

CUMBERLAND COUNTY STARS DRUG TREATMENT COURT

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Our First Graduates

On Tuesday, May 31, Jimmy Godwin became the first to graduate from the Cumberland County Drug Treatment Court. Not only did Mr. Godwin remain drug free, he was awarded full custody of his two children. His charges were also dismissed— an option with some drug court participants. Mr. Godwin has enrolled in school at Fayetteville Technical Community College and states he wants to be a drug counselor.

On June 19, Christopher Johnston became the second participant to graduate. He remained drug free and maintained employment. Christopher also obtained his Auto Cad certificate through FTCC and his charges were dismissed.



Staff Changes

Several staff changes have occurred. In February, Shelia Moore, Probation Officer, left the Department of Corrections to pursue another career. She was replaced by Annette McDaniel.

Bob Fisher resigned in May to complete his doctoral dissertation. Nicole Dickens became the Drug Court Coordinator in June. Since grant funding ended in June, Lynelle Sheppard's employment ended as well. Effective July 1, Drug Court is now funded through Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC).

Tiawannia Coley joined the Drug Court team in April. She provides all initial TASC assessments on drug court offenders. Kim Reeves replaced Nicole Dickens as DRC Program Coordinator and she joined the DTC team in June. Debbie Norman from DSS joined the team in late July. Robin Spann from DSS will serve on the team as needed.

Eligibility Requirements

The STARS DTC requires an 11 month minimum client commitment. The process includes completing a substance abuse assessment, participation in drug treatment, participation in vocational rehabilitation, education, and or employment, and random drug testing. Clients are expected to become drug free and either employed or involved in education.

Clients must advance phases in order to complete the program. Phase one is the most intensively supervised phase and includes an assessment and

a treatment plan. Participants must remain in phase 1 for a minimum of 120 days and will be promoted to phase 2 if the participant is in compliance and has been drug free for at least 60 days.

Phase 2 is the intermediate supervision phase of the program. Participants are also required to participate for a minimum of 120 days. During this phase, certain requirements are lessened. Promotion to Phase 3 requires being drug free for 120 days and in compliance with other requirements.

Phase 3 is the final phase and is the least supervised. Participants are required to participate in this phase for at least 90 days. After completion, the client will be eligible to graduate. Family and friends are invited to participate in graduation services and court proceedings as well.

Seeing Success

Fourteen participants are currently enrolled in the program. Four participants are in phase 1, eight participants are in phase 2, and two participants are in phase 3. Of the 14 enrolled, two have remained drug free for at least 60 days, one has remained drug free for at least 100 days, and four have remained drug free for over 200 days.

Below is a current list of participants.

<u>Participant</u>	<u>Time In Program</u>
Gail M.	12 months
Devie M.	11 months
Jordan F.	11 months
Robert B.	11 months
Cathy Mc	11 months
Richard W.	10 months
Kathy P.	9 months
Kathy L.	8 months
Allen M.	5 months
Shelia P.	5 months
Kathy E.	4 months
Jerry H.	4 months
Sean C.	1 month
Janet G.	2 weeks

Drug Court's First Babies

On June 8, Participant Kathy L. gave birth to premature twin girls at six months pregnant. The great news is that both babies were born drug free! The babies are doing well and will remain in the hospital through August.



Meet the Team

Judge Kim Tucker, Presiding Judge
Nicole Dickens, DTC Program Coordinator
Claire Hill, Asst. District Attorney
David Delaney, Defense Attorney
Pat Moore, Asst. Clerk of Court
Annette McDaniel, Probation Officer
Paul Hatch, Chief Probation Officer
Angela Covington, Substance Abuse Counselor
Tiawannia Coley, Substance Abuse Counselor
Bobby Chapman, Fay. Police Dept Captain
Jackie Ray, Sheriff's Department Major
Callie Gardner, Pretrial/DRC Director
Kim Reeves, DRC Program Coordinator
Debbie Norman, DSS CPS Investigator
Robin Spann, DSS Supervisor



Since funding is not available for incentives, Drug Court relies on donations made by local businesses and individuals. If you know of a business or individual willing to donate meal passes, movie passes, and so forth for court and graduations, please contact Nicole Dickens at 321-3591. All donors receive recognition in the quarterly newsletter.

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