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**Grady County Resident Promoted to Juvenile Program Manager**  
**– Kathy Williams to Oversee Community Corrections in Decatur and Seminole Counties –**

(Decatur, GA) — Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice Commissioner L. Gale Buckner announced today that Kathy Williams has been selected as Juvenile Program Manager for the DJJ's Decatur County Court Services Office. In her new position, she will be responsible for managing the department's community staff in Decatur and Seminole counties. Community staff serve as probation officers for youth committed to the department. Prior to taking on her new role, Williams worked in the Grady County Court Services Office as a Juvenile Probation and Parole Specialist. She has been with the department 14 years. Prior to her service with DJJ, Williams spent nine years as an investigator and parole officer with the State Board of Pardons and Paroles.

DJJ Commissioner L. Gale Buckner said, "Recruiting, training and cultivating talented employees is essential for continued success. I am confident Ms. Williams' years of experience working in community corrections will be an invaluable asset as she moves into a management role."

"I have spent my entire career in law enforcement working in southwest Georgia, and after many years in Grady County, I am looking forward to my new role in serving the youth of Decatur and Seminole counties," Williams said.

Williams is very active in her community. She is a member of the board of the Children's Advocacy Center and the Grady County Children and Youth Coordinating Council. She is also treasurer of the Grady County Child Abuse Council, and chairman of the Local Interagency Planning Team. She also works on attendance issues with the Grady County School System, and is a member of the Child Fatality Review Committee for Grady County.

Williams earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Thomas University.

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