



CLAYTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

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CLAYTON COUNTY ADULT FELONY DRUG COURT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MEETING OPEN INVITATION

JONESBORO – Drug courts represent the coordinated efforts of justice and treatment professionals to actively intervene and break the cycle of substance abuse, addiction and crime. Drug court participants are held to the highest standards of integrity and responsibility as they make their way through the program and make the decision to be responsible/productive citizens of our community. In addition to regularly attending group therapy, support meetings and weekly appearances before the Drug Court judge, each participant must complete over 230 hours of community service, participate in job-readiness activities, and vocational training.

To assist participants in successfully completing the drug court program, the Clayton County Adult Felony Drug Court hopes to partner with various community-serving organizations throughout Clayton County and neighboring communities.

“Drug Court is unique because it brings together a team of professionals from multiple agencies to hold an offender, who would otherwise be sent to prison, accountable as they work to become clean and sober. For many people, this program is their last hope” states the Honorable Albert Collier, Presiding Drug Court Judge.

Please join the Drug Court on Monday, January 24, 2011 at the Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center, from 2pm to 4pm. The meeting will provide updated information about the program and allow community partners the opportunity to discuss available resources and anticipated outcomes of drug court.

“This program requires a lot of hard work and accountability by the participant, but it must also have strong community support. We look forward to continuing this program and making a difference in the lives of the participants, their families, and our community” says Collier.

The community partnership meeting is open to the public.

For more information about this program, contact 770-477-3414.

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The Clayton County Adult Felony Drug Court was established in October 2009. The Drug Court is a judicially supervised substance abuse treatment program, coupled with intensive supervision by law enforcement officers. Participants are non-violent, felony offenders who must commit a minimum of 18 months to the program, and successfully promote through four phases prior to graduation.