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## SAN BERNARDINO SUPERIOR COURT CELEBRATES NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH VIRTUALLY

**SAN BERNARDINO, CA**—In honor of National Drug Court Month, the San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC) invites you to celebrate its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Collaborative Justice Court Month Celebration virtually on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. (Noon) to 1:30 p.m. Registration is required in advance. Click <a href="here">here</a> to register for the event.

Community partners, elected officials and the public are encouraged to attend this virtual event that demonstrates the tremendous impact that collaborative courts have on our community especially during a time such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

As of 2019, California has more than 420 collaborative justice courts, with San Bernardino having 7 different court types including Adult Drug Court, Juvenile Delinquency Drug Court, Juvenile Mental Health Court, Juvenile GIRLS court, Adult Mental Health Court, Veterans Treatment Court, and Shelter Court.

This celebration aims to acknowledge our justice partners and participants, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Collaborative justice courts, also known as problem-solving courts, are an effective strategy for reducing addiction, crime and recidivism.

The program will begin with opening remarks from Assistant Presiding Judge R. Glenn Yabuno, followed by a presentation made by Commissioner Ronald J. Gilbert to honor our justice partners. A Public Defender, District Attorney, Treatment Provider, Deputy Sheriff, Probation Officer, and a Judge will also be acknowledged for their contribution to these programs. After these honorees, three speakers will share their personal stories of addiction, treatment and ultimately having a better future due to the treatment plans brought to them through this collaborative approach.

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