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Ohio County Family Treatment Court to Hold Graduation May 12

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WHEELING, W.Va. – The Ohio County Family Treatment Court will hold a graduation ceremony for one participant at 10:10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 12, in the second-floor courtroom of the Ohio County/City Building in Wheeling.

The event is open to the media and the graduate has signed a media release. Other treatment court participants who are still in the program may not be photographed or videotaped.

The Ohio County Family Treatment Court was one of the first five family treatment courts in West Virginia and this is its third graduation ceremony.

First Judicial Circuit (Brooke, Hancock, and Ohio Counties) Judge David Sims presides over the treatment court. Erin Jordan is the Family Treatment Court Case Coordinator.

Family treatment courts are designed to return children to a safer home environment and achieve permanency faster and more effectively than traditional methods. Family treatment courts serve individuals with substance use disorder who are also involved in child abuse and neglect cases. The Supreme Court provides oversight, technical assistance, and training. A State Family Treatment Court Advisory Committee and the Supreme Court Division of Probation Services set criteria for eligibility and participation.

The West Virginia court system continues to add treatment courts throughout the state and to support and celebrate graduates who complete such specialty court programs. The goal of treatment courts is to help participants overcome substance use disorder and mental illness, thus improving the quality of life for them and their families.

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