TRAINING CONFERENCE



Team members from several Georgia accountability courts attended the National Association of Drug Court Professionals Training Conference July 13-17, 2019 in National Harbor, Maryland. The Council of Accountability Court Judges welcomed Georgia's accountability courts to the conference by hosting an attendee networking event on Monday, July 15, 2019. Over 100 accountability court team members were in attendance at the conference! Below are a few photos from the Monday night event.

Thank you to everyone who dropped in to say HELLO!



## ACCOUNTABILITY COURT GRADUATIONS & SPECIAL EVENTS

### SOUTH GEORGIA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ACCOUNTABILITY COURT

- ❖ Feature submitted by Coordinator, Mary Brown.

South Georgia Judicial Circuit Felony Drug Court celebrated the Mitchell County Drug Court's inaugural graduation. The local news highlighted the monumental chapter in the lives of a handful of Southwest Georgia residents on Friday, June 28th. The inaugural graduating class of the Mitchell County Felony Drug Court made their proud walk towards a new life in front of friends, family, Drug Court staff, mentors, sponsors, and the Honorable Heather Lanier.



### FORSYTH COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COURT, C.A.R.E PROGRAM

- ❖ Feature submitted by Coordinator, Melissa Cammack.



The Forsyth County Mental Health Court, C.A.R.E. Program, hosted a graduation on Friday, July 26, 2019 for one participant who successfully completed the program. The Jury Assembly Room was filled with friends, family, C.A.R.E. Program staff, as well as other community members who recognized the participant as he received his graduation certificate and gift bag.



Judge Abernathy-Maddox has overseen the C.A.R.E. Program since its inception in 2014. Current participants as well as former participants recognize the sincerity and empathy with which the judge guides the C.A.R.E. Program. C.A.R.E. is an acronym for Change, Assist, Restore, and Enlighten which appropriately aligns with the goals for each program participant.

### ROCKDALE COUNTY RESOURCE COURT

- ❖ Feature submitted by coordinator, Mary Lou Snow.

On July 18, 2019, Judge Robert Mumford and the Rockdale County Resource Court celebrated two Graduates, making a total of 11 Graduates since program inception. Bill Caruthers, Certified Peer Specialist, was the guest speaker. Serving many roles in the recovery community, he is the CEO of Recovery on Fire and sits on the Board of Directors for NAMI Georgia. Graduates were presented with a plaque, framed completion certificate, and several gift cards from Target and QuikTrip.



## FULTON COUNTY ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS

- ❖ Feature submitted by Accountability Courts Director, John Collins.



Fulton County Accountability Court was delighted to participate in the Westside Wonders Recovery Community Organization's inaugural recovery symposium. On the day, alumni, staff, and current clients were able to represent the program at their own information table. It was a unique opportunity to network with a variety of community partners. A current client represented the court on a recovery information panel, and a number of speakers were alumni of the program.

Westside Wonders RCO is an emerging recovery community organization whose mission is to unite the Westside (Atlanta) communities and provide advocacy, peer support, education, access to services, and resources inclusive to any person seeking recovery. The goal of the symposium was to provide a safe outlet for individuals, families, friends, and allies to talk about the many pathways to recovery. The symposium featured "peer experts" with updated information concerning the state of the treatment and recovery community in Georgia and nationally.

## ALCOVY JUDICIAL CIRCUIT RESOURCE COURT

- ❖ Feature submitted by Court Coordinator, Robert Pelfrey.

Newton County Resource Court hosted a successful Summer Cookout at the end of June, where court participants, staff, officers, and their families were joined by Advisory Board members and community representatives to share hot dogs and hamburgers. The Court would like to extend special thanks to Wagner Staffing for providing the main course and Deputy Danny Underwood for manning the grill all day. The Newton Health Department, NAMI Rockdale/Newton, and Newton Piedmont Hospital brought display tables and provided information about local supports available to participants, and Family Connections provided books for the children who attended.

Walton County Resource Court also celebrated one graduation in July 2019.



## FAYETTE COUNTY STATE COURT ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS



Fayette County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) hosted a Trauma training for the newly implemented program. Judge Jason B. Thompson presides over the VTC program and Martha Hall is the coordinator. The half-day session was facilitated by the program's treatment provider, Fayette Accountability Counseling, Adam Glendye, LPC, CPCS.

The Fayette County DUI Court also hosted the DUI Court Annual Picnic and Kickball game on July 10, 2019. Alumni, current participants, families, and team members were in attendance.

## July Graduations

Forsyth County Drug  
Court

Cobb County DUI Court

Savannah Chatham  
County Drug Court

Clayton County DUI Court

Forsyth County C.A.R.E  
Court

Hall County Drug Court

Hall County H.E.L.P Court

Hall County Veterans  
Treatment Court

## Upcoming Graduations

Forsyth County DUI Court

August 14, 2019

Cobb County Mental  
Health Court

August 29, 2019

Clayton County Drug  
Court

August 8, 2019



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## 2019 ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

September 15 - 18, 2019

*Transforming a Vision Into Excellence*



THE CLASSIC CENTER  
300 N THOMAS ST.  
ATHENS, GA 30601

2019 Annual Training Conference registration opened Wednesday, *July 17, 2019*

Accountability court team members should contact their program coordinator to register for the conference and select breakout sessions.

Please check the CACJ website for 2019 conference updates and to view the 2019 training conference agenda.

The registration deadline for accountability court teams is **August 30, 2019**.

### PARTICIPANT ART EXHIBIT

The Council of Accountability Court Judges will be hosting its annual Art Exhibit at the 2019 Annual Conference and request the submission of artwork from program participants.

- When: Sunday, September 15th –Wednesday, September 18th
- Where: The Classic Center: Grand Hall #1 (Resource Room)

All artwork submitted will need to be on art canvas for display. Coordinators will be responsible for bringing artwork on Sunday, September 15th from 3pm until 6pm as well as taking all art with them on the last day of the conference.

The theme of the art submissions should be in alignment with this year's conference: Transformations.

If you have any questions, please contact [Lasheika.Kassa@georgiacourts.gov](mailto:Lasheika.Kassa@georgiacourts.gov).



Above: a participant's art submission from the 2018 conference.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

### ***LS/CMI ASSESSMENT TRAINING DEADLINE IS APPROACHING***

As a friendly reminder, effective October 1, 2019, the Level of Service Inventory - Revised (LSI-R) will no longer be provided by the Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ). The Level of Service Case Management Inventory (LS/CMI) will replace the LSI-R.

The deadline for LS/CMI user training completion is ***August 31, 2019***.

Please note after completion of the online training, the LS/CMI users' training certificate of completion must be submitted to the CACJ website.

After CACJ has received the user's training certificate of completion, details for the mandatory webinar will be emailed to the user.

**Courts will not receive LS/CMI uses until the online training and mandatory webinar have been completed.**

Please contact CACJ Operations Coordinator, Kimberly Howard, with questions about the transition and a copy of the memorandums: Transition to the LS/CMI from the LSI-R Assessment Tool and Training and Purchasing Details.

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR AUGUST

- **August 9, 2019** – MHS, Inc. hosted webinar for LS/CMI assesment users.
- **August 23, 2019** – Registration for MRT Trauma Training, MRT Advanced Training, and CBI-SA Booster Training Ends. (*Training prerequisite: attendee must be trained in MRT curriculum and /or CBI –SA cirriculum*)
- **August 31,2019** – Training completion deadline for LS/CMI assesment users.
- **August 30, 2019** – Conference registration closes for accountability court teams.

### SPECIAL ANNOUNECMENTS & WEBINARS

At this time, the AOC supported intranet for Court Coordinators is not available. As a result, resources for accountability court participant housing are no longer accessible using the platform. To continue operations and provide housing resources for program participants, please contact CACJ Staff for the following:

- Reentry Partnership Housing Application
- HUD 8.11 Housing Application
- CACJ Residential Resource Guide

The Council of Accountability Court Judges is pleased to share the following resource on behalf of American University.

[Incorporating Trauma Responsive Practices into the Courtroom](#) Tuesday August 13, 2019 2:00 p.m. EDT

The webinar will:

- Provide an overview of trauma
- Detail how courts inflict harm
- Explain how justice professionals can recognize and respond to trauma
- Give examples of trauma responsive practices and policies