

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Macomb County Prevention Coalition****Contact: Ken Lampar****(586) 469-5683****Judge Pamela Gilbert O'Sullivan to Provide Overview of Macomb County Juvenile Drug Court**

On Thursday, May 17, 2001 from 12:00pm – 2:00pm at a luncheon at Andiamo's Banquet Center in Warren, Juvenile Division Judge Pamela Gilbert O'Sullivan will be providing an overview of Macomb County's unique Juvenile Drug Court program to members of the Macomb County Prevention Coalition (MCPC).

In 1999, the Juvenile Division was awarded the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant to conduct a Juvenile Drug Court, the second such program in the state. It is now known as a "Leader Mentor Court" with courts from other counties viewing the proceedings. There are approximately 500 youth that participate in this program each year. The Judge will provide information regarding eligibility for the program, program requirements, the role of parents/guardians, responsibilities of the drug court staff and a new program that the court is working on with the MCPC.

The mission of the Macomb County Prevention Coalition is to unite education, law enforcement and community leaders in a partnership to provide safe and drug-free environments for youth. The Macomb County Prosecuting Attorney's Office has been the lead agency for the Coalition since its inception in 1994. The MCPC serves as an umbrella organization for ten community coalitions that address substance abuse and violence issues throughout Macomb County.