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IPCSA Presents Cheryl Meyers Excellence in Service and Innovation Award to Seth Krause



WOODSTOCK, IL – The Illinois Probation and Court Services Association (IPCSA) has named Seth Krause, Director of the McHenry County Probation Department, as the recipient of the Cheryl Meyers Excellence in Service and Innovation Award. This award recognizes an IPCSA member whose contributions reflect forward-thinking service, collaboration, leadership, and dedication to advancing the mission of probation and court services. It honors individuals who demonstrate a commitment to innovation, professional development, and strengthening the professional community.

Seth began his career with the Twenty Second Judicial Circuit's Department of Probation and Court Services in 2001 after earning his bachelor's degree in psychology from Western Illinois University. He later earned his graduate degree from Keller Graduate School of Management at DeVry University in 2008. He was promoted to Chief Managing Officer of Juvenile Probation in 2017 and was promoted to Director in 2018.

Throughout his career, Seth has demonstrated a strong commitment to evidence-based practices, professional development, and innovative approaches to community supervision. The Twenty Second Circuit's Department of Probation and Court Services was among the first probation departments in Illinois to adopt Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS), and Seth has continued to champion these practices throughout his career. He believes probation officers play an important role as change agents, helping individuals make meaningful and lasting changes in their lives.

Additionally, Seth promotes the principles of Outward Mindset and Implementation Science, emphasizing the importance of considering others' perspectives, building relationships, and continually improving the way probation services are delivered. His commitment to these values extends beyond McHenry County and into his work with IPCSA. Seth was instrumental in bringing the Arbinger Institute to the 2026 IPCSA Leadership Symposium to share the practices of Outward Mindset and positive leadership with Association members.

As an active member of IPCSA's Executive Board, Seth has consistently supported initiatives that strengthen the Association and advance the profession. He has contributed to training and professional development opportunities featuring nationally recognized experts, participated in Chief Managing Officers and Legislative Committee meetings, and advocated the Association's priorities through legislative outreach in Springfield. His efforts have helped promote evidence-based programming, modernize professional practices, and strengthen the Association's voice.

Seth's leadership also extends to statewide judicial initiatives. He currently serves on the Illinois Supreme Court Probation Advisory Board and the Illinois Supreme Court Judicial College Management Workgroup. He serves as IPCSA's President-Elect and will soon assume the role of Association President.

The award is named in honor of Cheryl Meyers, who dedicated 37 years to Effingham County Probation before retiring in 2025. Throughout her career, Meyers was recognized as a leader, mentor, innovator, and visionary whose contributions strengthened probation and court services throughout Illinois. She played an instrumental role in juvenile justice initiatives, served on the Illinois Supreme Court Probation Advisory Board, and continued supporting IPCSA following her retirement as its Executive Assistant. She was also instrumental in establishing the Annual IPCSA Leadership Symposium and Leadership Academy.

"Through his thoughtful leadership, commitment to innovation, and dedication to strengthening our professional community, Seth exemplifies the qualities this award was created to recognize. His contributions extend beyond his own department and have made a meaningful impact on our Association and the future of probation and court services"~~,~~ said Cheryl Meyers.

IPCSA and the Twenty Second Judicial Circuit congratulate Seth Krause on this well-deserved recognition and thanks him for his continued dedication to the profession, the Association, and the individuals and communities served by probation and court services professionals throughout Illinois.

The Illinois Probation and Court Services Association (IPCSA) is dedicated to supporting and advancing the probation and court services profession in Illinois through professional development, collaboration, advocacy, and the promotion of effective practices.

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