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National Association of Drug Court Professionals



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2009 marks the 20th anniversary of the first Drug Court in the nation

On May 18, 2009 the Oregon Association of Drug Court Professionals (OADCP) is celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Miami-Dade Drug Court, the first in the nation. The success of the first court sparked a national revolution that changed the face of the American Justice System by becoming the most successful justice strategy for dealing with drug-dependent citizens who emerge in the courts. As a result, millions of lives have been saved and thousands of communities have been strengthened nationwide.

This event also celebrates our local history starting with the second oldest program in the United States, Multnomah County's STOP court, with 18 years of success in reducing substance abuse, crime and recidivism.

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“Drug courts are a wonderful first step for many people in recovery,” says Richard Harris Director of Addictions and Mental Health (AMH) Department of Human Services.

When: May 18, 2009 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Where: State Capitol Building hearing room 50, Salem Oregon

Speakers include Oregon’s Attorney General John Kroger, Richard Harris Director of AMH Department of Human Service, Rep. Bill Kennemer, Rep. Ron Maurer, Rep. Chip Shields and Shannon Carey of Northwest Professional Consortium (NPC) Research.