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## NEWS RELEASE

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The National Criminal Justice Association has named Iowa's Jail-Based Substance Abuse Treatment Program as the 2009 Outstanding Criminal Justice Program in the Midwestern Region. NCJA's Executive Director, Cabell Cropper, wrote: "We were impressed with the solid record of effectiveness the program has attained in reducing recidivism and substance abuse. In addition, we feel that the program is an outstanding example of using federal funds to establish the program and local funding for sustaining it."

IDPH Behavioral Health Division Director Kathy Stone stated: "The excellence of this project is a direct result of the hard work and commitment to effective recovery-oriented services and supports demonstrated every day by participating treatment providers, county sheriff's offices, the judicial system, and members of the community."

The Jail-Based Substance Abuse Treatment Program provides treatment and follow-up case management services to offenders in Polk, Scott, Story and Woodbury Counties. These counties' sheriffs Bill McCarthy, Dennis Conard, Paul Fitzgerald, and Glenn Parrett have each contributed jail space and staff resources to the project, as well as their personal endorsement. Treatment services are provided by United Community Services (Polk), the Center for Alcohol and Drug Services (Scott), Community and Family Resources (Story) and Jackson Recovery (Woodbury). Evaluation of the program is conducted by the Iowa Consortium for Substance Abuse Evaluation and Research.

Iowa's program will be recognized during the 2009 NCJA National Forum Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, August 11 in Bellevue, Washington.