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17th Judicial Circuit Launches Family Court Services program to Support Families and Children in Court System

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL – The 17th Judicial Circuit will host a kickoff event Friday to celebrate the launch of Family Court Services, a court program made possible through funding from Broward County. The program is designed to connect individuals involved in family litigation with appropriate therapeutic resources while ensuring compliance with court orders.

The event will take place at noon on Friday, March 20, in Courtroom 9165 in the West Tower of the Broward County Courthouse. The media is invited to attend.

Family Court Services is intended to improve conflict resolution and provide supportive services to families navigating the court system, with particular sensitivity to the needs and well-being of children.

Remarks will be delivered by Chief Judge Carol-Lisa Phillips, Judge Lauren M. Alperstein, Judge Hope Tieman Bristol and County Commissioner Nan Rich. The program helps families access services that can reduce conflict, support healthier outcomes, and assist litigants in meeting the expectations set by the court.

ABOUT THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

The Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida is the court for Broward County, headquartered in Fort Lauderdale, FL. It is the second largest circuit court in the state. Broward County has 90 judges. Of those, 32 are county court judges and 58 are circuit judges. Four courthouses comprise the 17th circuit and include the Broward County Courthouse in Fort Lauderdale, and three satellite courthouses: the North Regional Courthouse in Deerfield Beach, the West Regional Courthouse in Plantation and the South Regional Courthouse in Hollywood.

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