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Hudson Vicinage to Hold Its 21st Drug Court Graduation

The Hudson Vicinage will hold its 21st graduation ceremony for its drug court program on Monday, June 18 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 908 of the Hudson County Administration Building, 595 Newark Ave., Jersey City.

The event will formally acknowledge 34 participants who have successfully completed the requirements of the program. Assignment Judge Peter F. Bariso Jr. will address the graduates, family, friends and supporters. Drug court Judge Edward DeFazio will preside over the event.

Engerd Carela, senior counselor at Integrity House Inc. and Organization for Recovery Inc.'s medication-assisted treatment program, will be the keynote speaker. Judiciary Voices in Unity, a choir composed of judges, attorneys, and court staff members, will perform.

The Judiciary's drug court program operates within the Superior Court to address nonviolent drug addicted offenders. The program requires completion of four phases of intensive drug and alcohol treatment and recovery. This level of supervision permits the program to support the recovery process but also allows the team to react swiftly to impose appropriate therapeutic interventions or to reinstate criminal proceedings when participants do not comply with the program.

The vicinage's drug court program was established in 2004.

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