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## DOUGLAS COUNTY DUI/DRUG COURT FEATURED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER

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The Douglas County Misdemeanor DUI/Drug Court held its tenth graduation on February 1st in the Douglas County High School Auditorium. The largest class to celebrate completing the 18 month intensive treatment program for substance abuse had 13 graduates. Judge Barker and Judge Dettmering graduated 7 and 6 participants respectively from each of their programs. Also on hand to congratulate the graduates were District Attorney Brian Fortner, Solicitor General Matthew Krull, and other dignitaries from the community. While this is a state court program, some of the graduates enter via the DA's office. "We have a unique program in that we work closely with our Adult Felony Drug Court to ensure that everyone who wants or needs treatment help and is eligible can receive it." Judge Dettmering says it is the best program of its kind in the State. Testimony was given from guest speaker, Chris Sandy, about the lifetime of regret he has had to endure after killing two people in a DUI accident in April of 2000. He was sentenced to 30 years in prison, serving 8 ½ years and remaining on probation until 2031 for it. He spoke of the ways a decision can impact so many lives and outcomes. All of the graduates gave testimony of their sobriety and the pride they felt in the changes they have been able to make in their lives over the last 18 months. Family and friends were present to congratulate the graduates as well. There have been a total of 90 graduates from the programs since the first graduation in February 2015.



Pictured above are the Douglas County DUI/Drug Court team: Judge Barker, Case Manager Nilsa Martin, Probation Officer David Kendle, Solicitor General Matt Krull, Judge Dettmering and the 13 graduates.

## FY 19 ACCOUNTABILITY COURT GRANT SOLICITATION TIPS

1. Follow the instructions.

It is suggested to read the grant solicitation instructions first. Begin the application by knowing exactly what is required. Prepare a checklist of things you need to do to appropriately complete the grant and outline your proposal before you begin writing it.

2. Be specific.

It is important that your budget and written proposal work together. Include how the requested resources will support the program and program participants.

3. Seek external reviews prior to submission.

The same person cannot write a grant and review it for clarity. You will likely miss errors because you are familiar with the application and materials. It is suggested that you ask a colleague to read, review and edit the application prior to submission.

4. Start early and submit the grant application by the due date.

Please time your work so you are finished a few days before the application is due.

## CACJ MORAL RECONATION THERAPY – TRAUMA TRAINING

CACJ offered a Moral Recontation Therapy Trauma (MRT-Trauma) training class for accountability court treatment providers. The one-day class was held in Macon, Georgia at the Macon Marriott City Center. The training class was taught by Correctional Counseling Inc. trainer, Ms. Yvonne Saunders. MRT Trauma is based on the MRT approach. To attend the training or offer the course to court participants, the treatment provider must be trained and certified in MRT. Below are two photos from the MRT Trauma training class.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MARCH 5-7, 2018

MARCH 9, 2018

MARCH 12-14, 2018

MARCH 15-16, 2018

MARCH 19-20, 2018

MARCH 23, 2018

MARCH 26-27, 2018

CBI-SA TRAINING

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ADULT FELONY DRUG COURT IMPLEMENTATION TRAINING

OPERATIONAL TUNE UP TRAINING

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES TRAINING

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VETERAN TREATMENT COURT OPERATIONAL TUNE UP TRAINING

## Coordinator Winter Training Forum

February 5, 2018



February 5, 2018, CACJ hosted the first annual winter coordinator training forum in Macon, Georgia. Coordinators from across Georgia attended the one-day training at the Macon Marriott City Center. Topics of discussion included Case Management, Reentry Partnership Housing, Court Coordinator mentorship, Treatment Fidelity site visits, Peer Review, and court specific breakout sessions. Speakers included Taylor Jones, CACJ Executive Director, Dr. Kevin Baldwin, Advanced Research Services, Patricia Griffin, Dougherty SA/MH Court Coordinator, Lasheika Kassa, CACJ Treatment Fidelity Specialist, Josh Becker, CACJ Chief Certification Officer, Dayna Soloman, Muscogee AFDC Court Coordinator, and Tammy Herring, Department of Community Supervision Operations Manager. The slides from the case management presentation is available on the CACJ website at

<http://www.gaaccountabilitycourts.org/sample-forms-and-resources>.

The Reentry Partnership Housing application and prior webinar recordings are available on the Administrative Office of the Courts intranet platform for Accountability Court Coordinators.



First photo: Lasheika Kassa presents to the coordinators details about what to expect during a Treatment Fidelity visit to the courts.

Second photo: Dr. Kevin Baldwin and Patricia Griffin discuss effective accountability court case management techniques with coordinators.



Third photo: Josh Becker shares with coordinators the top findings and fixes discovered during Peer Review.

### Congratulations to February Graduates

- ❖ BLUE RIDGE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
- ❖ CLAYTON COUNTY AFDC
- ❖ COLQUITT SA/MH COURT
- ❖ DAWSON COUNTY TREATMENT COURT
- ❖ HALL COUNTY H.E.L.P COURT
- ❖ HALL COUNTY VETERANS COURT
- ❖ ROCKDALE COUNTY DRUG COURT



Colquitt County Substance Abuse/Mental Health Court graduated 3 Accountability Court program participants in December 2017. Pictured right, Judge Brian McDaniel congratulates a program participant on his accomplishments.

