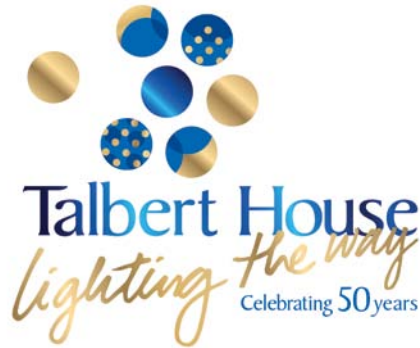


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## **Clinton County Municipal Court Graduation Ceremony**

*Program addresses needs of offenders*

WILMINGTON— Ten individuals from Clinton County Municipal Court graduated May 7, 2015 after completing Thinking for a Change (T4C). The program, funded through a grant by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, was co-facilitated by Tracy Hopkins of Talbert House and Elisa Harrison of Clinton County Community Corrections.

Talbert House and the Intensive Supervision Program with Clinton County Municipal Court Adult Probation partnered to lead the 25-session program. This cognitive behavioral change curriculum teaches interpersonal skills, problem solving, goal setting, and self-change geared to offenders coping with mental health issues. T4C is an innovative option to address the cognitive, social, and emotional needs of offenders.

According to probation officer Elisa Harrison, "Thinking for a Change is an effective way to engage offenders to pay attention to their thoughts and feelings, recognize risk, and use new thinking to avoid trouble."

For more information about this program, visit [www.nicic.gov/t4c](http://www.nicic.gov/t4c).

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*Talbert House is a community-wide nonprofit that operates within five service lines: Adult Behavioral Health, Community Care, Court and Corrections, Housing, and Youth Behavioral Health. Children, adults and families benefit from these proven services. Each year, Talbert House serves almost 36,000 clients face to face and an additional 34,000 are reached through prevention services throughout Greater Cincinnati. The Talbert House mission has two basic purposes: to improve social behavior and enhance personal recovery and growth.*