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## **South Dallas Community Court chosen as “Mentor” for other cities; First International Conference of Community Courts to be held Oct. 19-20 in Dallas**

**Dallas** – The South Dallas Community Court has been chosen by the Center for Court Innovation and Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice as a “Mentor” Community Court site for other cities looking to start a community court.

Dallas has also been chosen as the site for the Center’s first-ever International Conference of Community Courts, Oct. 19-20 at the Dallas Marriott City Center Hotel.

“The 2010 International Conference of Community Courts is an opportunity for judges, lawyers, court administrators, clinical staff and others to learn the fundamentals of community court, hear about cutting edge developments, meet colleagues and discuss the future of the community court movement,” said Community Court Manager dianne gibson. “We’re honored to be chosen as a Mentor Community Court site and to host the very first International Conference here in Dallas.”

Some 40 community courts are now open or in planning stages across the United States. At least as many projects inspired by the community court model are also operating internationally in countries such as Australia, Canada, England and Wales.

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