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19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT TAKES TOP HONOR SECOND YEAR IN ROW

The institute for Legal, Legislative and Policy Studies Center for State Policy and Leadership of the University of Illinois at Springfield recently awarded the Innovative Leadership Award to the 19th Judicial Circuit's Division of Juvenile Probation and Detention Services' Database and Technology Analysis Focus Group (DATA). The award is presented annually to a program with clearly defined goals in detention or probation that exemplifies leadership in offender program development with demonstrated evidence of effective outcomes.

DATA was created at juvenile probation to expand the use of technology in case management and develop protocols in data collection which could then be shared among all juvenile justice partners including probation, detention, and FACE-IT. The effects of the focus group have resulted in reductions in costs, elimination of duplicity in work production, savings in use of staff time, improved efficiency and service delivery.

"The 19th Judicial Circuit is truly honored upon receiving this award," said Chief Judge Victoria Rossetti. "However, it is our dedicated staff who deserve to be thanked and recognized for their significant contributions – the persons who continue to make the 19th Circuit proud."

In addition to the above, six staff members were also acknowledged by the Illinois Probation and Court Services Association (IPCSA) and presented with its "Distinguished Service Award." These awards are given to court professionals who are highly regarded for their dedication and commitment to the profession, their clients, and the community. They are Dawn Barnhouse, Lynore Figueroa, Claudia Gilhooley, Michael Randell, Brandon Rauen, and Jamie Topp.

IPCSA's annual fall conference was held November 2-4, 2011 in Champaign, IL.

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