



COUNCIL OF ACCOUNTABILITY COURT JUDGES OF GEORGIA

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ACCOUNTABILITY COURT GRADUATIONS & SPECIAL EVENTS

ROCKDALE COUNTY RESOURCE COURT

- ❖ Feature submitted by coordinator, Mary Lou Snow.

On November 7, 2019, Judge Robert Mumford and the Rockdale County Resource Court celebrated two graduates. Ms. Paula Boyd, Certified Peer Specialist, was the guest speaker. Since inception, the Resource Court Program has hosted 8 graduations and has celebrated a total of 13 graduates.



FULTON COUNTY ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS

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



Fulton County Drug Court was honored with the Westside Wonders RCO CORA award! The Champion of Recovery Award for Organization Ally recognizes the Court's commitment to community outreach and partnerships. The Court was excited to be part of the RCO's establishment and continues to work with the recovery community. The Court is especially proud to see the number of alumni who continue to involve themselves in the Recovery Community. This is a testament to their individual commitment to recovery and their commitment to helping others find the stability and wellbeing recovery brings to their lives. Ms. Bridget Ogundipe is photographed with the award.

PAULDING JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DRUG COURT

- ❖ Feature submitted by Tracy Jacob and Demetrius Way-Watts.

Paulding Judicial Circuit's accountability courts and the local treatment provider Center Beyond Solutions hosted a second chance prom in celebration of recovery month. Photographed are the Paulding County Drug Court participants crowned Prom King and Queen 2019.

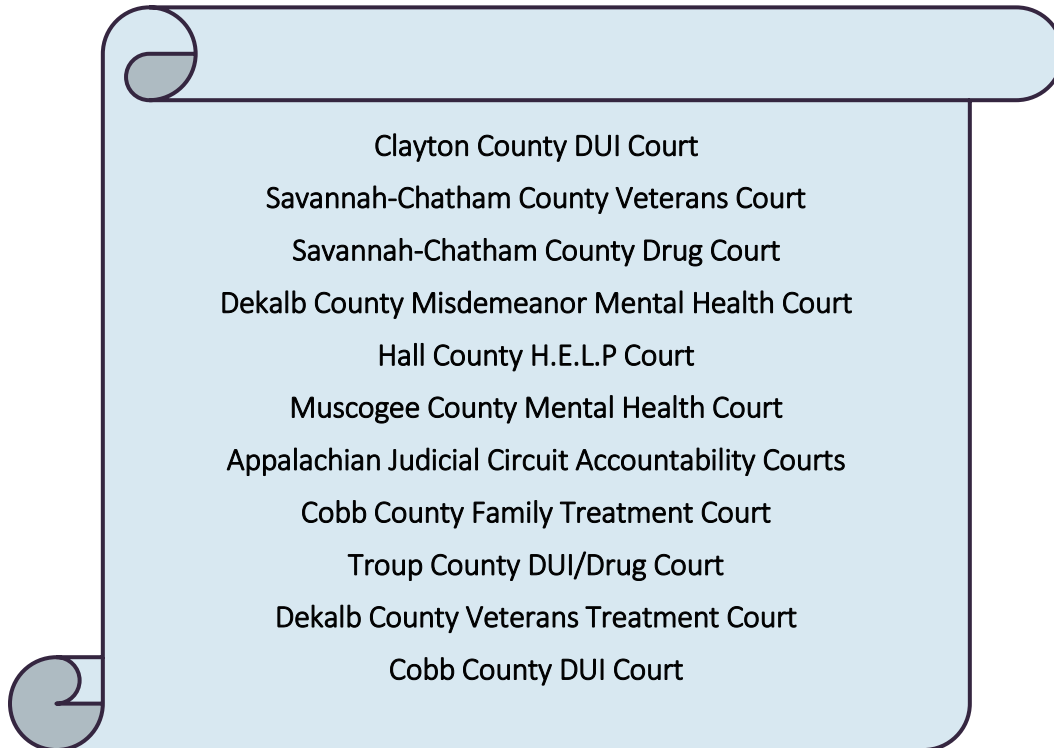


Dekalb County Veterans Treatment Court will celebrate the program's inaugural graduation ceremony November 22, 2019. For additional information about the ceremony, please contact program coordinator Ms. Talina Landestoy.



Clayton County Adult Felony Drug Court will celebrate the program's 10th year anniversary November 14, 2019. For additional information about the ceremony, please contact program coordinator Mrs. Deborah Boddie.

Congratulations October and November accountability court graduates.



VETERAN TREATMENT COURTS TRAININGS

The Council of Accountability Court Judges in partnership with Justice for Vets hosted a series of Veterans Treatment Court trainings during October. A two-day Veteran Mentor Bootcamp was held in Atlanta. A group of 52 Veteran Mentors received training and certificates during the event. Veterans Treatment Court enhancement trainings were also held in Marietta, Savannah, and Warner Robins. The enhancement trainings featured sessions on military culture, PTSD, veterans' affairs services, and more. Georgia currently has over 20 veteran treatment courts and several accountability courts provides services to veterans.



COUNCIL OF ACCOUNTABILITY COURT JUDGES TRAINING CONFERENCE

Certificates of attendance for the 2019 CACJ Annual Training Conference have been delivered via email to court coordinators by the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education. Coordinators should receive all team members' certificates of attendance.

Please visit the CACJ website for information about conference continuing education hours, photos, and conference materials at: <https://www.gaaccountabilitycourts.org/2019-training-conference>

2020 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 2020 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 veteran treatment programs.

Proposals will only be accepted via the online submission portal December 2, 2019 until January 31, 2020.

COUNCIL OF ACCOUNTABILITY COURT JUDGES NEWS AND RESOURCES

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & WEBINARS

As a friendly reminder, 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 the SAMHSA's GAINS Center.

Family Treatment Court Best Practice Standards: Laying the Groundwork Tuesday December 12, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. EDT

The Center for Children and Family Futures and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals developed the Family Treatment Court Best Practice Standards to support the activities of family drug courts nationwide. This webinar, hosted by SAMHSA's GAINS Center, will provide an overview of these recently released standards and how programs and courts can begin to implement them.

The Council of Accountability Court Judges is pleased to share the following resources on behalf of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals.

[Technology in Your Court: Utilizing a Case Management Solution to Grow Your Treatment Court](#) Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. EDT

This webinar, hosted by Sam Morgan of FivePoint Solutions will discuss how a customizable, web-based system can improve monitoring your participants' compliance, increase team collaboration and automate grant reporting.

[NADCP's Equity & Inclusion Equivalent Access Assessment and Toolkit](#) is designed to help treatment courts identify and fill gaps related to achieving inclusion and program participation across diverse groups (Standard II of NADCP's Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards).

FY20 Operational Tune -Up Training & Q3 Training Opportunities

Registration for CACJ hosted Operational Tune – Up trainings will open December 2, 2019 for Adult Drug Courts, Mental Health Courts, Veteran Treatment Courts, and Family Treatment Courts. Eligible teams must register for the training and complete the CACJ Operational Tune – Up Training Agreement form. Additional information and eligibility requirements for each training are available on the CACJ website training registration page.

Space is still available to register for the FREE **Treatment Provider** training hosted by the National Drug Court Institute and CACJ. Details about the training event and the registration portal can be found [HERE](#).

Space is still available for Judges and Coordinators to attend the [CACJ Accountability Court Winter Forum](#). Registration will end on Friday, November 22, 2019.

Registration for the [Thinking for a Change \(T4C\) Advanced Practice – Booster](#) training and the National Association of Mental Illness' [Introduction to Behavioral Health and Addictive Diseases](#) will open Monday, December 2, 2019.

Applications are now available on the CACJ website for coordinators who are interested in being mentored or serving as a mentor. Applications are due November 22, 2019. Pairings will be announced by email in January.

Details and applications about the CACJ Coordinator Mentor Program are located on the CACJ Website under the [Coordinator Mentor Program page](#).

CHECK OUT THE RECENT JOB POSTINGS IN GEORGIA'S ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS.



FY21 Notice of Intent to Apply for Funding

The CACJ FY21 Notice of Intent (NOI) to apply for funding submission window will open Monday, November 18, 2019.

Each program currently funded by CACJ is required to complete the Notice of Intent. In addition, if a circuit or county has planned to implement a new certified accountability court program during FY21, a NOI is required for the planned program.

The submission is due by 5:00 pm on December 13, 2019. Please visit the [Funding](#) webpage for details and to submit the form starting November 18, 2019.

MEET THE NEWEST CACJ TEAM MEMBER!

CACJ welcomes the newest team member and Treatment Fidelity Program Monitor.



Tara Zellous is a Licensed Professional Counselor, a National Certified Counselor, and a Certified Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor-II. She has over 10 years of experience providing behavioral healthcare treatment to children and adults. Prior to joining the Council of Accountability Court Judges, she worked for the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) providing training and technical assistance to State contracted treatment providers, criminal justice, and law enforcement systems on identifying, developing, and implementing strategies to divert individuals suffering from serious and persistent mental illness and/or substance use disorders away from incarceration and into treatment. Tara's work with Accountability Courts began in 2016 as the treatment provider for the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit Substance Abuse and Mental Health Courts. In her spare time Tara enjoys traveling, shopping, decorating, and spending time with her family.

*To include a court program in the CACJ Newsletter or share an idea for a future submission, please email:
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