## SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY PASSAIC VICINAGE

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## **Passaic Vicinage to Host Drug Court Participant Conference**

The Passaic Vicinage will host its first adult drug court conference on Jan. 8 from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Passaic County Community College, One College Blvd., Paterson.

Judge Glenn A. Grant, administrative director of the courts, will give opening remarks. Assignment Judge Donald J. Volkert Jr., Superior Court Judge Rudolph A. Filko, and Passaic County Community College President Steven M. Rose also will speak.

The conference, *Breaking Barriers to Success*, is an all-day event for active Passaic Vicinage Drug Court participants. The purpose of the conference is to empower, educate, and motivate them towards a successful future without substance abuse.

Michael De Leon from Steered Straight, Inc. will kick off the conference with a motivational presentation on goal setting. The participants will be offered workshops focusing on topics such as employment, education opportunities, parenting skills, mental and physical wellness, and healthy relationships.

Yvonne Harvey–Williams from Speak 2 Inspire will close the conference with her inspirational story of addiction, recovery and success. Harvey-Williams is a nationally known speaker who was born and raised in Paterson.

The conference is a joint effort of the Passaic Vicinage Drug Court and several organizations, including Passaic County Community College, the New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, the New Jersey Association on Correction, Eva's Village, and St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center.

For more information about this conference, contact Sonia Valentin at 973-247-8217.