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Assignment Judge Deborah Silverman Katz Voices Support for Countywide Opioid Treatment Program

Camden Vicinage Assignment Judge Deborah Silverman Katz expressed support today for a pilot program that will link certain municipal court defendants in the county with opioid treatment services.

“Our Drug Court program has been successful in helping those who struggle with addiction to turn their lives around and contribute to society,” Judge Silverman Katz said. “Its continued success depends on our ability to link defendants to the appropriate resources. This pilot program can be an important step in that effort.”

Drug court gives judges the discretion to impose appropriate therapeutic sanctions as a potential alternative to incarceration. Criminal proceedings may be reinstated if participants do not comply with the program. Drug court requires intensive supervision such as frequent drug testing and court appearances, along with a tightly structured regimen of treatment and recovery services.

Camden County freeholders, municipal officials, and law enforcement representatives announced the one-year pilot program, Project SAVE (Substance Abuse Visionary Effort), at a press conference this afternoon.

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