

# News Release



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## **In Honor of National Drug Court Month, Executive Shapiro Proclaims May 22<sup>nd</sup> as “Turning Point Drug Court Day”**

May has been designated as National Drug Court month. Throughout the nation 3,142 treatment courts have served over 1.5 million individuals. Drug treatment courts reduce crime, improve substance use treatment outcomes at less expense than any other criminal justice strategies, facilitate community-wide partnerships and bring together public safety and public health professionals in the fight against addiction and crime.

Developed from Summit County Felony Drug Court in 2002, the Turning Point Drug Court is a collaborative program of Summit County Common Pleas Court, Oriana House, the Summit County Prosecutor’s Office, the Summit County Executive’s Office and local police departments.

“I am continuously impressed by the outstanding services provided by the Turning Point Drug Court and its collaborative partnerships” said Executive Shapiro. “Our nation and our community are faced with drug crises that deeply affect the quality of life of the addicted, their families, our community, and law enforcement. The role of Turning Point is vital in addressing those issues. I would also like to congratulate the five recovery program participants who graduated from Turning Point today.”

The Turning Point mission is to improve the overall quality of life in Summit County by providing a court-supervised program for substance- dependent offenders to enhance public safety, reduce crime, hold offenders accountable, reduce cost to the community and provide an opportunity for offenders to transform into positive, contributing members.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.summitpcourt.net/Programs/TurningPointProgram/Pages/TurningPoint1.aspx>

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