



## MOVING DAY

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During a graduation ceremony last week for the District of Columbia Superior Court's Family Treatment Court program, this year's graduates heard from a speaker who may understand what they've been through more than most. R. Gil Kerlikowske, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy — better known as the national "drug czar" — delivered the keynote address at the May 15 event, praising the 10 graduates as a testament to the success of drug court programs nationwide. The Family Treatment Court program, now in its ninth year, is a 15-month voluntary court-supervised substance-abuse treatment program for mothers and female guardians of children who are the subject of neglect cases in Superior Court. The women are also offered parenting classes, relapse prevention services and counseling. In an e-mail, Kerlikowske said "[h]aving the opportunity to participate in such a moving, emotional experience tells me the work we're doing matters and reminds me how important it is to support treatment and recovery." — *Zoe Tillman*