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3rd Circuit Court to Hold S.T.A.N.D. Juvenile Drug Court Program Graduation

- Who:** Hon. Karen Braxton, Presiding Judge
Raeigen Woods and Viola King, Court Referees
- What:** Graduation ceremony to celebrate and recognize the graduates of the 3rd Circuit Court's S.T.A.N.D. program (Supervised Treatment for Alcohol & Narcotics Dependency).
- When:** Wednesday, February 10, 2016
6:00 PM
- Where:** Detroit Public Library, Main Branch
5201 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48202
- Why:** To celebrate the determination and success of the S.T.A.N.D. graduates to complete the intensive, year-long program. The ceremony is a demonstration of the program's positive efforts to promote healthy communities by working to eliminate juvenile substance abuse. These graduates will join a group of nearly 200 other youth who have successfully completed the S.T.A.N.D. program since 2000, when it was begun. Problem-solving courts are non-traditional courts that focus on nonviolent offenders whose underlying medical and social problems have contributed to recurring contacts with the criminal justice system. According to the Michigan Supreme Court report, "[Solving Problems, Saving Lives](#)," 97 percent of juvenile drug court participants between 2012 and 2014 improved their education level after successfully completing the program.

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