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PRESS ADVISORY

Family Treatment Court to hold Graduation Ceremony Tuesday, September 28

-- Seven mothers will graduate to lives without drugs and *with* their children --

WHAT: Family Treatment Court Graduation

WHEN: Tuesday, September 28, 2010, 11: 00 AM- 1:00 PM

WHERE: Moultrie Courthouse, Courtroom JM-8
500 Indiana Avenue, N.W.

WHO: Magistrate Judge S. Pamela Gray, Family Treatment Court judge

Program details:

- Family Treatment Court has a comprehensive substance abuse treatment program for mothers and female guardians of children who are the subject of a child neglect allegations. Those who participate stipulate to the allegations of neglect. The program is fifteen (15) months long.
- The first six months of treatment take place in a treatment facility in which the women reside along with up to four of their children, who are either ten or younger.
- The treatment facility provides on-site services as well as community-based services, including: substance abuse education and treatment, relapse prevention, parenting classes, counseling, and childcare.
- If the participants successfully complete the residential phase, they participate in a formal graduation ceremony and proceed to the community-based after care phase. It is this formal ceremony – the eleventh such ceremony – that will take place Tuesday, September 28th.

NOTE: *Judges will be available for interviews. Mothers and children may also be available for interviews, with their permission. Cameras and recorders must be cleared in advance.*

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