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Jefferson County Juvenile Drug Court to hold mentor dinner Dec. 4

For immediate release

CHARLES TOWN, W.Va. – Supreme Court Justice Brent D. Benjamin will attend the Second Annual Eastern Panhandle Juvenile Drug Court Mentor Dinner from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Oakland United Methodist Church in Charles Town.

The theme of the event is entitled “Invest in Yourself.”

Each of the ten current juvenile drug court participants will be paired with a business professional from a local United Way group, Emerging Young Leaders, with whom they will eat dinner and discuss goals, giving them a glimpse into a future of possibilities and positive living.

City National Bank is sponsoring the event, and several local businesses have donated gift cards that will be presented to each family.

The press is invited to attend BUT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE JUVENILE DRUG COURT PARTICIPANTS AND USE OF THEIR NAMES ARE PROHIBITED.

West Virginia has a growing network of adult and juvenile drug courts, which are intensive supervision probation programs.

Juvenile drug court participants are usually in the program for six to eight months. Initially, a participant meets with the drug court judge weekly and a probation officer several times per week. Juvenile drug courts are intended for youths who are at risk of becoming addicted, not those who are already addicted.

Adult drug courts include 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, to perform community service work, to participate in education programs, and to work on individualized rehabilitation plans as directed. They meet with probation officers frequently and see the drug court judge at least weekly.

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