



SUPERIOR COURT OCEAN VICINAGE

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Ocean Vicinage Drug Court to Hold Graduation Ceremony

Ocean Vicinage will hold its drug court graduation celebration on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 11 a.m. in the Mancini Room of the Ocean County Library, 101 Washington St., Toms River. Judge Joseph L. Foster will preside over the event. Eleven candidates are eligible to graduate from the program.

The drug court program is a highly specialized team process within the existing Superior Court structure that addresses nonviolent, drug-related cases. Drug courts are unique in the criminal justice environment because they build a close collaborative relationship between criminal justice and drug treatment professionals.

Drug court programs are rigorous, requiring completion of four phases during five years of intensive drug and alcohol treatment and testing. Participants follow a tightly structured regimen of treatment and recovery. This level of supervision permits the program to support the recovery process, but also allows supervisors to react swiftly to impose appropriate therapeutic sanctions or to reinstate criminal proceedings when participants do not comply with the program.

The Ocean Vicinage Drug Court program serves approximately 450 participants. A total of 304 participants have graduated from the program since its inception in 2002.

For more event information, please call Carole Haines, Drug Court Coordinator, at 732-929-2125.

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