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## A LETTER FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

By: Janeanne Tourtellott,  
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In trying to decide an appropriate topic for this newsletter, I struggled. It would be easy to simply address all that has taken place since the last issue: loss of State funding for drug courts, the County picking up the funding for Mecklenburg's drug courts, the ensuing transition, and even preparing for the upcoming holidays. All of those are relevant and important topics in and of themselves. However, none of those seemed exactly right to me. Then, a statement from a recent speaker I heard stuck with me. I can't remember the exact phrase or truly put the phrase in context to the overall presentation. But I do remember the speaker mentioned how good we feel when we are "encouraged by others to continue forward in doing what we know is right." Wow! That seems to sum up the message I wanted to convey to each of you and had been struggling to put into words.

The Drug Court staff experienced many encouraging messages over the past several months. Friends, co-workers, alumni, clients, team members and strangers expressed support for the mission of Drug Court. Some contacted legislators, others spoke with the press. Many "liked" us on Facebook and quite a few emailed, telephoned or stopped by to let

Drug Court staff know personally that you supported not only the program, but those who worked for the program as well. I cannot speak for everyone, but I do know that your support did encourage me to continue forward, knowing that what we do in drug court is right. Thank you for that encouragement.

As we look forward, I see tremendous opportunities for Mecklenburg's Drug Courts. In life, and especially in Drug Court, we all understand the importance of giving and receiving encouragement. The German playwright Johann Wolfgang von Goethe wrote, "If I accept you as you are, I will make you worse; however if I treat you as though you are what you are capable of becoming, I help you become that." The "family" of Drug Court is one that seeks to encourage each and every person to become all they can be. So, even if it is only for this holiday season, take every opportunity to encourage each other and to recognize each other's potential. Truly, we have a unique opportunity to change individual lives and consequently, the larger community of Charlotte-Mecklenburg. Thank you for being a part of Mecklenburg's Drug Courts!

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***"Correction does much, but encouragement does more."***

***- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe***

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## Drug Treatment Court Team Members Attend 2011 NADCP National Conference in Washington, D.C.

In the twenty-two year history of Drug Courts, there has never been a more historic and impactful four-day stretch than what occurred in late July during The National Association of Drug Court Professionals's 17th Annual Drug Court Training Conference. The world's largest conference on addiction and the criminal justice system was also the largest in NADCP's history, with over 3,600 state and federal justice leaders, celebrities, judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, clinicians, police, probation officers, veterans, business owners, Drug Court graduates and family members from around the world in attendance. Ten team members from Mecklenburg County's Drug Treatment Courts were among those that attended.



A presentation of the colors is given by the Joint Armed Forces Color Guard at the Opening Ceremony.

From July 17-20, Drug Court professionals attended over 250 hours of educational seminars, enjoyed an incredible Opening Ceremony, tapped their feet and laughed their way through the Jokes and Jazz for Vets benefit, rocked Capitol Hill at a massive rally with eleven Members of Congress and five national celebrities, held hundreds of Congressional meetings, attending the first-ever Drug Court hearing before the U.S. Senate, and capped it off with a star-studded Closing Ceremony.



Hundreds of Drug Court Professionals gather at a Capitol Hill Rally to urge lawmakers to invest in Drug Courts as a proven budget solution.

From major network news shows like *Hardball with Chris Matthews* and *Good Morning America*, to the *Washington Post*, *Politico*, and the *Associated Press*, Drug Courts and NADCP received more national press than ever before, spreading the message to millions that Drug Courts are a proven budget solution.



YTC Case Coordinator, Sherrill Foust, and R&B Sensation, KEM.



Actor Martin Sheen testifies in the first-ever Senate Hearing on Drug

The next conference will be held at the Opryland Hotel and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee on May 30th - June 2, 2012.

*There is no better investment Congress can make than Drug Courts.*  
- Martin Sheen

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# Youth Treatment Court Hosts Youth Empowerment Fair



Janine Davis, Director of Girls Talk Foundation, gives a motivational speech to the YTC Participants.

The Youth Treatment Court Team held a “Youth Empowerment Fair” on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:00AM – 2:00PM at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse. The fair’s theme, “*I CAN! Empowering Youth to Explore Possibilities*” provided a platform for youth to learn from, be encouraged by and network with community business leaders. YTC participants heard motivational speeches from Harold Cogdell Jr., At-large Commissioner, Janine Davis, Director of Girls Talk Foundation, and Charron Barnette of Extreme Interventions. The Honorable Elizabeth T. Trosch also addressed the participants. Participants then had an opportunity to attend a career fair and speak to

representatives from several different

companies. Some of the companies represented included Fifth Third Bank, Mayberry Paints, Salvation Army, City of Charlotte, Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department, MetLife Financial, The Right Choices, State of NC (Interpreter Services), N’Shape with N Fitness and Image Studio and AmeriCorps. The representatives talked to the YTC participants about the educational requirements for their respective fields, general duties and responsibilities associated with specific jobs and careers, the real-life skills and

character traits that enhance success and lessons they learned in high school that prepared them for success.



Left to Right: The Honorable Elizabeth T. Trosch, Janine Davis, Marvin Jeffcoat, Harold Cogdell Jr.

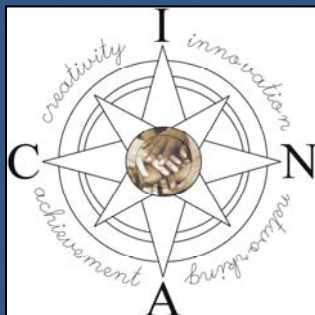


A YTC participant speaks to Nettie Reeves of N’Shape with N Fitness and Image Studio at the career fair.

While the youth attended the career fair, parents were given the opportunity to attend a rap session, where they shared helpful information with one another that will assist them as they move forward in raising their teens. This portion of the event was hosted by Innergy and ParentVoice. The event was a huge success and it is the hope of YTC that positive seeds were planted that the youth will utilize in their future endeavors.



The career fair was a huge success!



## SYMBOLISM OF THE “I CAN” LOGO

The “I CAN” logo resembles a directional compass, replacing “North, South, East and West” with “Innovation, Creativity, Achievement and Networking.” The logo was designed to show that no matter which direction life takes you or what happens along the way, you can still achieve any goal you create. You simply have to empower yourself and believe that you CAN! The circles on the compass symbolize both the continuance of life and the circle of life. It is important to remember that wherever there is an ending, there is always a new beginning. Often times, good things must end before something better begins!

## WELCOME NEW TEAM MEMBERS!

### DANIEL COWARD DISTRICT DTC CASE COORDINATOR

Please join us in welcoming Mr. Daniel Coward to the Mecklenburg County S.T.E.P. Program. Daniel comes to us from Mecklenburg County Area Mental Health where he was the night shift supervisor for inpatient services. He brings a wealth of experience, having worked in the capacity of case management and community support and has over three years of experience working with individuals involved with substance usage and addiction. Daniel also recently reached his five year anniversary with Mecklenburg County! He joined the District Drug Treatment Court Team on September 21st. Please stop by at your convenience and welcome him to the team.



### WENDY KAUFFMAN MENTAL HEALTH COURT CASE COORDINATOR

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Wendy Kauffman to the Mecklenburg County S.T.E.P. Program. Wendy comes to us from Mecklenburg Sentencing Services, where she had worked as a case manager since May 2007. Ms. Kauffman has a Master of Science in Social Work from the University of Tennessee. She brings with her over eight years of experience working with criminal offenders and ex-offenders in Tennessee and North Carolina. Ms. Kauffman officially began her duties with the Mental Health Court Program on Wednesday, July 13th. Please stop by at your convenience and welcome her to the team.



*“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.”  
- Aristotle*

### DRUG TREATMENT COURT VOLUNTEERS AT “OPERATION STAND DOWN” EVENT

On October 11, 2011, several Drug Treatment Court staff members volunteered at the “Operation Stand Down” event, which was held at the Grady Cole Center in Charlotte. The purpose of the event was to provide necessities and services to hundreds of homeless veterans. Some of the items and services made available included food, clothing, medical, legal and mental health assistance, job counseling and referrals, eye care, dental care, VA benefits counseling, housing referrals and substance abuse counseling and recovery groups. In addition, this event provided a great opportunity for community members to connect with the homeless veteran population and give companionship and camaraderie to those in need. Operation Stand Downs were held all over the country between October and November of this year.



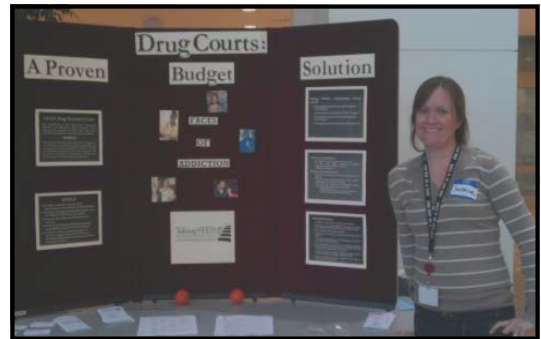
Back Row (Left to Right): Mike Hamilton, Janeanne Tourtellott, Wendy Kauffman, Calvin Stanton. Front Row (Left to Right): Jessica Modra, Erica Oxendine-Hall and Sherry Foust.



**DRUG TREATMENT COURT CASE COORDINATORS REPRESENT PROGRAM  
AT MCSO'S 3RD ANNUAL COMMUNITY FORUM**

The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) held its 3rd Annual Community Forum, "Changing Lives, Changing Futures" on Friday, September 16, 2011 at the Mecklenburg County Government Center. The Forum is an initiative of the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office and its community partners to increase public awareness about offender reentry initiatives and to expand and enhance the resources available to promote successful reentry.

DTC Case Coordinators, Jessica Modra and John White, were on hand at the forum's "resource fair" to share information about DTC's services. They were also able to obtain information on additional resources that may be beneficial to DTC's clients.



FIRST Case Coordinator, Jessica Modra.  
Not Pictured: DWI Case Coordinator, John White.

**SPOTLIGHT: Clients of the Quarter**



**SUPERIOR**

Marquis A. graduated from Superior DTC on October 7, 2011. He recently married his fiancée of over five years and the Superior DTC team would like to wish them all the best in their future together. Marquis completed a six month program at the Salvation Army Men's program and has been on the A-Team throughout the year 2011. His family was granted one of the final slots in Project Hope and recently moved into a new apartment. The Superior DTC team is very proud of Marquis and his accomplishments!!!



**DWI-C**

Angela S. has proven to be an outstanding DWI client. The team members are extremely proud to acknowledge her as "Client of the Quarter." Angela successfully managed to stay on top of all program requirements to maintain her recovery. She is getting close to graduation from DWI Court and is actively focusing on life post drug court. Her plans are to pursue continued education and stay involved with recovery as a lifestyle. Congratulations, Angela, we are proud of you!



**DWI-D**

Jennifer R. has been an outstanding DWI client and we are proud to recognize her as "Client of the Quarter." Dayna is currently attending Central Piedmont Community College for accounting and has been able to stay on top of all program requirements and maintain her recovery. Congratulations, Jennifer!!



**DISTRICT A**

Laketa C. has been a District A client since May 2011. During this time, she has been nearly 100% compliant in all aspects of Drug Treatment Court. She takes recovery very seriously, but is most proud of the fact that she has three lovely children. Her desire is to be the best parent possible to them. Laketa can be seen these days hustling between work, treatment and parenting. What a Woman On the Move!!!!!! Congratulations to Laketa for being the District A "Client of the Quarter."



# DTC CALENDAR

2011-2012

December 2011				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1 DTC Staff Mtg—9:00 AM	2
5	6 DTCB—CR 4330 @ 3:30PM YTC—CR 8130 @ 4PM	7 MHC—CR4330 @ 11AM FIRST—CR4330 @ 2PM	8 DTCA—CR 4330 @ 11AM DWI—C—CR 4330 @ 4PM	9 Superior—CR 5350 @ 2PM
12	13	14 MHC Team Mtg—12:30 PM	15	16 DTC Adult Holiday Court CR 4330 @ 3:30 PM
19	20 Special Court Sessions will be held on this day. Please check with your case coordinator to see if you must attend. YTC Holiday Court—4:00 PM TCA Training Room (4510)	21 Special Court Sessions will be held on this day. Please check with your case coordinator to see if you must attend.	22	23
26 HOLIDAY	27 HOLIDAY	28	29	30

January 2012				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 HOLIDAY	3	4	5	6 Superior—CR 5350 @ 2PM
9	10 DTCB—CR 4330 @ 3:30PM YTC—CR 8130 @ 4PM	11 MHC—CR4330 @ 11AM FIRST—CR4330 @ 2PM Superior Team Mtg—12:30 PM	12 DTCA—CR 4330 @ 11AM DWI—C—CR 4330 @ 4PM	13
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February 2012				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3 Superior—CR 5350 @ 2PM
6	7 DTCB—CR 4330 @ 3:30PM YTC—CR 8130 @ 4PM	8 MHC—CR4330 @ 11AM FIRST—CR4330 @ 2PM	9 DTCA—CR 4330 @ 11AM DWI—C—CR 4330 @ 4PM	10
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27	28	29		



**Please keep the following information handy  
this holiday season:**

**NA Meetings**

Charlotte: 704-336-8980  
 Concord: 704-933-5559  
 Conover: 828-323-3752  
 Cornelius: 866-879-7166  
 Huntersville: 866-879-7166  
 Matthews: 704-336-8980  
 Monroe: 704-366-8980  
 Mooresville: 866-879-7166  
 Pineville: 704-336-8980

**AA Meetings**

24 Hour Hotline:  
 704-332-4387  
 Toll Free: 1-877-233-6853

*“Take risks. Ask big questions. Don’t be afraid to make mistakes; if you don’t make mistakes, you’re not reaching far enough.”*  
 - David Packard,  
 co-founder Hewlett-Packard

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Wendy Kauffman	wendy.kauffmann@mecklenburgcountync.gov	704-432-6023

# DTC GRADS

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Nathaniel D.  
Whitney H.  
Michael J.  
Roger L.  
Dominic M.  
Antonio M.  
Harris P.  
Nikola R.  
Latanya S.  
Elekerza T.  
David T.  
John W.

## DWIC

Michael B.  
Lewis B.  
George B.  
Osama E.  
Leroy G.  
Jonathan H.  
Clarence J.  
KC L.  
Nourredine M.  
William O.  
Ragnar P.  
James P.  
Shannon P.  
Jose T.  
Sean W.  
Mohammad W.

## DISTRICT B

Robert L.  
Gary M.  
Trei M.  
Vernon P.  
Frank P.  
Sonya R.  
Charles S.  
Ladrikka W.

## DWID

Robert B.  
Jennifer G.  
Jeremy H.  
Ronnie J.  
Shaun P.  
Jennifer R.  
Chelsea S.  
Joshua S.

## SUPERIOR

Marquis A.  
Matthew B.  
Dawn D.  
Jericka F.  
Roslyn P.

## FIRST

Melissa A.  
Naqonna B.  
Deneen H.  
Ranson M.

## MHC

Shirell F.  
Cathy F.  
Kilona G.  
David G.  
Sharon J.  
Stephanie J.  
Arron K.  
Teresa L.  
Valentino L.  
Kalany M.  
Veronica M.  
Gerald M.  
Linda S.

## YTC

Joy B.  
Jumel J.  
Demario M.  
Elijah M.  
Joshua K.  
Nicholas C.



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## Partners with Adult DTC Programs

Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office  
Mecklenburg County Public Defender's Office  
Mecklenburg County Division of Community Corrections  
Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office  
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department  
Mecklenburg County Area Mental Health  
Southeast Addiction Institute & Learning Center, Inc.  
Anuvia Prevention & Recovery Center  
McLeod Addictive Disease Center  
Mecklenburg County Jail Inpatient Treatment  
Freedom House  
Urban Ministries  
Salvation Army Residential Program  
Joblink Transformation Center  
CPCC Pathways Program  
Uptown Men's Shelter  
Emergency Winter Shelter  
FIRST, Inc.  
CMC-Behavioral Health Center

## Partners with FIRST Program

Mecklenburg County Area Mental Health  
Anuvia Prevention & Recovery Center  
Community Choices CASCADE  
McLeod Addictive Disease Center  
Southeast Addiction Institute & Learning Center, Inc.  
Women's Commission  
NOVA  
CMC-Behavioral Health Center  
DSS, Youth & Family Services Division  
Pili Fleming  
Neighborhood Law Center

## Partners with YTC Program

Mecklenburg County Area Mental Health  
Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
Council for Children's Rights Center  
Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office  
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools  
Family Preservation Services  
CMC-Behavioral Health Center  
Primary Care Solutions  
Medical University of South Carolina

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# DRUG COURT WORKS