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## How Maryland Courts Can Work Best for Everyone: A Conversation Between Court and Community Leaders

The Maryland Judiciary’s Equal Justice Committee wants to hear from you to learn about your thoughts, concerns, or questions on policies or procedures on guardianship, youth in care, and services for people in need in Prince George’s County.

The Maryland Judiciary’s Equal Justice Committee, through its Community Outreach Subcommittee, will host community forums across the state to increase understanding of the courts and their services while learning the community’s needs and the ways in which the courts can provide better service.

**WHAT:** Prince George’s County Community Forum on Guardianship, Youth in Care, and Services for People in Need

**WHEN:** Thursday, February 24, 2022  
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Zoom Webinar

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### MODERATOR

**Tracee Wilkins**  
News4 Prince George’s County  
Bureau Chief



### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Prince George’s County, Inc.
- The Collective Empowerment Group, Inc.

### PANELISTS



**Judge DaNeeka Varner Cotton**  
Circuit Court for Prince George’s County



**Magistrate Althea Stewart Jones**  
Circuit Court for Prince George’s County



**Dr. Denise McCain**  
Director, Prince George’s County Family Justice Center



**Gloria Brown Burnett**  
Director, Prince George’s County Department of Social Services



**Franklin D. Shelton, Esq.**  
Chief, Special Prosecutions Unit, Prince George’s County State’s Attorney’s Office

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### AGENDA:

1. Greetings from Judge Sheila R. Tillerson Adams, Chief and Administrative Judge of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County and the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Maryland
2. Introduction of moderator and community partners – Judge Peter Killough, Circuit Court for Prince George's County
3. Overview of program – Moderator Tracee Wilkins, News4 Prince George's County Bureau Chief

#### PANELISTS:

**Judge DaNeeka Varner Cotton**, Circuit Court for Prince George's County, speaking on Adult Guardianship

- Questions and Answers

**Franklin Shelton**, Chief of the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Special Prosecutions Unit, speaking on Financial Crimes

- Questions and Answers

**Magistrate Althea Stewart Jones**, Circuit Court for Prince George's County, speaking on Emancipating Foster Youth

- Video – Child Welfare: Youth on Foster Care – Personal Stories
- Questions and Answers

**Dr. Denise McCain**, Director of the Prince George's County Family Justice Center, speaking on the Services of the Family Justice Center

- Video - A Domestic Violence Abuse Survivor's Story: Christine Neely
- Questions and Answers

**Gloria Brown Burnett**, Director of Prince George's County Department of Social Services, speaking on Services for People in Need

- Video – Child Welfare: Youth on Foster Care – Recommendations
- Questions and Answers

4. Wrap up and closing remarks

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