

Public Defender's Office for the 19th Judicial Circuit earns two state awards

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FORT PIERCE — The Public Defender's Office for the 19th Judicial Circuit has received two Davis Productivity Awards, a state honor noting innovations that improve services and save taxpayer dollars.

Public Defender Diamond R. Litty; Kristen Webster, the office's re-entry director; and the Offender Re-entry Sustainability Team were recognized for reducing offenders' "addictive/criminal conduct through cognitive therapy."

Lisa Fonteyn, the client service program director; Katie Alonzo, the drug court director; Litty; and the Mental Health Court Advocacy Team received a \$500 award for reducing recidivism among offenders diagnosed with mental health problems.

The Davis award is a government improvement initiative headed by Gov. Charlie Crist and Lt. Gov. Jeff Kottkamp and co-sponsored by the Florida Tax Watch group, the Council of 100 and the state.



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