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### Maryann Strickland Promoted to SAP Branch Manager

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 11, 2019)** – Kentucky Division of Substance Abuse Programs Director Sarah Johnson today announced that Maryann Strickland has been promoted to branch manager for the division.

“Strickland has a wealth of experience and knowledge in the field of addiction through direct practice, clinical oversight, and supervision of staff and programs,” said Johnson. “She has held institutional and community positions and understands the importance of each. Her experience, along with her enthusiasm and drive, will serve her well in her new position as branch manager.”

Strickland is a 24-year veteran of state government. She worked in the Kentucky Department for Community Based Services, Division of Protection and Permanency from 1995 to 2015. She was a supervisor with Child Protective Services for 17 of those years, leading a team of social workers to provide services to families and children affected by abuse and neglect. In this role, Strickland collaborated with other state and local agencies to identify needs of at-risk youth and vulnerable clients and to develop strategies to meet those needs while ensuring compliance with state and federal guidelines and regulations. During her tenure, Strickland was regularly required to provide expert testimony in court, assess and make referrals to appropriate mental health services, and to address issues involving substance use disorders for both adults and youth.

In 2015, Strickland joined the Department of Corrections as a program administrator at the Kentucky State Reformatory. The outpatient substance abuse program at that facility became licensed under her supervision. As program administrator, Strickland provided clinical and administrative leadership and supervision to treatment staff and provided specialized substance abuse treatment services to a medically fragile offender population. She was also involved in audits of other substance abuse programs across the state, ensuring compliance with licensure and other requirements. She conducted trainings for the Division of Substance Abuse and was a member of several teams working on special projects. She remained in that position until she retired in August 2017.

In November 2017, Strickland returned to the Department of Corrections in the Division of Substance Abuse Programs as a social services clinician working in probation and parole offices across multiple districts in Jefferson County. In this role, she provided substance abuse counseling, advocacy, referrals, and case management for adult offenders who are under the supervision of DOC.

A graduate of the University of Louisville with a bachelor's degree in psychology and an associate's degree in sociology, Strickland has held a temporary certification as a Drug and Alcohol Counselor for three years and is expected to receive her full board certification in 2019.

**Editor's note: photo attached**

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