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## **Loudoun Celebrates Graduates of the Adult Drug Treatment Court**

Loudoun County celebrated three graduates of the Adult Drug Treatment Court on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 in a ceremony hosted at the Loudoun County Courthouse. Drug treatment courts are specialized court dockets within the existing structure of Virginia's court system offering judicial monitoring of intensive treatment and strict supervision of substanceabusing defendants in drug and drug-related cases.

"These Adult Drug Treatment Court graduates have demonstrated a commitment to their own health and healing, as well as that of their friends, families and fellow community members," said Board of Supervisors Chair Phyllis J. Randall. "We commend their hard work and dedication and encourage them to continue building on their great success as they move to the next phase of their wellness journey."

The primary goal of drug courts is to reduce recidivism rates. The program is documented to reduce costs to Virginia taxpayers when compared to traditional case processing.

Drug courts represent the coordinated efforts of a variety of government agencies and community partners to break the cycle of substance abuse, addiction, and crime. The drug court participant undergoes an intense regimen of substance abuse and mental health treatment, case management, drug testing, and probation supervision while reporting to regularly scheduled status hearings before a judge.

Participation in drug court is voluntary and available to a limited number of non-violent offenders who have substance use disorders. Candidates are carefully assessed through an established application process. Participants are required to fulfill the terms and conditions of the drug treatment court.

The Loudoun County Adult Drug Treatment Court is an intensive supervision program that provides support and services from a collaborative team of county agencies, including:

- Department of Community Corrections
- Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services
- Loudoun County Circuit Court
- Loudoun County Clerk of the Circuit Court
- Loudoun County Sheriff's Office
- Loudoun Office of the Public Defender
- Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney