

National Treatment Court Month May 2025

Media Advisory

For Immediate Release

What: National Treatment Court Month celebration

When: 5-20-25; 3:00 p.m.

Where: Williamson County Courthouse, Courtroom 3

Jackson and Williamson County Courts recognize National Treatment Court Month during Drug/Veterans Court

Marion, Illinois, 5-20-25—As a part of National Treatment Court Month, the Williamson County Drug/Veterans Court will deliver packaged meals, and assist with transportation and housing needs for participants, thanks to a grant for “Drug Court Sustainability” provided by Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Center for Rural Health and Social Service Development Rural Health Substance Use Disorder Leadership Center.

Judge Carey Gill presides over the Williamson County Drug/Veterans Court and recognized the hard work of her team and the 10 individuals whose lives have been transformed by the treatment and support provided by the program.

Murphysboro, Illinois, 5-15-25 – Judge Steven Bost presides over the Jackson County Drug court and recognized his team and the individuals whose lives have been transformed by the treatment and support provided by the program.

District 1-CS Lions of Illinois donated shelf stable food, diapers, and other necessities to Treatment Court participants that were victims of the recent devastating storms.

Treatment courts across the nation are holding special events to celebrate National Treatment Court Month. Treatment courts are the most successful justice system intervention in our nation’s history for reducing crime by addressing substance use and mental health disorders.

National Treatment Court Month is coordinated by All Rise, the training, membership, and advocacy organization for justice system innovation addressing substance use and mental health at every intercept point. Treatment courts across the nation are working to ensure continued federal and state funding for these effective, evidence-based programs. Treatment courts have a tremendous impact on our community and these programs are vital to the health and well-being of our state.

There are more than 4,000 treatment courts in the United States, annually serving more than 150,000 people. These programs provide an alternative to incarceration that effectively breaks the cycle of crime and addiction and improves lives, saves taxpayer dollars, and reunites families.