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Dear Drug Court Colleague:

For the last several years, National Drug Court Month has provided drug court practitioners with unprecedented opportunities to increase awareness of drug courts and their mission at the federal, State, and local levels. The National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) and the Congress of State Drug Court Associations (CSDCA) are partnering to take the celebration of National Drug Court Month to new heights in May, 2005.

In this era of shrinking budgets at the federal and State levels, it is more important than ever that the drug court field present a strong and unified voice. Through your initiative policy makers and the general public will hear that voice.

CSDCA Members will be reaching out to assist you in your National Drug Court Month efforts. We also encourage you to visit [www.nadcp.org](http://www.nadcp.org) and download the National Drug Court Month Field Kit. The National Drug Court Month Field Kit, as in years past, contains a wealth of information and guidance on getting the drug court message to decision-makers, media, and the public. In addition, you will notice some exciting changes:

- **National Drug Court Graduation/Commencement Day on May 20, 2005.** We are hoping that every drug court across the nation will schedule commencement ceremonies on this day as a symbol of unity in the field. We are asking the CSDCA Member to provide this information to NADCP. We want to announce this information at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual NADCP Drug Court Training Conference on June 9-12, 2005, in Orlando, FL. This information must be submitted to Kermit Kaleba, Training Coordinator, NADCP, by May 25, 2005.
- **A free one-year NADCP organizational membership for the local drug court with the most innovative campaign.** We are asking the CSDCA Members to nominate a local drug court from their state for this award. NADCP will select one drug court for the award based on the states' nominations. This award will be in addition to the awards and recognition that the states will receive. Nominations must be submitted to Kermit Kaleba, Training Coordinator, NADCP, by May 25, 2005. The

state and local drug court winners will be announced at the Conference in Orlando.

- **Revised and Updated Talking Points** will allow practitioners to deliver a stronger message with current research on the efficacy and success of the drug court model.

The Field Kit and letter to the field will be posted on the NADCP website at [www.nadcp.org](http://www.nadcp.org). If you need more information about National Drug Court Month, please contact Kermit Kaleba at 703-575-9400, ext. 32 or at [kkaleba@nadcp.org](mailto:kkaleba@nadcp.org).

The success of National Drug Court Month, and the continued growth of the drug court field, depends upon your involvement. Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karen Freeman-Wilson".

Judge Karen Freeman-Wilson (ret.)  
Chief Executive Officer  
National Association of Drug Court Professionals

**“National Drug Court Month”**

**2005 Field Kit**  
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