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Lucas County Court of Common Pleas  
Juvenile Division  
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## **Lucas County Juvenile Court announces its receipt of a \$775,775.00 Second Chance Act Youth Offender Reentry Program Grant Award from Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention at the United States Department of Justice.**

**Toledo, OH, September 26, 2019** – The Lucas County Juvenile Court (LCJC) has been awarded a \$775,775.00 Second Chance Act Youth Offender Reentry Program Grant Award from Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) at the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ). The effective term of this award is October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022.

The USDOJ released its OJJDP FY 2019 Second Chance Act Youth Offender Reentry Program grant solicitation in April 2019. The purpose of the grant is for LCJC to provide strategic planning and implementation of its juvenile offender reentry project and to provide comprehensive reentry services to youth before, during, and after their release from confinement. This grant program furthers the USDOJ's mission by supporting Lucas County's efforts to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for youth returning to their communities after detention or out-of-home placement. LCJC responded to the grant solicitation with a second to none, intricately designed, youth-focused solution for youth reentry services.

The award will allow the LCJC Community Treatment Center (CTC) program to offer a comprehensive and structured setting which will strike a balance between traditional probation responses and extended incarceration. Through these grant funds, LCJC will have the ability to expand and enhance current CTC programming to better fit the youths' needs. Felony adjudicated, moderate to high-risk youth, ages 14-17, who are reentering the community after confinement will be the focus of this program. Keeping public safety at the forefront, youth will be screened and assessed for entry into the CTC program, in which a comprehensive reentry plan will be developed, prior to their release from confinement. The reentry plan will not only address youth's criminogenic needs to prevent re-incarceration, but will look at the youth in a holistic manner, focusing on all of the youth's identified needs: mental health, substance abuse education/treatment, housing, education, family engagement and support workforce development.

Partnerships for the CTC program include those with the Youth Advocate Program (**YAP**) and Bowling Green State University (**BGSU**). YAP will work closely with LCJC to plan, strategize and implement a comprehensive CTC program that not only increases time that youth spend at CTC, but increases the programming and opportunities youth have while reentering into the community, post-confinement.

*"This grant will provide another link in our continuum of meaningful interventions for youth and their families who find themselves before the Juvenile Court. The goal is to change behavior with the intention of growing productive members of the community without compromising public safety. Creating opportunities for change through treatment and skill-building while developing healthy relationships creates a sense of belonging in our community for our youth. These positive outcomes will ultimately improve the lives of all children, youth and families we serve which translates to safer neighborhoods and improved quality of life for our entire community."*

*~Hon. Denise Navarre Cubbon*

LCJC will contract with the BGSU to conduct a process and outcomes evaluation of the expansion of the CTC program. BGSU will also collect and manage data throughout the grant period. BGSU will gather data on school performance, mental health, and substance abuse for all youth receiving services through the grant. Recidivism will be tracked in 6-month increments for a 24 month period, and will include measures of re-adjudication and incarceration. BGSU will provide annual evaluation reports as well as a final cumulative evaluation report.

The goal for this newly proposed CTC program is for youth to develop the necessary skills through implementation of a comprehensive reentry plan that promotes a positive and successful transition of youth as they return to the community following their release from the Juvenile Detention Center (**JDC**). Through appropriate screening and assessment, felony-adjudicated youth can be diverted from further out-of-home placement and placed into effective community-based alternatives.

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*The Goal of the Lucas County Juvenile Court is to ensure that the children and people who come before it receive the kind of care, protection, guidance, and treatment that will serve the best interest of the community and the best welfare of the child. The Judges and staff have concern not only for resolving cases in Court but also for improving family life, personal relationships, education, and treatment for children, youth and families within the community.*

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