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ROCKDALE COUNTY RESOURCE COURT CELEBRATES GRADUATION

❖ Feature submitted by Court Coordinator, Mary-Lou Snow.

On January 10, 2019, the Rockdale County Resource Court celebrated 3 program graduates. The program has had a total of 7 graduates since inception in July 2016. Each graduate received a framed completion certificate, a glass desk plaque, \$20 Walmart gift card, and the famous gold coin from the Judge. The gold coin features an engraving and is famous because it gains entry to the Judge’s chambers anytime following graduation. Pictured, front and center, are the 3 program graduates holding their framed completion certificates. Surrounding them are the Rockdale County Resource Court Team: Superior Court Judge Robert Mumford, Coordinator Mary-Lou Snow, Case Manager Suzanne Kilgore, Probation Officer Thomas, Public Defender Charlie Gasner, Peer Support Specialists Walter Nunnally and Nora Manning, Lab Technician James Garrison, District Attorney Michelle Chuang, Reentry Coordinator Deputy Tammy Myers, and Surveillance Officer Donald Smith.



COBB COUNTY FAMILY TREATMENT COURT

❖ Feature submitted by Court Coordinator, Jennifer Tillery.

The Cobb Family Treatment Court team (CFTC) was inspired by a break out session on Creative Incentives during last year’s CACJ Annual Conference. We came back with a plan to create a store with practical household supplies where the participants could ‘purchase’ things with incentive dollars. The CFTC applied for the funding to purchase the store inventory from the newly created Restoring Lives Alliance, LLC 501(c)3 organization. After being awarded the funding, all the supplies were purchased and the store was created and named “The Rock Star Store.” Each participant may earn “Rock Star Bucks” as incentives for doing well and accomplishing goals, etc. Our store opened on January 17th and several of our participants have already begun to save their bucks for purchasing items they want. The items currently in our store include: Clothes Detergent, dish detergent, toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels, diapers, and baby wipes. So far, everyone is excited about the new Rock Star Store and earning the bucks!



PAULDING JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MENTAL HEALTH COURT

❖ Article featured in The Marietta Daily Journal

The Paulding Judicial Circuit Mental Health Court is proud to serve the program’s first accountability court participant. The program under the leadership of Superior Court Judge David Lyles and Court Coordinator, Denise Snelling, was implemented in July 2018. Paulding Judicial Circuit Mental Health Court team received implementation training from the Council of Accountability Court Judges in October 2018. The program was recently featured in the local newspaper:

https://www.mdjonline.com/neighbor_newspapers/west_georgia/news/first-participant-in-paulding-s-mental-health-court-must-complete/article_97177322-1f16-11e9-ac9e-73e30fdcfcdf.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share





Rockdale County Resource Court

Forsyth County C.A.R.E. Court

Clayton County DUI Court

Hall County Drug Court

COUNCIL OF ACCOUNTABILITY COURT JUDGES NEWS

FY20 ACCOUNTABILITY COURT GRANT SOLICITATION

The Council of Accountability Court Judges FY20 Accountability Court Grant Solicitation is scheduled to be released February 18, 2019. The FY20 Grant features new narrative questions to help courts explain the program's current operations and plans for long term sustainability, an improved layout, and additional tabs. The annual grant webinar for the FY20 solicitation is scheduled for Friday, March 1, 2019 at 10:00am. Please note there is a new submission process for the CACJ FY20 grant application. The FY20 grant application should be submitted using Microsoft SharePoint. An instructional guide for the new grant submission process can be located on the CACJ website at: <https://www.gaaccountabilitycourts.org/grant-opportunities>

The FY20 grant application is due March 22, 2019 at 5:00pm.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance has a BJA Grant Applicant Education Series. The series has upcoming and past webinar recordings offering tips for upcoming grant solicitations. <https://www.bja.gov/funding/webinars.html>

The FY19 CACJ Emergency Grant application closes February 15, 2019. Emergency grant requests are limited to drug testing and treatment costs.

ACCOUNTABILITY COURT JOB POSTINGS

Several job postings are available in Georgia's accountability court programs.

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| • Mental Health Court Coordinator (Part time) | Mountain Judicial Circuit |
| • Case Manager (Part time) | Coweta County |
| • Clinical Case Manager | Fulton County |
| • Counselor | Dekalb County |
| • Accountability Court Coordinator | Augusta Judicial Circuit |
| • Assistant Director | Jackson County |

FY19 CACJ SEMI ANNUAL MEETING

On Friday, January 25, 2019, the Council of Accountability Court Judges held its third Semi-Annual Meeting. Present at the meeting were Superior, State, and Juvenile Court Judges that preside over Accountability Court programs. The meeting was held at the UGA Continuing Education Center. During the meeting, Executive Committee members briefed the group on each Standing Committee's progress and discussed what is ahead for the remainder of FY19. The Department of Community Supervision and Department of Community Affairs representatives were present to discuss Reentry Partnership Housing Opportunities for Accountability Court providers. Georgia Primary Care Association was also present to discuss the statewide Medication Assisted Treatment expansion.

2019 ACCOUNTABILITY COURT TRAINING CONFERENCE

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2019 ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

September 15 - 18, 2019



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The 2019 Accountability Court Training conference dates are confirmed.

The 2019 conference has been extended by a half day. The conference will begin on Sunday, September 15, 2019 and will end Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at Noon.

Training registration and the CACJ conference room block will open on Wednesday, July 17, 2019.

As in past years, the accountability court program coordinator will be responsible for the accountability court team's registration.

Please check the CACJ website for conference updates!

2019 TRAINING CONFERENCE CALL FOR PRESENTERS

The Council of Accountability Court Judges Training Committee and Staff invites you to submit a proposal to present a breakout session at the 2019 Annual Training Conference.

CACJ seeks proposals that present best practices in service delivery, collaboration, and justice programming that enhances outcomes for participants in our adult drug, mental health, DUI/drug, juvenile drug, juvenile mental health, family drug treatment, and veterans treatment programs.

Proposals will only be accepted via the online submission portal.

For the complete Call for Presenters announcement and instructions to submit a proposal, please visit the CACJ website's Training Conference webpage. <https://www.gaaccountabilitycourts.org/2019-training-conference>

We look forward to receiving your submissions.