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Specialty Courts to Gather at the Capitol

Representatives from drug, mental health and other specialty courts will gather at the State Capitol for Specialty Court Day 2016, an annual event to highlight program outcomes and accomplishments. This year's event will take place Wednesday, April 13 and will feature a court participant graduation ceremony beginning at 9:30 a.m. on the second-floor rotunda. The graduation will be followed by a 10:30 a.m. awards program and rally on the fourth floor. Court representatives will be on hand to answer questions. Featured speakers will include ODMHSAS Commissioner Terri White, Canadian County Judge the Honorable Gary Miller and Tulsa County Specialty Courts Coordinator Tammy Westcott. Specialty courts have proven to be a cost effective tool at reducing incarceration and improving community outcomes.

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