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PRESS ADVISORY

Family Treatment Court to Hold Graduation Celebration

-- Six parents will graduate to lives without drugs and *with* their children --

WHAT: Family Treatment Court Graduation Celebration

WHEN: **Friday, April 29, 2016, 11:00am - 1:00pm**

WHERE: Moultrie Courthouse, Jurors' Lounge (Room 3100)
500 Indiana Avenue, N.W.

WHO: The Honorable Hiram Puig-Lugo, Presiding Judge, Family Court
The Honorable Pam Gray, Presiding Judge, Family Treatment Court program
Carson Fox, Chief Executive Officer, National Association of Drug Court Professionals

Program details:

- Family Treatment Court (FTC) is designed to help mothers, fathers and other adult caregivers dealing with issues of substance abuse and a pending neglect case safely and successfully reunify with their child or children. The program works with participants to treat their addiction and build parenting and life skills.
- FTC services help participants become substance-free; emotionally, financially and personally self-sufficient; and to improve their parenting and coping skills.
- FTC provides treatment based on an assessment of each participant's needs, working with other DC agencies and organizations¹.
- FTC is voluntary, with four phases, and lasts a total of 12 to 15 months. Each phase has specific goals, expectations and requirements. Participants work closely with a Recovery Specialist to develop an individualized Recovery Plan focused on their needs. There is no minimum time that a participant is required to remain in a phase.
- For more information, see http://dccourts.gov/internet/superior/org_family/familytreatment.jsf

NOTE: *Judges will be available for interviews. Parents and children may also be available for interviews, with their permission. Photos are allowed.*

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¹ DC Child & Family Services Agency (CFSA), Office of Attorney General, Department of Behavioral Health – Addiction Prevention & Recovery Administration, Mayor's Services Liaison Office, Court Appointed Special Advocates for children of DC (DC CASA).