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Blair County Adult Probation and Parole Selected for National Technical Assistance Program

HARRISBURG- Blair County Adult Probation and Parole, a division within the Blair County Court of Common Pleas, was recently selected as one of five agencies across the U.S. to participate in a technical assistance (TA) program focusing on recruiting, retention and staff wellness.

TA is provided through the Community Supervision Resource Center (CSRC), managed by the Center for Effective Public Policy and funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

These agencies help support community supervision (pretrial, probation and parole) by sharing and creating resources, highlighting innovations, sharing funding opportunities and providing TA.

"Blair County Adult Probation and Parole is honored to have been selected from a national pool of highly qualified applicants, and our team looks forward to absorbing the specialized guidance, assessments and trainings offered by the TA providers," said Scott Bailey, chief of Blair County Adult Probation and Parole.

Blair County was chosen as one of these agencies due to its demonstrated commitment and preparedness to undertake this important initiative – and to share the knowledge across Blair County government.

"This training opportunity will help strengthen the Adult Parole and Probation office and therefore the Court's ability to serve justice fairly," said President Judge Wade A. Kagarise.

"The selection marks a significant opportunity for the Blair County Court's to receive personalized support tailored to our unique needs, which will contribute to the well-being and retention of our staff by assessing and developing recruitment and retention strategies, creating policies on compliance and non-compliance, training on trauma-informed community supervision practices and aligning with evidence-based policies."

As the recipient of the CSRC's TA, Blair County will benefit from more support to continue to improve outcomes for the people they serve and their community, while pursuing innovative and best practices.

Learn more about TA at the <u>Center for Effective Public Policy (CEPP)</u> and <u>Community Supervision Resource Center (CSRC)</u>.

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