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Honorable Van Blanchard
Coshocton County Probate / Juvenile Court
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Dear Judge Blanchard:

Congratulations! Your court has been selected for recognition by the Supreme Court of Ohio's Advisory Committee on Children and Families and its Subcommittee on Juvenile Justice for excellence in diversion programming. Coshocton County Probate / Juvenile Court is receiving the enclosed Certificate of Recognition for the Juvenile Court Diversion Program, a(n) promising/evidence based/research based practice.

The Advisory Committee on Children and Families and the Juvenile Justice Subcommittee recognize that implementation of diversion programs which are evidence based, research based, or promising practices, is an integral step in keeping youth safely in their homes and communities, and out of the juvenile justice system. Such programs have shown to be effective at reducing delinquency and future criminality while promoting prosocial development.

Applications for diversion program recognition were analyzed using the following criteria:

- To be classified as an Evidence Based Practice (the highest distinction), a program must have been tested through evaluations which were random, controlled, and/or quasi-experimental in design with sustained improvements for the intended outcome. In addition, the evaluation must have demonstrated that the program was effective for minority populations.
- To be classified as a Research Based Practice a program must meet the qualifications for an evidence based practice, with the exception of having only been tested in a single site evaluation, or not having a demonstrated effectiveness for minority populations.

- To be classified as a Promising Practice, a program must have evidence from random, controlled, and/or quasi-experimental evaluations to show no improvements in the intended outcomes, but improvements in reasonably related outcomes. Alternatively, a program received this classification if it is based on an existing theory that it could be an effective intervention, but has not yet been formally tested or evaluated.

Thank you for the work that you are doing to implement best practices in juvenile diversion programming in Ohio.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Nelson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephanie Graubner Nelson
Director of Court Services