



COUNCIL OF ACCOUNTABILITY COURT JUDGES OF GEORGIA

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2017 STAR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Thanks to everyone across the state who submitted a STAR Award nomination. We have a lot of great team players working for accountability courts so it is perfectly fine to brag on them just a little bit. The winners for each role will be announced at the Annual Training Conference in Athens, GA September 17-19, 2017 so stay tuned...



2017 ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

September 17 - 19, 2017

"Making Accountability Courts Work"

THE CLASSIC CENTER
300 N THOMAS ST.
ATHENS, GA 30601



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CACJ OFFICE?

COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSERS

By Lasheika Kassa

The Council of Accountability Court Judges has hosted six Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Substance Abusers (CBI-SA) trainings and certified 54 treatment professionals in twelve months. CBI-SA is an evidence based curriculum that focuses on the cognitive restructuring of individuals. It was developed by the University of Cincinnati in 2010 and the curriculum was updated in 2013. The curriculum focuses on six major areas which include Motivation and Engagement, Cognitive Restructuring, Emotion Regulation, Social Skills, Problem Solving, and Success Planning. The intensive three day training allows treatment professionals to provide teach backs and receive constructive feedback from their peers and the instructor. At the end of the training, treatment professionals are certified and equipped to return to their accountability courts to implement the course immediately. The Council of Accountability Court Judges has created a new position to include a Treatment Support Fidelity Specialist. The Treatment Specialist will ensure treatment providers are utilizing evidence based curriculums and maintaining fidelity while instructing and delivering content. The Treatment Specialist will also provide technical assistance to counselors. For more information on trainings please visit <http://www.gaaccountabilitycourts.org/fy18-training-calendar>. (Pictured below is the CBI-SA training held in August)



Congrats
August
Graduations!

Athens-Clarke
County Family
Treatment Court

Clayton County
Adult Felony Drug
Court

Cherokee Circuit
Adult Felony Drug
Court

Cobb County Family
Treatment Court

Columbus Mental
Health and Veterans
Court

DeKalb County
Misdemeanor
Mental Health Court

Hall County Family
Treatment Court

Mountain Judicial
Circuit Drug Court

Newton County
Adult Felony Drug
Court

Newton County
Resource Court

South Enotah Felony
Drug Court

Western Judicial
Circuit Veterans
Treatment Court

WHAT'S HAPPENING ACROSS THE STATE?

CLAYTON COUNTY'S DUI COURT YOUTUBE VIDEO

The Clayton County DUI Court team is working on sustainability for their program. To make stakeholders and other members of the community aware of how their program works, they created a YouTube video (through Clayton County Access Television) to explain how. Each team member describes their role on the team and their necessary interaction with the participants to assist them with being successful in the program. The video also include names of their community partners who support them with employment, job skills training, GED prep, clothing, food pantry, reduced costs medical care, and other program activities. Chief Judge Linda S. Cowen has presided over the program since its inception in February 2007 and graduated over 280 participants. See the video for yourself:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rt4hDg2VtvY>

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

In case you haven't heard, Ms. Kimberly Howard has officially joined our team as the Operations Coordinator as of September 1st! Her work history includes Fulton County Superior Courts and her education background hails from Michigan State University with a Master's of Science in Judicial Administration. She is also a current member of Georgia's Council of Court Administrators.

Additionally, our very own Ms. Lasheika Kassa is now serving as the CACJ Treatment Support Fidelity Specialist! As mentioned before, the primary responsibility of the Treatment Support Fidelity Specialist position is to help the courts ensure that the CACJ/CJCC funded treatment is being delivered with fidelity. It is also a technical assistance resource for the courts. She will work on many other statewide projects to help promote and improve the accessibility and administration of Georgia's Accountability Courts.

Please congratulate both ladies at the upcoming 2017 CACJ Annual Training Conference!



Lasheika Kassa



Kimberly Howard