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Seventeenth Judicial District launches drug court in Adams County *First court session docketed for Oct. 6*

BRIGHTON, Colo. – The 17th Judicial District will officially launch a drug court in the Adams County Court with a kickoff celebration on Wednesday, Sept. 28, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the jury assembly room at the Adams County Justice Center in Brighton (1100 Judicial Center Drive). Members of the public are invited to attend. The first docket for the new drug court will be called on Oct. 6, 2011, in division 8.

“This type of problem solving court has proven effective in both saving money for the taxpayers and bringing about positive change and accountability to the individuals that have drug dependency,” said Adams County Court Judge Leroy Kirby, who will preside over the drug court. “This has truly been a team effort with all the essential agencies involved and would not be successful without them. The 17th Judicial District now joins numerous other adult drug treatment courts throughout the State of Colorado in offering a problem solving solution.”

Problem-solving courts have been shown to be an effective means of reducing substance abuse and increasing the likelihood that people will remain in recovery and reintegrate into their communities as productive and contributing members.

“Drug courts change lives by reducing the number of people committing future crimes,” said 17th Judicial District Attorney Don Quick. “These proven, cost-saving programs for non-violent offenders benefit not only the abusers, but also their families and the community.”

The Adams County Drug Court is committed to an integrated and collaborative effort of treatment, accountability, and rehabilitation of drug dependent offenders. The program is committed to ensuring community safety and creating healthy individuals and families while reducing costs and recidivism.

The Adams County Drug Court will operate collaboratively among the district and county court; the Adams County Sheriff’s Office; BI Treatment Center; 17th Judicial District District Attorney’s Office; Colorado State Public Defender’s Office and the 17th Judicial District Probation Department.

The Adams County Drug Court is one of more than 60 problem-solving courts operating in 17 of Colorado’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, veteran trauma courts, and truancy courts.