



**Coshocton County Court of Common Pleas**  
Juvenile & Probate Division  
426 Main Street  
Coshocton, Ohio 43812

Jason W. Given, Judge



Coshocton Juvenile Judge Jason W. Given displays the 2025-2027 Certification Award with members of the Family Dependency Court's Treatment Team prior to Court on May 21, 2025.

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## **Court Receives State Certification**

The Family Dependency Treatment Court Program of the Coshocton County Juvenile Court has earned final certification from the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Specialized Dockets. To receive the certification, a local court submits a detailed application, undergoes a visit and report on its practices, and provides specific program materials in response to certification standards that went into effect in January 2014.

Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Sharon L. Kennedy congratulated Judge Jason W. Given and the Family Dependency Treatment Docket for meeting the standards required for final certification.

“Specialized dockets offer an alternative to incarceration, and reflect a community’s belief in second chances,” said Chief Justice Kennedy. “They focus on people who are willing to work to overcome the personal challenges that led to their involvement in the justice system. The court and community partners work together to supervise treatment, training, and support, providing local solutions to local problems under leadership of the local court.”

Courts with specialized dockets address specific treatment needs of people who are charged with a variety of offenses using recommended best-practices that focus on offender accountability, behavior change and recovery. There are 258 certified dockets in Ohio courts with expertise in areas such as:

Drug and Alcohol Addiction  
Mental Health  
Domestic Violence  
Human Trafficking  
Veterans Issues

The certification standards provide a minimum level of uniform practices for specialized dockets throughout Ohio and allow local courts to innovate and tailor programs to meet their community’s needs and resources.

“Parents and children can successfully reunify when working together with the Court and community systems,” said Judge Given, “and if they have the will - we have the resources, we can get people on the right track.”

The certification requirements include establishing eligibility requirements, evaluating effectiveness of the specialized docket, and assembling a treatment team to implement daily operations of the specialized docket. The team is headed by the specialized docket judge and can include licensed treatment providers, law enforcement, court personnel, other support systems, and more.

The Coshocton FDTC Program was formed in January 2014 and has received continued re-certification since its inception. In addition to numerous community partners, the program is supported by the Friends of Coshocton County Drug Court, Inc.

The Commission on Specialized Dockets has 22 members to advise the Supreme Court and its staff regarding the statewide rules and uniform standards concerning specialized dockets in Ohio courts; the development and delivery of specialized docket services to Ohio courts; and the creation of training programs for judges and court personnel. The commission makes all decisions regarding final certification.