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Governor Selects Key DJJ Leadership to Serve On GA State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision

(ATLANTA - GA) Georgia Governor Nathan Deal announced on Friday the appointment of DJJ Commissioner Avery D. Niles to the GA State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision. The Governor selected Commissioner Niles as State Council Chairman to represent Georgia in the nationwide Interstate Compact on Juveniles. Georgia became an official member of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles when state legislation to enact the revised Interstate Compact for Juveniles took effect on July 1st.

The nationwide Interstate Compact provides the legal framework for supervising adjudicated juveniles when they move from one State to another. The Compact framework ensures that juveniles requiring legal supervision while in Georgia, will continue to be supervised by juvenile authorities if they move to another State.

Similarly, the Interstate Compact also requires other States to notify Georgia that juveniles under their legal supervision are moving here. It provides Georgia's Department of Juvenile Justice both the authority and duty to supervise those incoming juveniles.

The State Council that Commissioner Niles will now chair functions as the governing body over Georgia's Interstate Compact on Juveniles, responsible for developing its operational policy and procedures. The State Council's purpose is to advise and provide oversight and advocacy relating to the State's Compact duties and its participation in Compact activities.

Also appointed by the Governor as a council member to the GA State Council is DJJ veteran administrator Phyllis M. Hall. Hall serves the Department of Juvenile Justice as Deputy Compact Administrator with the Georgia Interstate Compact Office. She has worked at DJJ more than 28 years. Hall holds a Bachelor's Degree from Morris Brown College and currently resides in Austell.

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"I am honored that Governor Deal has placed his confidence in me and Deputy Compact Administrator Hall to be part of the inaugural oversight group for this important Interstate Compact on Juveniles," said Commissioner Avery Niles. "Decisions made by this Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision will help reinforce our reciprocal relationships with neighboring states and will set a guide for the legal framework of future juvenile justice choices."

Dr. Jordan Greenbaum was also named as a council member to the GA State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision. Greenbaum is medical director of the Stephanie Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Director Greenbaum works in the field of child maltreatment, providing medical evaluations at Children's Healthcare and conducting trainings locally and abroad. She is a past-president of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. Dr. Greenbaum earned a medical degree from Yale Medical School and is board-certified in Anatomic and Forensic Pathology. She and her husband, Laurence, reside in Atlanta.

DJJ Commissioner Avery D. Niles is a former warden of the Hall County Correctional Institute and commander of the Hall County Detention Center. Niles holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Columbus State University. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Georgia Law Enforcement Command College and Georgia Police Academy. He and his wife, Charlene, reside in Gainesville with their daughter and god-daughter.

Along with many community-based positive changes championed by Governor Deal and brought about by Georgia's recently passed Juvenile Justice Reform Bill, it is anticipated that the Interstate Compact on Juveniles will reinforce the recovery of Georgia runaways and in the long-range, could also help reduce recidivism in the Georgia juvenile justice system.

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