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The Council of Accountability Court Judges and the Carl Vinson Institute of Government Recognize the Graduates of the Coordinator Certification Program

Athens, GA --- The Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ) and the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIOG) recognized 73 graduates of the Accountability Court Coordinator Certification Program at the annual CACJ training conference's closing session on Wednesday, October 12, 2022.

The CACJ partnered with CVIOG to offer an extensive training program to accountability court coordinators and program directors throughout the state of Georgia. Employing a combination of online and in-person training sessions, the Coordinator Certification Program includes eight courses for a total of 45 hours of instruction, and the curriculum covers topics central to successful accountability court administration: accountability & advocacy, communication, conflict resolution, financial concepts, grant administration, procurement & contract management, succession planning & delegation, and team & group dynamics.

As the number of accountability courts has grown rapidly over the past few years, the objectives of the Coordinator Certification Program are to increase the knowledge of the primary administrative functions of accountability court coordinators, develop the skills necessary to carry out the administrative functions as an accountability court coordinator, develop and maintain the high standards for the functioning of the accountability courts, and increase the professionalism of accountability court coordinators.

The following court professionals make up the second cohort of graduates:

*Tiffany Barclay, Fulton County Juvenile Family Treatment Court

*Katie Barrs, Houston County Mental Health Court

*Rebecca Bennett, Mountain Judicial Circuit Family Treatment Court

*Deborah Boddie, Clayton County Drug Court
*Victoria Bowman, Piedmont Judicial Circuit Specialty Courts
*Mary Brown, South Georgia Judicial Circuit Accountability Court
*Katie Bruner, Hall County DUI Court
*Gina Calero, Gwinnett County Family Treatment Court
*Michelle Calhoun, Tift County DUI/Drug Court
*Nicole Cavanagh, Western Judicial Circuit Drug Court
*Ethan Childers, Cherokee County Treatment Accountability Court
*John Collins, Fulton County Accountability Court
*Brittany Currans, Dawson County Treatment Court
*Angela D'Agata, Cherokee County DUI/Drug Court
*Panya Dixon, DeKalb County Family Treatment Court
*Brittney Ellis, Atlantic Judicial Circuit Family Treatment Court
*Jessi Emmett, Northeastern Judicial Circuit Accountability Courts
*Jennifer Fabbri, Southern Judicial Circuit Accountability Courts
*Stephonie Goddard, Waycross Judicial Circuit Accountability Court
*Gwen Green, Cherokee County Juvenile Drug Court
*Patricia Griffin, Dougherty Superior Court Mental Health/Substance Abuse Treatment Program
*Jeanette Gurr, Hall County HELP Program
*Kevin Harvard, Dublin Judicial Circuit Mental Health and Veterans Treatment Court
*Constance Hawkins, DeKalb County Juvenile Mental Health Court
*Leslie Heffron, Spaulding County Accountability Court
*Monique Henderson, Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit Mental Health Court
*Heather Herrington, Northeastern Judicial Circuit Accountability Courts
*Megan Hill, Dawson County Family Treatment Court
*Chris Holt, Appalachian Judicial Circuit Veterans Treatment Court
*Chrissy House, Northern Judicial Circuit Drug Court
*Tracy Jacob, Bartow County Family Treatment Court
*Jennifer Johnston, Forsyth County Accountability Courts
*Lisa King, Henry County DUI/Drug Court
*Jylise Lee, Fulton County Behavioral Health Treatment Court
*Barbara Little, Cordele Judicial Circuit Drug Court
*Wes Long, Newton County Drug Court
*Caitlyn Malone, Muscogee County Family Treatment Court
*Magdalene McDonald, Enotah Judicial Circuit Family Treatment Court
*Jennifer Mehdikarimi, Cherokee County Veterans Treatment Court
*Donna Michel, Griffin Judicial Circuit Drug Court
*Porsha Middlebrook, Cobb County Drug Court
*Connie Morris, DeKalb County Accountability Courts
*Traci Moultrie, Gwinnett County Juvenile Drug Court
*Gretchen Neal, Lookout Mountain Drug Court
*Craig Ogilvie, Henry County Accountability Court
*Crystal Page, Richmond County DUI and Veterans Treatment Court
*Nichole Panter, Appalachian Judicial Circuit Drug Court
*Megan Paul, Enotah Judicial Circuit Drug Court
*Beth Pelaccio, Mountain Judicial Circuit Drug Court

- *Lindsey Ray, Appalachian Judicial Circuit Mental Health Court
- *Sharon Reaves, Fulton County Accountability Court
- *Ashaunte Reid, Muscogee County Juvenile Drug Court
- *Monica Roberts, Tifton Judicial Circuit Accountability Courts
- *Quineka Robinson, Alapaha Judicial Circuit Drug and Mental Health Court
- *Carol Simpson, Forsyth County Accountability Courts
- *Leah Simpson, Griffin Judicial Circuit Drug Court
- *Beth Smith, Rockdale County Family Treatment Court
- *Denise Smith, Troup County DUI/Drug Court
- *Michaela Smith, Piedmont Judicial Circuit Veterans Treatment Court
- *Mark Spaulding, Brunswick Judicial Circuit Drug Court
- *Suzanne Stanley, Northeastern Judicial Circuit Accountability Courts
- *Marqueta Stanton, Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit Family Treatment Court
- *Sheila Storey, Carroll County Family Treatment Court
- *Marisa Sullens, Hall County Family Treatment Court
- *Judy Talkington, Toombs Judicial Circuit Drug Court
- *Sharla Taylor, DeKalb County Misdemeanor Mental Health Court
- *Shundrekia Taylor, Atlantic Judicial Circuit Veterans Treatment Court
- *Karen Van Blarcom, Carroll County Drug Court
- *Donna Bowling, Appalachian Judicial Circuit Juvenile Drug Court
- *Dana White, Rockdale County Drug Court
- *Rachel Williams-Clark, Enotah Judicial Circuit Mental Health Court
- *David Wood, Chatham County DUI Court
- *Paige Worley, Mountain Judicial Circuit Mental Health Court

As of July 1, 2022, there are 183 certified accountability court programs in Georgia, and the mission of the CACJ is to provide a unified framework that promotes and improves the quality, accessibility, and administration of accountability courts with a vision to make accountability courts work for all Georgians. Established in 2015, the CACJ fulfills this mission through certification, standards, peer review, data collection, training, treatment fidelity monitoring, and grants.

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