BEAUTY FROM ASHES

Currie Mingledorff, Judge, Superior Court, Piedmont Judicial Circuit
Taylor Jones, Executive Director, Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia
Victoria Bowman, Director of Specialty Courts, Piedmont Judicial Circuit

September 17, 2024
CACJ Statewide Training

ACCOUNTABILTY

- Do we practice what we preach?
- If accountability is good for our participants, is it good for each of us?
- What does it look like?

The Influence of **ONE** Team Member

Patricia Brooks, ADA



PRIDE

- What happens to us if we are too proud to admit that we don't know what we don't know?
- For some of us, we get introduced to humility.

HUMILITY

- Do we practice what we preach?
- If humility is good for participants, is it good for each of us?
- What does it look like?



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Drug court operations questioned

Judge says program now 'on track' part-time administrative contractor Krista Reynolds to instead put the last week were resolved with the

By Susan Norman snorman@barrowjournal.com

lined up as their keynote speaker, Court program.

gest role in trying to change the lives from the program, a defense attorThe judge in 2009 spearheaded challenges." of the former addicts said she would ney used the testimony of assistant the creation of the Drug and Mental not attend.

After her agency's contract was abruptly terminated in February, Fawn Alexander, executive director

Drug Court program itself on trial. January arrival of Taylor Jones as the Alexander also was called as a wit- new specialty courts director and the With the son of Gov. Nathan Deal and up as their keynote speaker, wellowed that two of the Light Homeless Shelter in Winder, was stunned to learn over the box.

district attorney Patricia Brooks and Health specialty courts in Barrow

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local court officials were anticipatweekend that two of her former Drug
She contacted the Barrow Journal adversity, in fact enough that at ing a packed audience for the May 2 Court colleagues last week called over the weekend to ask for an opporgraduation of the first four people to into question her agency's services graduation of the first four people to into question her agency's services tunity to publicly respond to the criti-have been justified to say we quit," complete the Barrow County Drug and her character during a court hear-Currie Mingledorff, who wants to our (executive) committee has been But the woman whose agency over the past two years has played the bigthe past two years has played the big-

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Barrow BOE:

BOE approves 160-day year

Budget cuts, use of reserves to balance FY2013 budget

The Barrow County Board of Education approved a prelimin FY2013 budget Tuesday night that would cut the school year 160 days and use \$4 million of its reserves to balance its budge

The proposal does not increase the millage rate. The beapproved \$88.9 million in expenses and a projected \$84.9 mill

That won't be the final budget, however, since the board is sla to again discuss the budget later this month before taking account for final approval in June. The BOE vote was 7-1 in favor of a preliminary budget with Will Dunn voting against.

"Myself and three other board members who voted were a there for the original budget discussion," Dunn saist of a badd

The Myth of the "Indispensable Man"

"Listen. I know it isn't easy to trust every other person in that boat as much as you trust yourself. It's not about you! As good as you are, it's not about you or me or anybody else. It's about the boat."

The Boys in the Boat, 2023, Directed by George Clooney, Amazon MGM Studios, 2023

ADMITTING THAT [OUR PROGRAM] HAS BECOME UNMANAGEABLE....

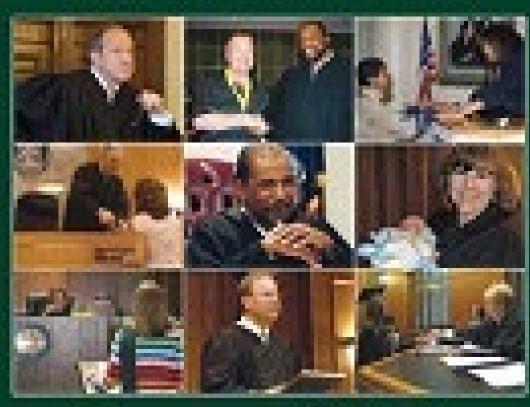
- Our participants often say something like that.
- It can become the first MAJOR step in their recovery.
- It can become a time of decision.

Building a Support Structure

- Do we practice what we preach?
- If building a support structure is good for them, is it good for each of us?
- What does it look like?



THE DRUG COURT JUDICIAL BENCHBOOK



Short by

Height & Market | B., 46 B. Judge William Brown Inc.



► Taylor Jones



How It All Started

- Athens-Clarke County Probation.
 - Bartender to a POST certified law enforcement officer.
 - Treatment and Accountability Court (TAC) opportunity.
 - ■I did not receive formal training.
 - Observed operations
 - Attended the accountability court training conference in 2010 and 2011.
 - No state standards or technical assistance.
 - Very little state funding.

Piedmont Judicial Circuit

- Challenge from day #1.
- Judge and District Court Administrator support and guidance.
- MANY challenges to overcome.
 - Figuring out and learning all the Piedmont players.
 - **■**Court staff
 - **■**County staff
 - Budgets and funding
 - Sheriff's Office
 - New drug court treatment provider needed ASAP.
 - Moved a drug lab instrument through the middle of Winder, Georgia.
 - Jackson County expansion.
 - Standard operating procedures needed to be developed.

Criminal Justice Reform (HB 1167) and More National Resources

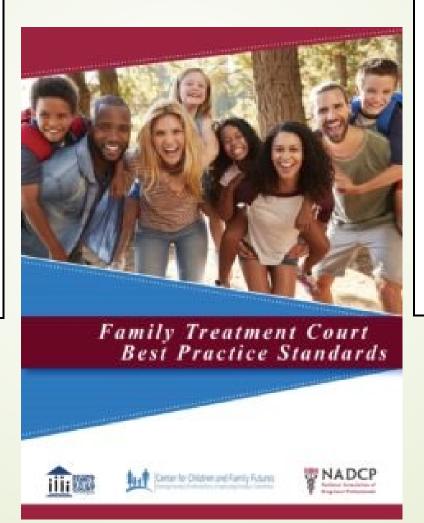
- The accountability court landscape completely changed.
 - State standards
 - Certification
 - Statewide case management systems
 - Peer review
 - Funding
- All Rise (formerly the National Association of Drug Court Professionals) resources and support.

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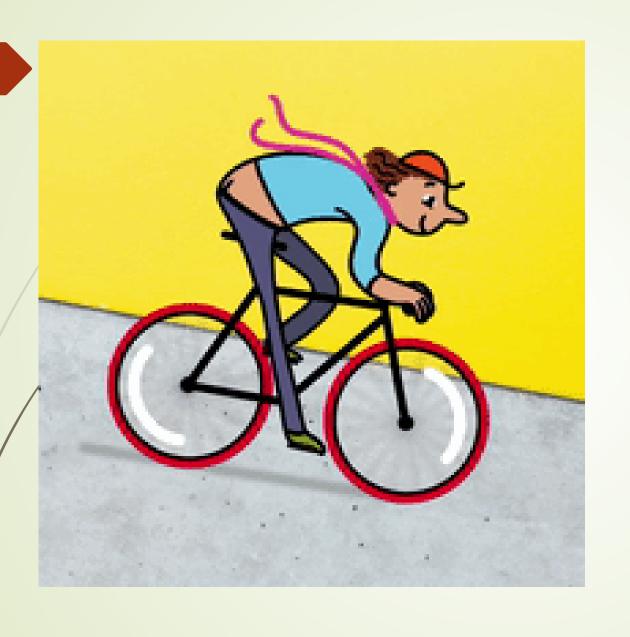
Definitive guidance for treatment court practitioners

Impact and Lessons Learned

- Serving as the Piedmont Judicial Circuit Specialty Courts Director helped to define my career path.
- I had to rise to the challenge. I was determined to see our team and accountability courts succeed.
 - Personal
 - Professional
- Biggest mistakes:
 - Allowed myself to burn out.
 - I should have asked for more resources and delegated more.
- Sustainability and a lasting impact.

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- Background: DCS,
 Western Judicial
 Circuit (DC, TAC,
 VTC) 2007
- Piedmont Judicial
 Circuit: February
 2016
- Leadership
 - · Church
 - Coaching
 - Community





"Life is like riding a bicycle.
To keep your balance, you must keep moving."

~ Albert Einstein

Staying in the Middle of the Road

- Trainings (i.e. CACJ, All Rise)
- Updating of Policies
 Procedures & Practices
- Team Mechanics
- Personal Growth & Development

