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Martin-Fenner Appointed Deputy Commissioner at Department of Juvenile Justice

(Atlanta, GA) – Commissioner Avery D. Niles is pleased to announce a valued addition to the Executive Team of the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). Catina Martin-Fenner has been appointed as Deputy Commissioner (DC) of the Division of Community Services.

The Division of Community Services provides youth who are under DJJ supervision with intake, counseling, probation, case management, detention planning and aftercare supervision services in most of Georgia's 159 counties. The Division has 97 Community Services Offices and also includes the Office of Reentry Services to assist youth as they transition from a DJJ secure facility to the community.

In the wake of the implementation of the Georgia Juvenile Justice Reform Act in 2014, the number of youth participating in community-based services has increased. This has created an additional demand for DJJ evidence-based services that should result in a reduction in juvenile recidivism rates over time. Division of Community Services responsibilities include:

- Intake (court admission process including detention decision-making and diversion in 145 counties)
- Secure detention alternatives (monitor the status of youth in detention and offer alternatives to judges)
- Non-secure detention (electronic monitoring and group home placements)
- Probation supervision (146 counties)
- Commitment supervision (159 counties)
- School-based supervision (probation officers in 111 schools in 49 school districts)
- High Intensity Team Supervision (HITS)
- Juvenile sex offender community supervision (an average of more than 425 per month)
- Residential placement (room, board and watchful oversight and/or psychiatric residential treatment facilities for an average of more than 400 youth per month)
- Aftercare supervision and services for youth returning from DJJ Youth Development Campuses

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“Catina is an accomplished veteran supporting the DJJ mission and committed to this agency’s success,” said Commissioner Niles. “She has 15 years of leadership experience in juvenile justice. She has risen through our ranks over the years because she is a proven leader and helped us serve the youth under DJJ care in an exemplary manner.”

DC Martin-Fenner said, “I am so excited to accept the challenges and opportunities in Community Services. I’m very proud Commissioner Niles selected me to serve and support the DJJ Team in this manner.”

Martin-Fenner began her DJJ career in 1999 as a Juvenile Probation and Parole Specialist (JPPS II) - Intake Officer with the Muscogee County Court Service Office. She was promoted to JPPS III in 2002 in the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit, and in 2004 she was promoted again to a Juvenile Program Manager with the Muscogee County Multi-Service Center.

In 2005, Martin-Fenner relocated to South Carolina where she continued her career with the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice as a Probation Supervisor for the Probation and Intensive Supervision Unit. She was later promoted to County Director III in 2010, supervising the largest county in the state. She was an active member of the Board of the South Carolina Probation and Parole Association and the Greater Columbia Youth Delinquency Prevention Alliance.

After returning to Georgia and DJJ, Martin-Fenner served as the District 5 Director for DJJ’s Northeast Region in 2013; she was responsible for operations in DeKalb, Gwinnett, Newton, Rockdale and Walton counties. In 2015 she was promoted to Director of Operations in the Division and completed the Georgia Correctional Leadership Development Certification Program that year.

Martin-Fenner is an active member of the Georgia Probation Association. She earned a B.A. in Sociology from Albany State University in 1997 and an M.S. degree in Counseling and Psychology from Troy State University in 2005. She received a Certified Public Manager Certification in 2009.

A native of Dawson, Martin-Fenner is the daughter of Loretta Y. Jones and granddaughter of Mr. Lucious Young, Sr. and the late Mary Ann Young of Dawson.

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ABOUT DJJ

The Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is a multi-faceted agency that serves the needs of this state’s young offenders up to the age of 21. The Department employs more than 4,000 men and women at 26 secure facilities and 97 community services offices throughout the state to effect justice and redirect the young lives in the agency’s care.

Including those who are placed on probation, more than 50,000 youths are diverted each year to evidence-based community programs, sentenced to short-term incarceration or committed to the Department’s long-term custody by the Juvenile Courts. It is the duty of DJJ’s professional corrections staff to preserve public safety and safeguard the citizens of Georgia, as well as protect the victims of crimes so that they can rebuild their lives.

At the same time, DJJ holds juvenile offenders accountable for their delinquent conduct so that they can take responsibility for their actions through probation, supervision and secure detention. The youth are provided with medical and psychological treatment, as well as specialized education and programs designed to equip them with the social, intellectual and emotional tools needed to achieve their successful reentry and reintegration into community, workplace and neighborhood settings as more productive and law-abiding citizens.

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