



Friends of New Hampshire Drug Courts

Drug Courts Work – They Transform Lives

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Friends of NH Drug Courts Kick-Off Event Honors N.H Governor, U.S. Senators and Congresspersons

NORTH HAVERHILL, NH - The Friends of New Hampshire Drug Courts (the “Friends”), a newly organized statewide tax-exempt nonprofit whose mission is to support all established New Hampshire Drug Courts, formally announced its Kick-Off Event to be held in Manchester on Friday, May 20, 2016 at which Governor Maggie Hassan, U.S. Senators Kelly Ayotte and Jeanne Shaheen and U.S. Representatives Frank Guinta and Ann (Anne) McLane Kuster will be inducted as the first Honorary Members of the Friends of New Hampshire Drug Courts.

The kick-off event will be held at the Manchester offices of the law firm of Devine Millimet, 111 Amherst Street, Manchester, NH from 5:00 through 7:00 PM on Friday, May 20, 2016. The role of the Honorary Members is to be a positive influence in helping the Friends to attract corporate and private individuals to serve as board members for the Friends.

Studies show that incentives help enhance the success rate of participants who go through the Drug Court Program. The mission of the Friends is to help provide funding to enhance ancillary programs for the drug court participants and fund participant incentives such as gas cards, phone cards, grocery cards, gym memberships and rent security as well as education and training incentives. There are currently six established New Hampshire Drug Courts in Belknap-Laconia, Cheshire, Grafton, Hillsborough-South, Rockingham and Stafford counties.

The Friends work in concert with the county drug court programs as a public-private partnership that is an effective way for corporations and community members to work together to help combat the opioid and substance abuse crisis that has created a pressing public health and safety challenge facing New Hampshire.

The Drug Court alternative sentencing program is a nationwide program with a proven record of success that achieves real results in combating drug and alcohol addiction and returning the participant as a productive, employed members of his or her community.

The kick-off event is being hosted and sponsored by the law firm of Devine Millimet at its law office in Manchester. In connection with the kick-off event, the Friends will be publishing a commemorative ad journal to celebrate the event and recognize the accomplishments and advocacy of the new Honorary Members to help combat the substance abuse epidemic afflicting New Hampshire. Ads in the journal are available at the Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsorship levels.

To obtain more information about the Friends Kick-Off Event or about a sponsorship in the ad journal, please contact the Friends at info@friendsofnhdrugcourts.org.

Membership in the Friends of New Hampshire Drug Courts is open to everyone. The Friends are actively seeking individual and corporate members to help in our mission as well as individuals to serve on our new Board of Directors. To obtain more information about the Friends or to become a member or donate, please visit our website, www.friendsofnhdrugcourts.org.

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