The Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections (OJACC) revealed this week that Summit County Juvenile Court Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio will be its 2014 recipient of the C.J. McLin Award. She will receive the award at a luncheon in Columbus on October 16th. The award is given annually by the OJACC. Past honorees have included Ohio Chief Supreme Court Justice Thomas Moyer, Ohio Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Stratton and Summit County Probate Court Judge Elinore Marsh Stormer. The award recognizes elected officials who have worked to improve community corrections and is named after former Ohio State Representative C.J. McLin who was a tremendous advocate for corrections reform.

Judge Teodosio was selected because of the innovative programming she has introduced which has brought the Court and Judge Teodosio local, statewide and national attention. Her approach has been a blend of accountability and accessibility: accountability for ones actions while offering youth and their families access to Court programming and community resources aimed at preventing the youth from becoming Court-involved again.

Among the programs she has implemented are the groundbreaking Crossroads Program, which treats youth with substance misuse and mental health issues as co-occurring disorders; the New Paths docket, a specialized intervention service offered to families of children with a developmental disability or cognitive delay; and a 90-day treatment program as an alternative to commitment to an Ohio Department of Youth Services facility and intensive home-based services coupled with probation for Court-involved youth. Judge Teodosio has also focused a great deal of effort on delinquent prevention through programs at the Court’s Family Resource Center.

“I am very honored and humbled to be chosen for this honor,” said Judge Teodosio. “It is very meaningful for me, because the award addresses the good work done by Court staff and our community partners every day.

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