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TUCSON CITY COURT'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT SELECTED TO SHARE EXPERTISE WITH OTHER COURTS

Tucson City Court's Domestic Violence Court has been chosen by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Violence Against Women (OVW), to be a Domestic Violence Mentor Court. A two-year grant has been awarded to the Court.

OVW's Domestic Violence Mentor Court Technical Assistance Initiative creates a unique opportunity to recognize well-established specialized courts and enable them to guide other courts and court-based programs to significantly improve court responses to domestic violence cases and ensure victim safety and offender accountability. Mentor courts are selected to serve as national models and share their expertise by hosting site visits, linking courts with peers facing similar challenges, and assisting other domestic violence courts to implement best practices to respond effectively to these difficult cases.

Judge Wendy Million and the Domestic Violence Court team will host site visits from jurisdictions planning domestic violence courts, travel to other jurisdictions to provide on-site technical assistance on developing domestic violence courts, and share forms, procedures, and protocols. The team will also develop and participate in OVW-sponsored judicial forums and round table meetings, respond to technical assistance inquiries from other courts, and collaborate with OVW Technical Assistance Providers, including the Center for Court Innovation and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

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