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## **Chief Justice to attend Hancock County Adult Drug Court graduation**

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NEW CUMBERLAND, W.Va. – Supreme Court Chief Justice Brent D. Benjamin will attend a graduation ceremony for two adults who have completed the Hancock County Adult Drug Court program.

The ceremony will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 13, in the courtroom of Magistrate Scott Hicks, 110 Court Street, New Cumberland.

There are sixteen operational juvenile drug courts and twenty operational adult drug courts in West Virginia.

Adult drug court is for those who already are addicted. Participants complete a treatment program of no less than twelve months. They are required to attend group and individual counseling, to take drug tests multiple times per week, and to do community service work. They meet with a probation officer frequently and see the drug court judge at least weekly in the beginning of the program.

The average annual cost incurred by the state for one adult drug court participant is approximately \$7,100 compared to \$18,000 in jail or \$25,000 in prison. About 10 percent of drug court graduates return to jail, but 30 percent of traditionally incarcerated defendants return. Drug courts, therefore, are proven budget and recidivism solutions.

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