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Cross-country drug-court tour to make three Colorado stops *NADCP to recognize drug courts in Colorado Springs, Denver and Durango*

DENVER – As part of a nationwide effort to recognize communities whose drug courts are succeeding in helping people overcome addiction, the National Association of Drug Court Professionals will bring its *All Rise America! On the Road for Recovery* tour to three Colorado communities.

In all, the organization will visit 26 drug courts in 13 states as part of National Drug Court Month.

During its time in Colorado, the tour will visit the 2nd Judicial District (Denver County) Drug Court in Denver, the 4th Judicial District (El Paso and Teller counties) Drug Court in Colorado Springs, and the 6th Judicial District (Archuleta, La Plata and San Juan counties) Drug Court and Behavioral Health Court in Durango.

“*All Rise America!* will highlight incredible communities that have come together to ensure that when addiction leads to arrest – be it a veteran, mother, grandparent or teen – Drug Court is available to get people the treatment they need to reclaim their lives and once again be productive citizens,” said West Huddleston, chief executive officer of NADCP.

The tour's first stop will be May 6, 2013, at the La Plata County Courthouse, 1060 E. 2nd Ave., in Durango to visit the 6th Judicial District Behavioral Health Court, which recently celebrated its second anniversary, and the Drug Court. Speakers will include program graduates.

The following day, the tour will stop in Colorado Springs at the City Auditorium, 221 E. Kiowa St., where the 4th Judicial District Veteran Trauma Court, in collaboration with the district's nine problem-solving courts, will play host to an event featuring graduates from that court and other guest speakers.

On May 8, *All Rise America!* will be at the Lindsay-Flanigan Courthouse, 520 W. Colfax Ave., in Denver to attend a graduation ceremony for at least 16 participants of the 2nd Judicial District Drug Court, featuring speakers including Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock.

Drug courts combine rigorous treatment, intensive court supervision and accountability to ensure public safety while helping substance-abusing offenders avoid incarceration and learn skills necessary to return to the community as sober, law-abiding citizens.

Colorado is home to more than 70 problem-solving courts operating in 20 of the state's 22 judicial districts. Colorado's problem-solving courts include adult and juvenile drug courts, family/dependency and neglect drug courts, DUI courts, adult and juvenile mental health courts, and courts for military veterans suffering service-related trauma disorders.