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Superior Court of Orange County Expands Homeless Outreach Court to North County

Anaheim, CA – The Superior Court of Orange County has expanded the Homeless Outreach Court to north Orange County. The program convened for the first time on Wednesday, September 3rd in a community room at the Anaheim First Christian Church, located at 520 W. South Street in Anaheim, to supplement its sessions at the Community Court in Santa Ana and the Village of Hope homeless shelter in Tustin.

Homeless Outreach Court, which is under the direction of Superior Court Judge Joe Perez, provides a compassionate response for the participants, many of whom suffer from chronic mental illness and may receive infraction citations simply because they are homeless. Program participants receive credit for accessing appropriate physical and mental health care, attending appropriate alcohol or substance abuse recovery meetings, engaging in community service activities, obtaining stable housing, becoming employed, and attending classes in life skills, computer skills, and literacy. Successful participants are eligible to have their citation dismissed.

Since the establishment of Homeless Outreach Court, hundreds of participants have been assisted in accessing the resources and skills they need to regain their self-sufficiency. For more information, please contact Kathi Chapman, Collaborative Court Coordinator, at (657) 622-5985.