

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Jennifer Adams
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Honoree's Job Title: JCO

Department: Jail Case Coordinators Office

Years of Service with the County: 23 Years

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

Jail Case Officer Jennifer Adams discovered a new process for Inmates housed in Texas Department of Criminal Justice with pending county charges to appear in court remotely without the need for a Bench Warrant. During this time, she was able to get in contact with TDCJ Virtual Court Hearings Coordinator Lynnette Barnes about the process. JCO Adams notified William Schultz (Court Administrator) and informed him of the process. She provided William with the potential cost savings if we were to conduct these pleas via Zoom rather than bench-warranting the Inmate back to Collin County. William Schultz was unaware of this process and then passed this information along to the District Judges. Judge Flint in the 401st immediately put this into effect "Rather than bench warrant, we can have the defendant appear by Zoom. Please implement." As this is still a new process for the courts, JCO Adams has stepped up and become the point of contact for the courts in the event they have questions. By JCO Adams finding this new program and taking action to make the courts aware, she will help save Collin County a substantial amount of money (Housing, Transport, Medical, etc.).

Approved by elected official or department head on the 3rd day of Oct, 2024

Jim Skinner
Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head

Jim Skinner, Sheriff
Printed Name