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\$210,921.00 FEDERAL GRANT AWARDED TO FUND RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT IN DELAWARE

United States Attorney Colm F. Connolly announced today the awarding of a \$210,921.00 United States Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) grant to the Delaware Criminal Justice Council. The grant is part of the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Formula Grant Program and its purpose is to facilitate the establishment and maintenance of substance abuse programs for persons in custody at state detention and correctional sites. The Delaware Criminal Justice Council in turn will provide grant money to the State of Delaware Department of Corrections and to the Ferris School to accomplish the goal of the grant. The Department of Corrections will use the grant funds to maintain its institutional substance abuse program, while the Ferris School will employ a clinical supervisor to supply services to the detainees at the school and to expand the therapy programs available to families of the detainees.

Mr. Connolly stated, "this \$210,921.00 federal grant will serve not only to help the inmates, detained youth and their families, but it will also protect the public. It is important to provide substance abuse treatment to inmates and detained youth so that they will have a higher likelihood of overcoming their addictions and becoming law-abiding citizens upon their release."

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