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## **Senator Keaveny Speaks to Drug Court Graduates**

JEFFERSON CITY – Senator Joe Keaveny (D-St. Louis) was the keynote speaker at the St. Louis drug court graduation ceremony on July 23.

The senator from the 4<sup>th</sup> District of Missouri told the 11 graduates and their families that as graduates, they were now joining the more than 6,000 success stories from the drug court program in Missouri.

"Here, with a blend of justice, treatment, and social services, these graduates have received the necessary tools that have taught them right from wrong and prepared them to be successful Missouri citizens," Sen. Keaveny said.

Missouri drug courts are a system of treatment and social service facilities that help non-violent offenders avoid jail time. There are now 108 operational drug court programs throughout Missouri: 75 adult programs, 19 juvenile programs and 14 family programs.

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