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## **Morris/Sussex Vicinage Drug Courts to Hold Graduation Ceremonies**

The Morris/Sussex Vicinage will hold drug court graduation ceremonies on two separate dates in October.

The Morris ceremony will take place on Friday, Oct. 11 at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Public Safety Training Academy, 500 W. Hanover Ave., Morristown. Jessica Brienza, a community speaker, will address the 20 new graduates.

The Sussex ceremony will be held Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 2 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center of Sussex County Community College, One College Hill Road, Newton. The ceremony will honor 25 new graduates and 13 participants who will advance to the final phase of drug court.

Superior Court Judge Michael E. Hubner, who presides over the Morris and Sussex drug court programs, will host both ceremonies.

The Judiciary's drug court program operates within the Superior Court to address nonviolent drug addicted offenders. The program requires completion of four phases of intensive drug and alcohol treatment and recovery. This level of supervision permits the program to support the recovery process but also allows supervisors to react quickly to impose appropriate therapeutic sanctions or to reinstate criminal proceedings when participants do not comply.

The Morris drug court program has approximately 221 participants and the Sussex program has about 160 participants.

For more information about the Vicinage's drug court program or the commencement ceremonies, contact Sussex Drug Court Coordinator Jennifer Gulden at 862-397-5700, ext. 75319 or Morris Drug Court Coordinator Maria Peralta at 862-397-5700, ext. 75256.

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