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Press Release

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RE: Juvenile Court Partners with Bluffton University.

The Honorable Judge Glenn H. Derryberry is hosting, a luncheon today with Dr. James Harder, President of Bluffton University, to discuss potential partnership opportunities. The luncheon will be held from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the multi-purpose room of the Walter J. Roush Juvenile Detention Center. Various members of Judge Derryberry and President Harder's administrative staff will be in attendance to join in the discussion.

Allen County Juvenile Court offers a wide variety of programming for court involved youth, several of which require a university partner to provide program training, evaluation, and quality assurance. Currently, the Court receives such services from the University of Cincinnati and Case Western Reserve University. There are several benefits to having a local university partner not the least of which is proximity and easier access to staff and programming. Bluffton University will benefit by being able to provide an additional "real world" educational opportunity for its students through internships and service projects at Juvenile Court while the Court will benefit from being able expanded programming, mentorship opportunities, and enhanced program evaluation leading to continuous quality improvement.

Together, the Court and the University have recently begun working on the "Mentoring 4 Reading Achievement" program provided by the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities.

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