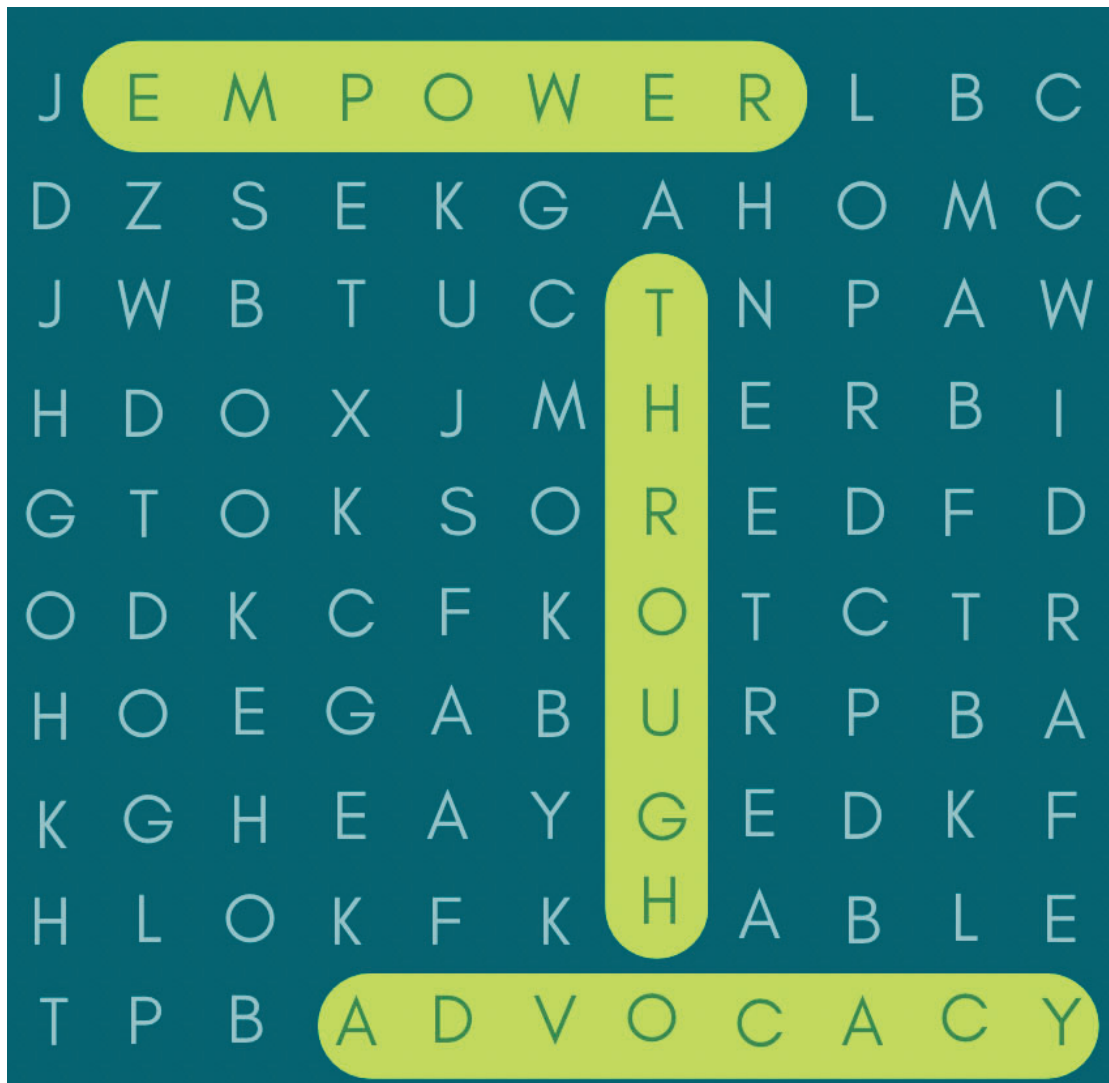


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Why DPA?

A common thread spreading through most departments in the Cabinet for Justice and Public Safety is a vested interest in reducing incarceration. While the Department of Corrections, judges, prosecutors, and parole officers can all set up compulsory participation in community-based interventions; the defense can provide a unique role in doing this.

- Given a relationship built on trust, the defense's Alternative Sentencing Workers (ASWs) can gain the clients' active decisions to participate in rehabilitative interventions.
- Our ASWs use this defense advantage to get client buy-in rather than mere compliance with court orders.
- ASWs use Motivational Interviewing, an evidence-based practice, to facilitate the client's readiness to start the treatment process.
- With an ASW's involvement the court can mandate some form of supervised release following a defense motion rather than a governmental punishment.

The Role of an ASW...

- Works as an agent of the defense attorney to assist clients charged with criminal offenses, specifically those with substance use disorders and/or mental health conditions
- Conducts comprehensive assessments of clients to identify clients' individualized needs and assists clients with preparing Alternative Sentencing Plans to submit to the Court as an alternative to incarceration
- Uses Evidence-Based Motivational Interviewing to facilitate clients' readiness to start the treatment process, building rapport in an effort to gain clients' active decisions to participate in rehabilitative interventions
- Makes referrals and appropriate arrangements for treatment, services, and resources
- Provides crisis intervention strategies to clients and their families
- Conducts baseline and 12 month follow up interviews for program monitoring and evaluation
- Facilitates collaboration between agencies within the criminal justice system to support rehabilitation, reduce recidivism, and promote public safety



DPA Alternative Sentencing Workers are focused on creating positive lasting changes by...



- Breaking the cycle of substance abuse and jail.
- Diverting adults and juveniles with addiction and mental illness, to community-based treatment which in turn saves incarceration costs.
- Connecting clients to services and treatment to successfully transition into their communities and become productive citizens.
- Increasing clients' economic self-sufficiency so they may work, pay taxes, provide child support, pay restitution, and pay court costs.
- Reducing recidivism and promoting public safety.
- Changing lives by investing in human capital.

From Pikeville to Paducah...Alternative Sentencing Workers will be there.

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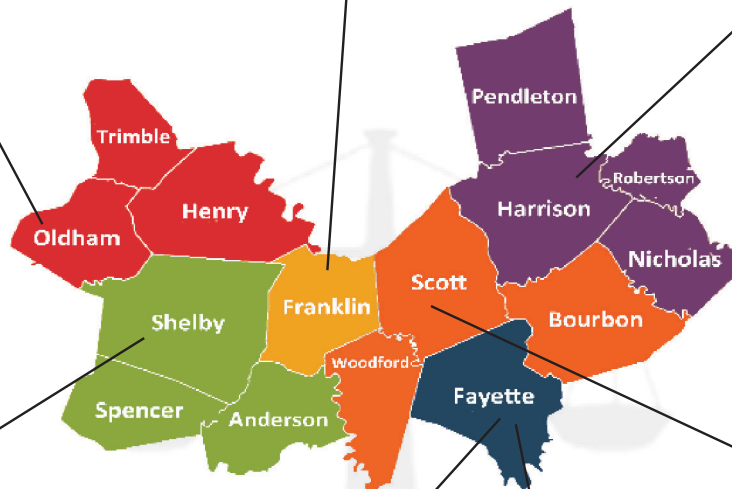
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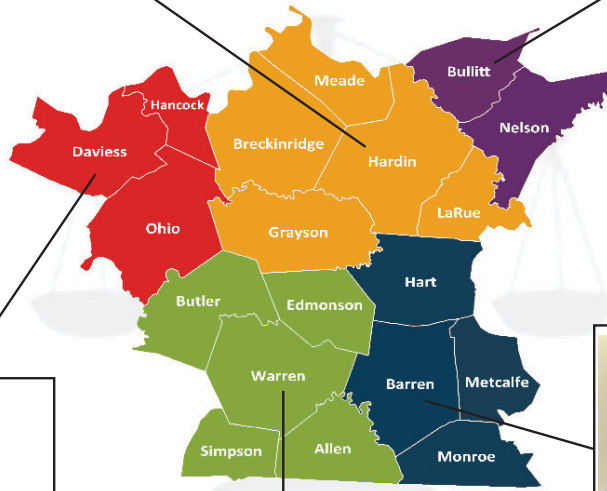
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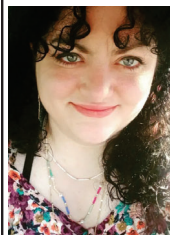
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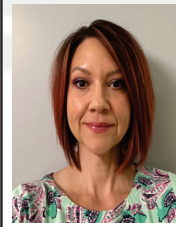
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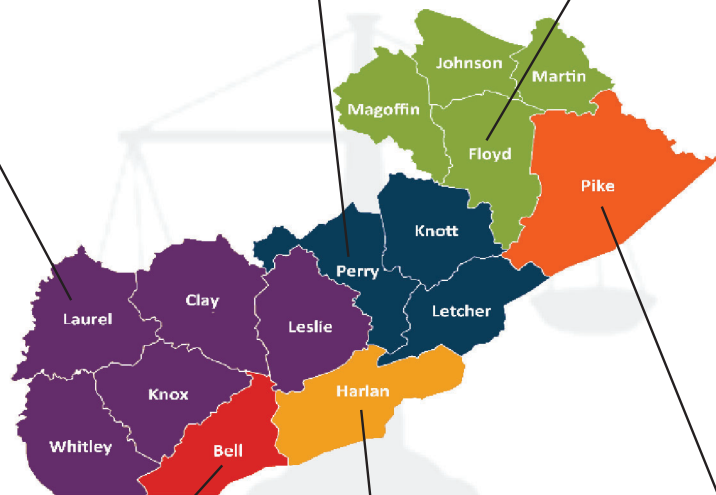
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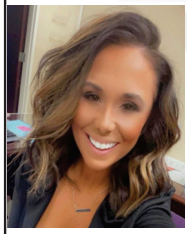
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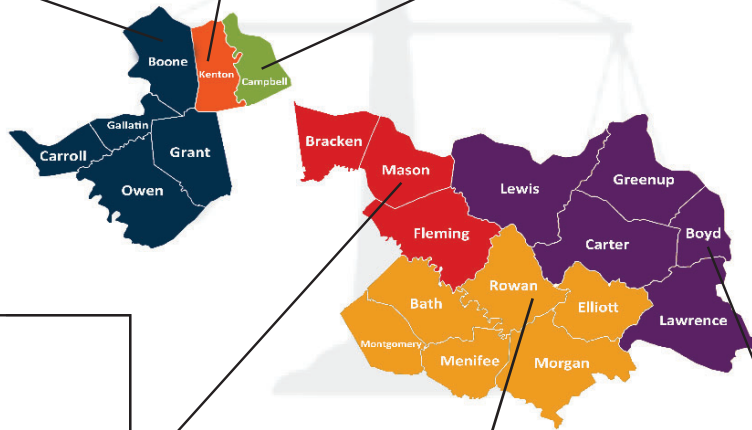
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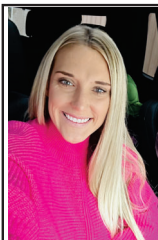
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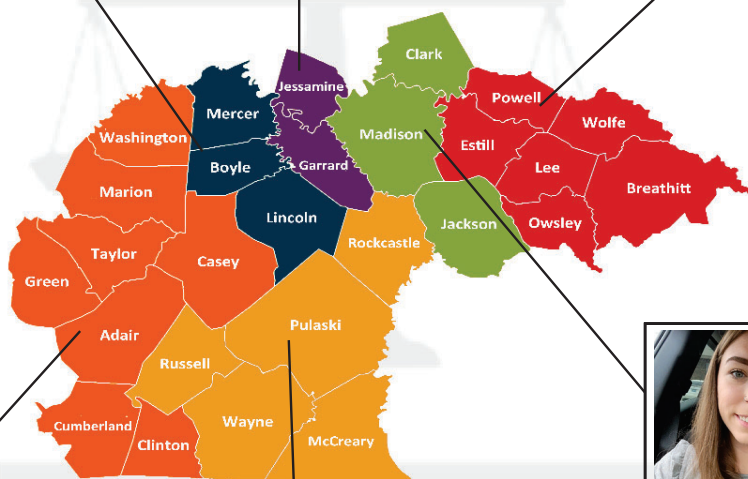
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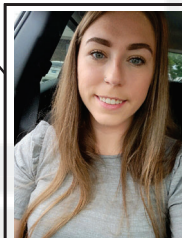
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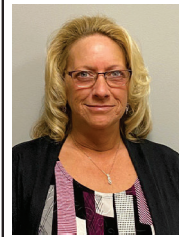
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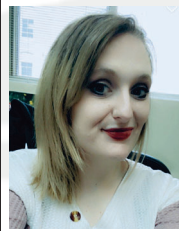
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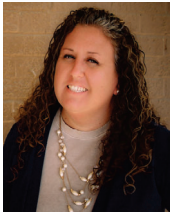
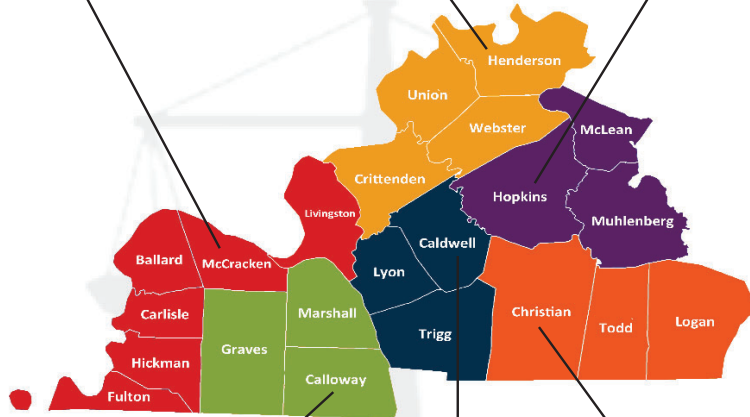
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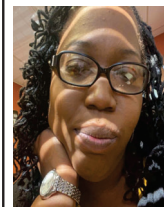
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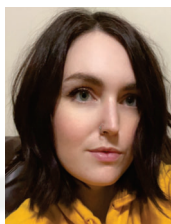
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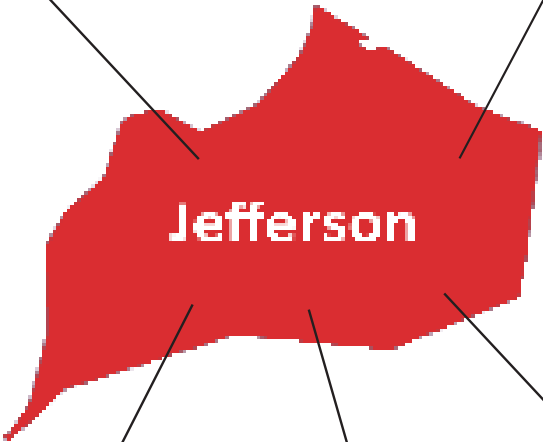
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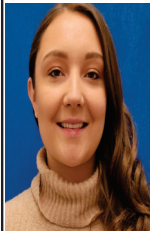
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